





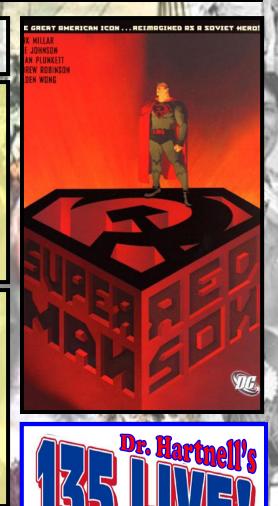
What if Superman, the most iconic American superhero, was communist and fought against the United States?

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In 2003, Mark Millar decided to answer this question in his comic book mini-series, *Superman: Red Son*.

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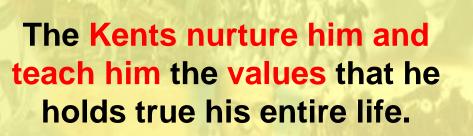
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The traditional Superman story has him landing in Smallville, Kansas. He is raised by Jonathan and Martha Kent (hence his alter ego's name Clark Kent).



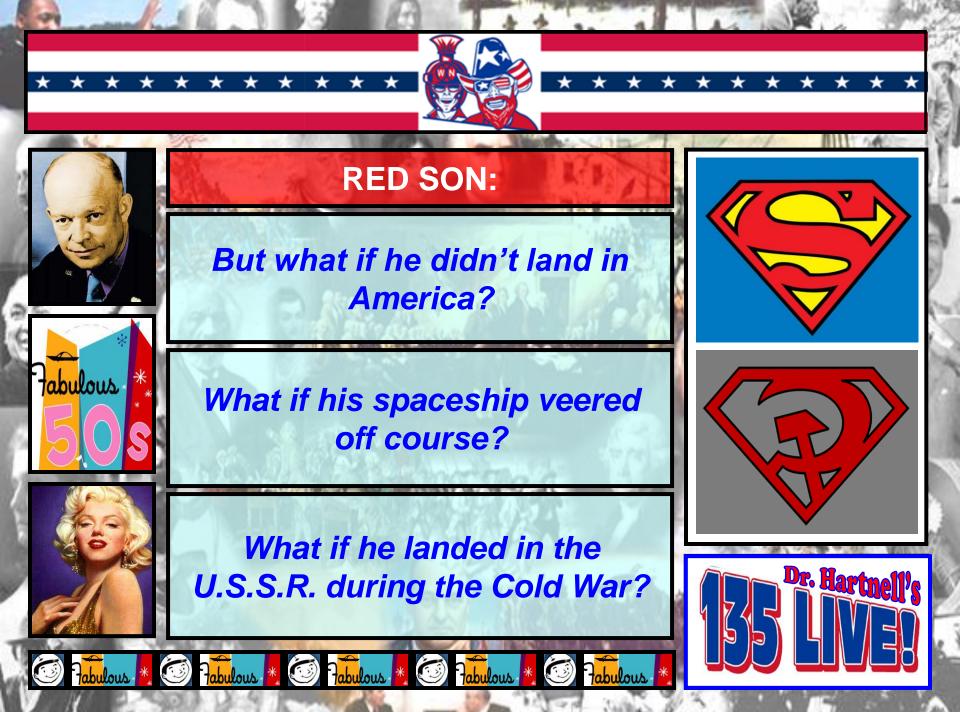
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It's the ultimate superhero tale of *nature vs. nurture*.

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In *Red Son*, Superman's rocket ship lands on a Ukrainian farm rather than in Kansas.

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Instead of fighting for "Truth, justice, and the American Way", Superman is described in Soviet radio broadcasts as the "Champion of the common worker who fights a neverending battle for Stalin and socialism!"

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Instead of being named Clark Kent like he was by his American parents, communist Superman's "secret identity" remains a state secret. LET OUR ENEMIES BEWARE

The story takes place from 1953-2001 and begins when the Soviet Union unveils its newest Cold War weapon: Superman.

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This causes massive panic in the U.S., transforming the nuclear arms race into a "superbeing" race.

Ironically, Lex Luthor is called upon by the U.S. Government to destroy Superman.

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THERE IS ONLY ONE

SUPERPOWER NOW.



Bizzaro Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and Green Lantern are all in it, too.

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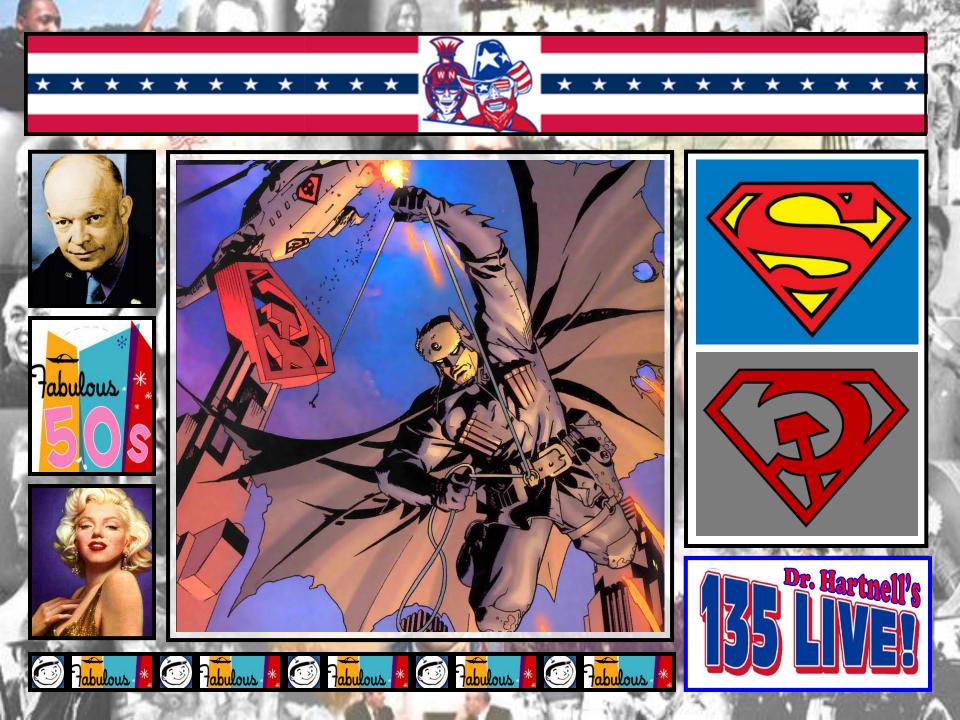
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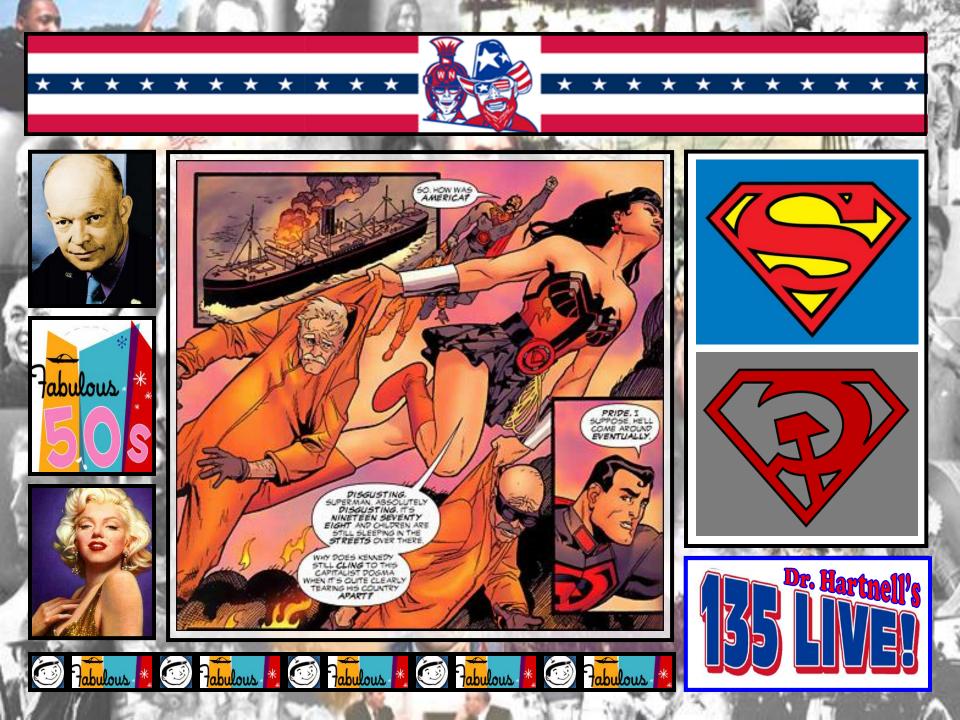


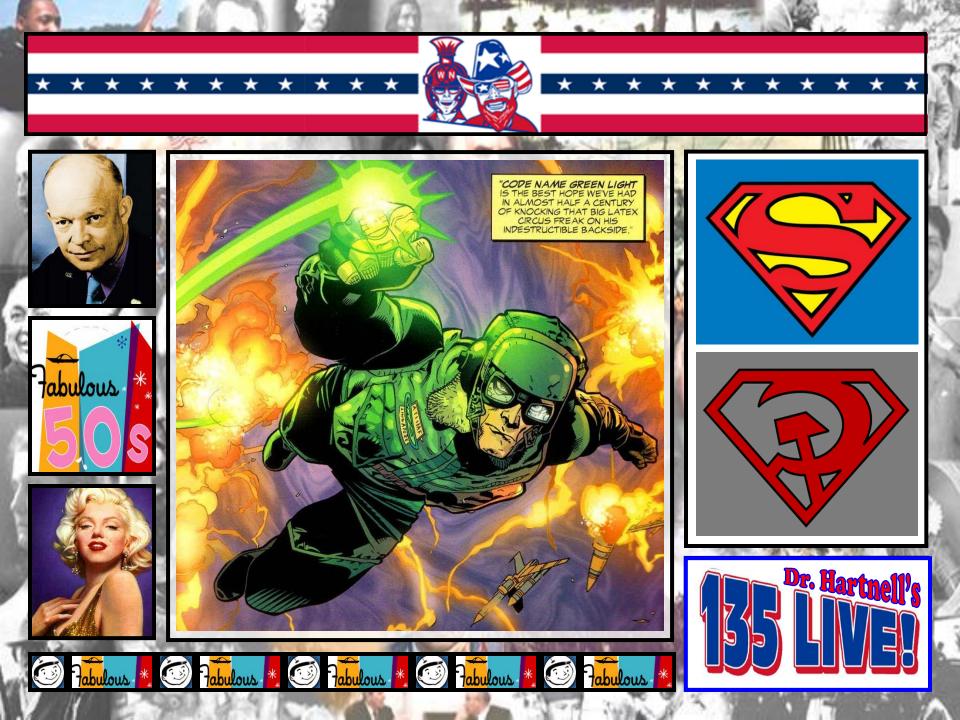


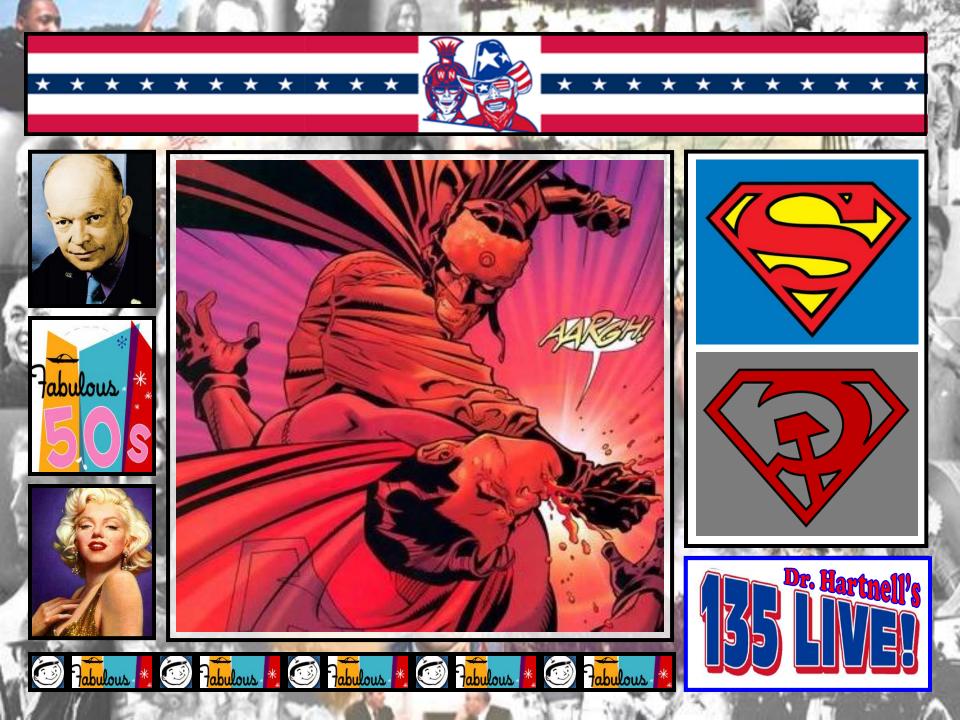


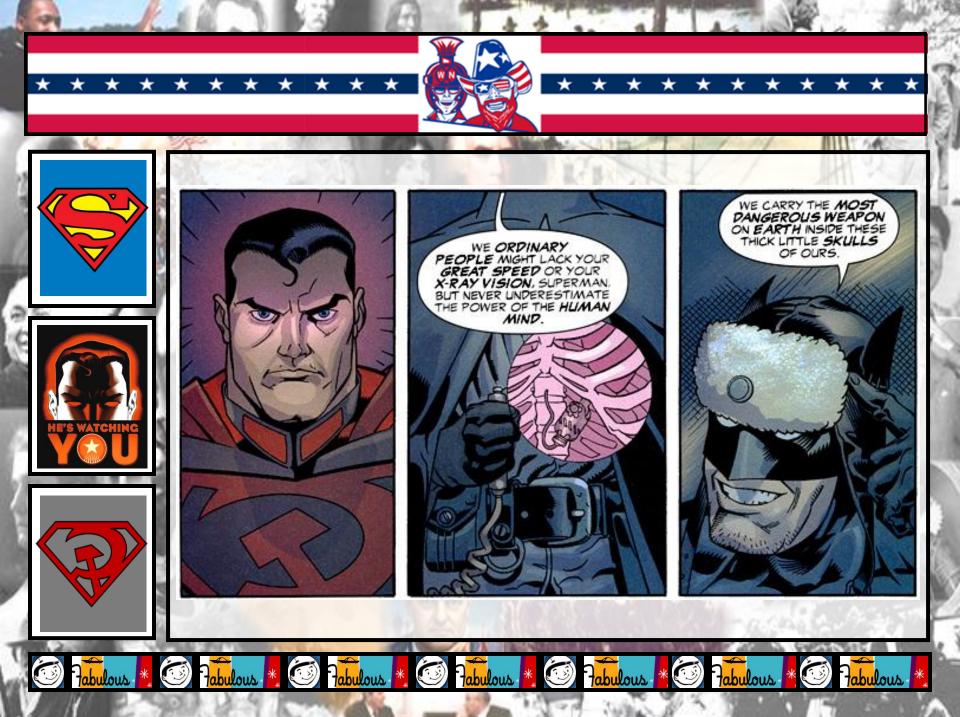




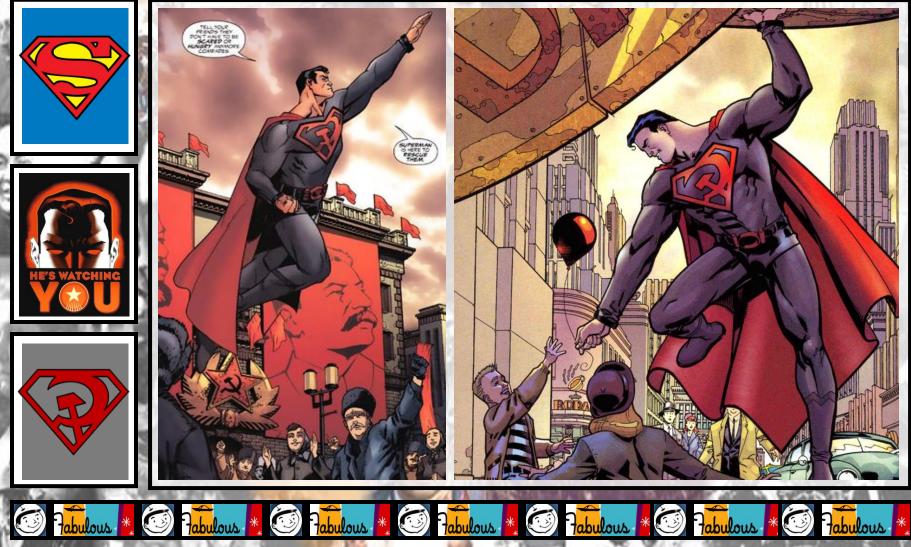


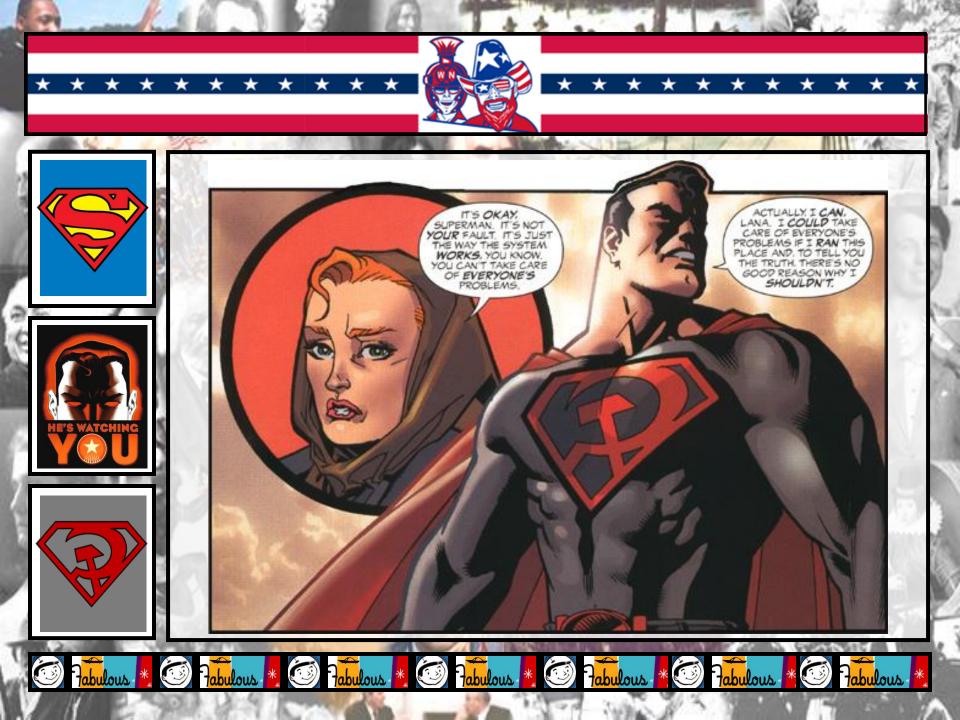


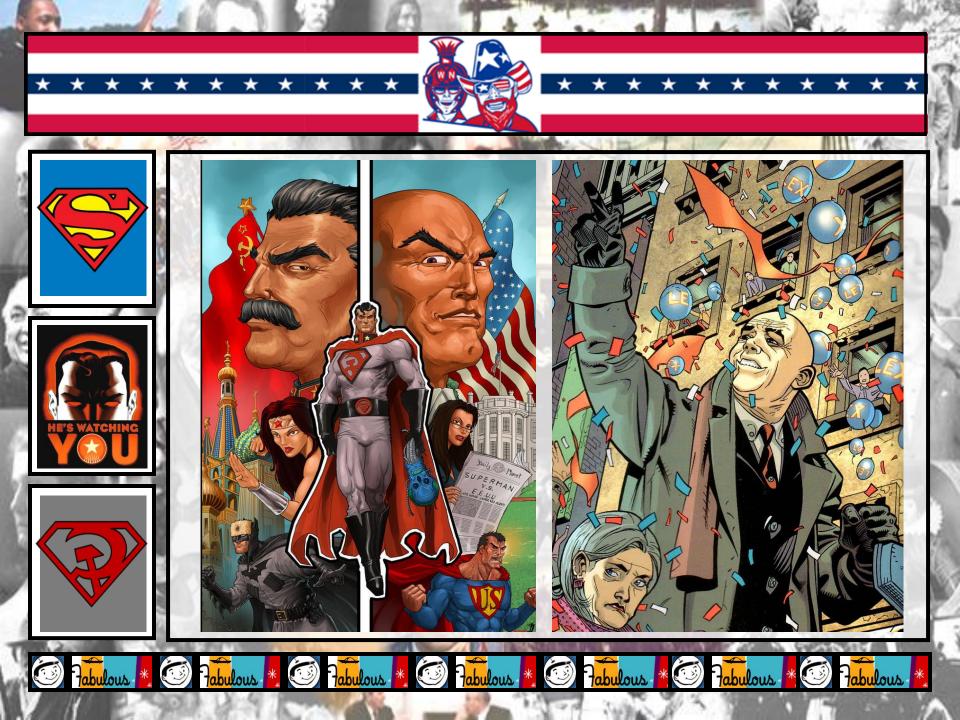
















WWII put the U.S. on the map.⁴

America's victory catapulted it to "Super Power" status.

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An entire generation labeled the "Baby Boomers" (people born between 1946-1964) had childhoods heavily impacted by the Cold War.

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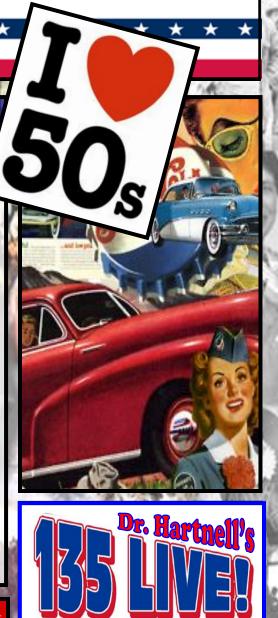
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"FABULOUS" FIFTIES:

As a result of its new-found "status" in the world, the U.S. experienced a national high in the 1950s that was similar to the one it enjoyed in the 1920s following WWI.

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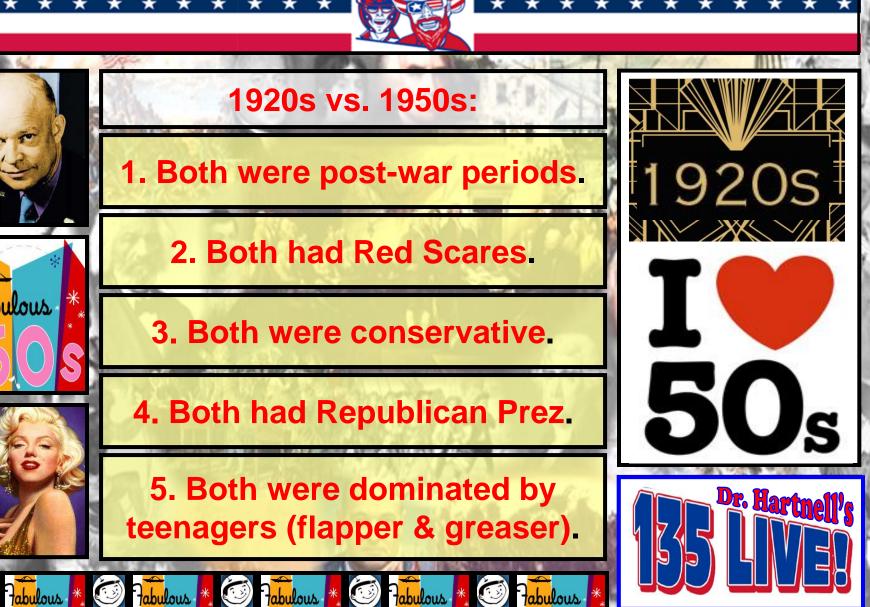
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2. Both had Red Scares.

3. Both were conservative.

4. Both had Republican Prez.

5. Both were dominated by teenagers (flapper & greaser).





1920s vs. 1950s:

6. Both saw booms... of the baby and economic variety.

7. Both saw revolutions in music (Jazz & Rock 'n' Roll).

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8. People moved to the suburbs and drove inexpensive cars fueled by cheap gas.

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1920s vs. 1950s:

9. Both ignored major social issues of their day (Civil & Women's rights).

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10. Both resulted in big decades that came after (Great Depression & Civil Rights Movement).

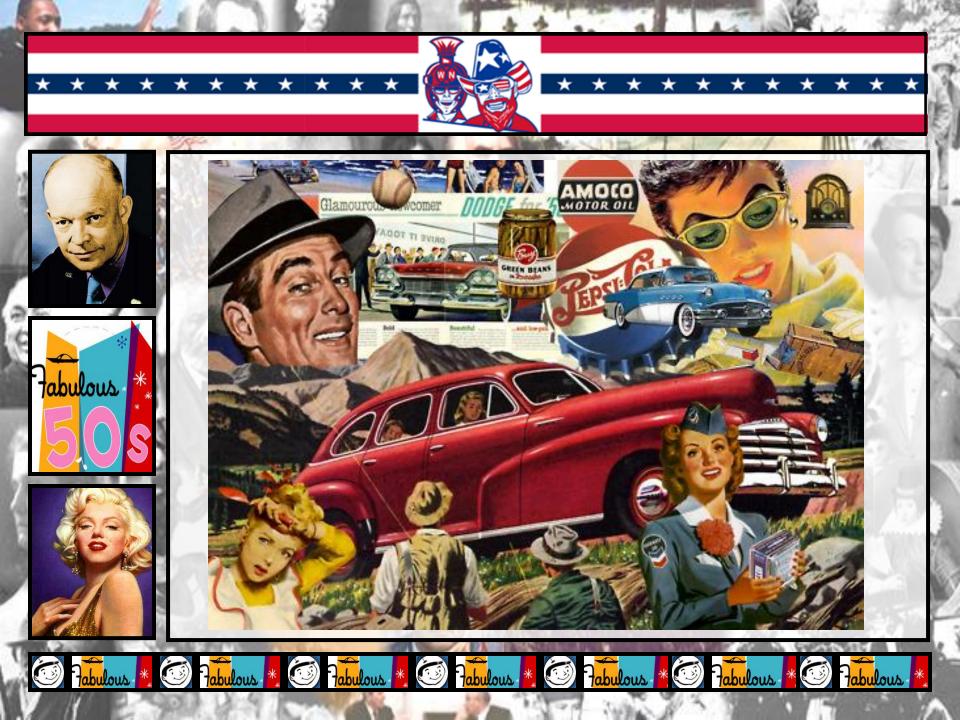
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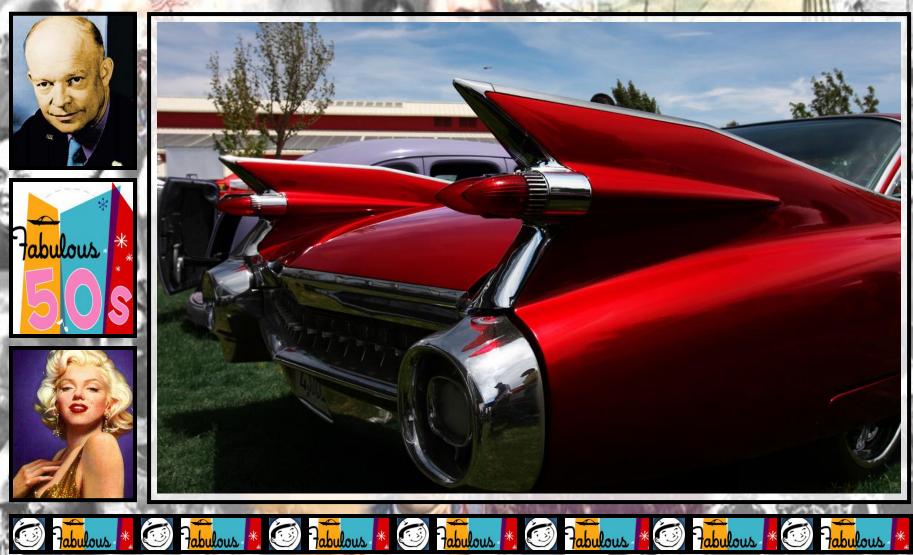
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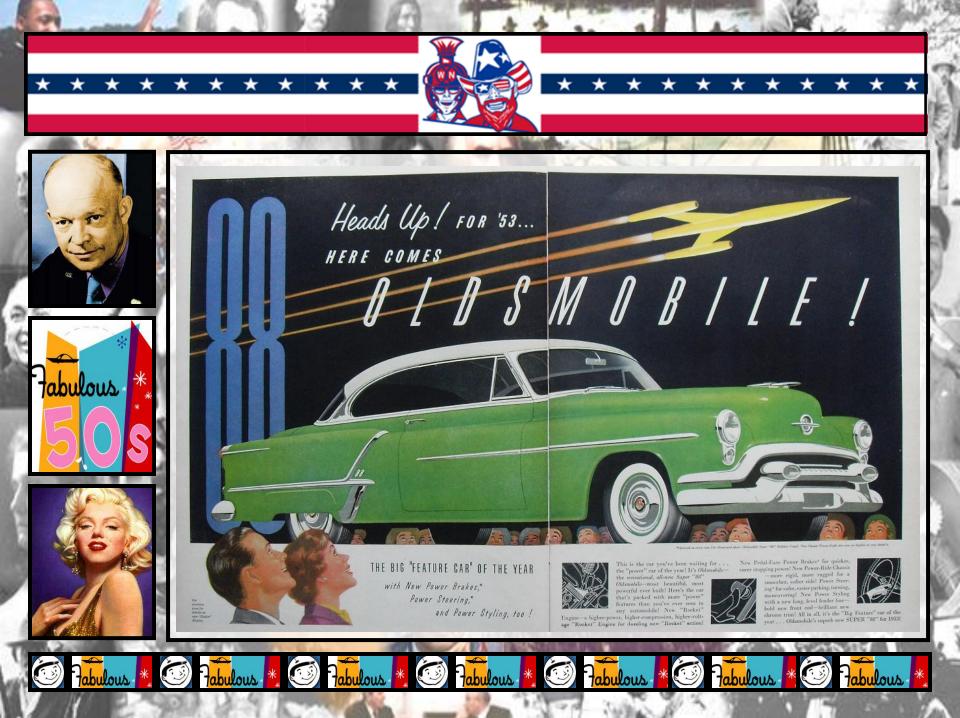


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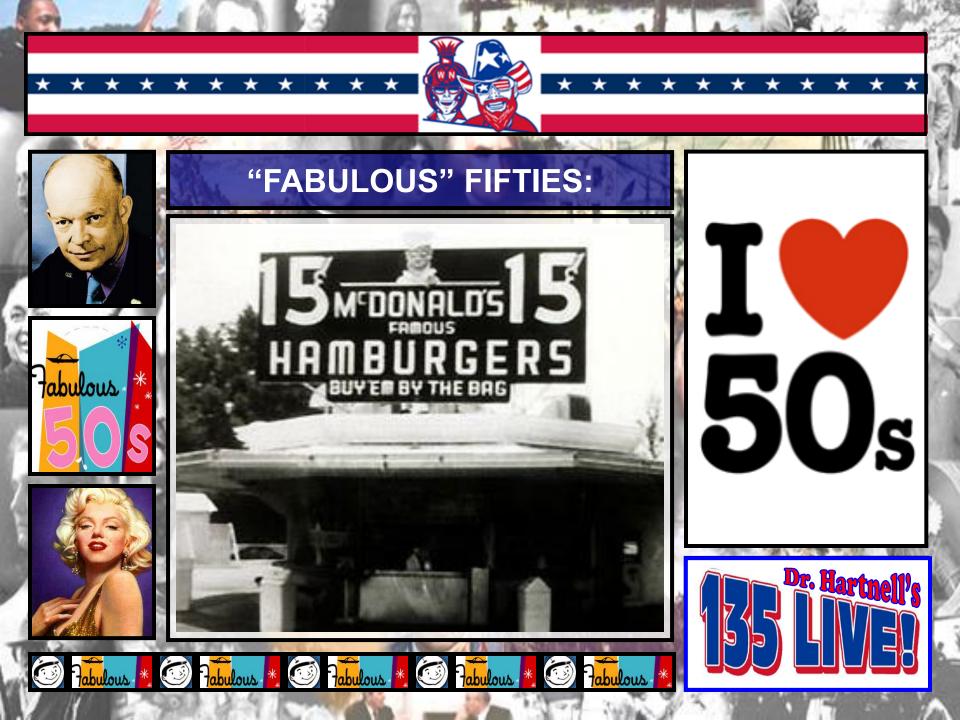




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Blood Checking Device Is Donated to Hospital

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Edith Vogelgesang Files for Re-election Two Cars Damaged North of Gorham

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Is Valedictorian ToHearingsFewDays Barbara Halt No

> Wheat Weather Is Moist, Cool Weekend Moisture Measures .52 Inch

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To Get Ft. Hays Degrees

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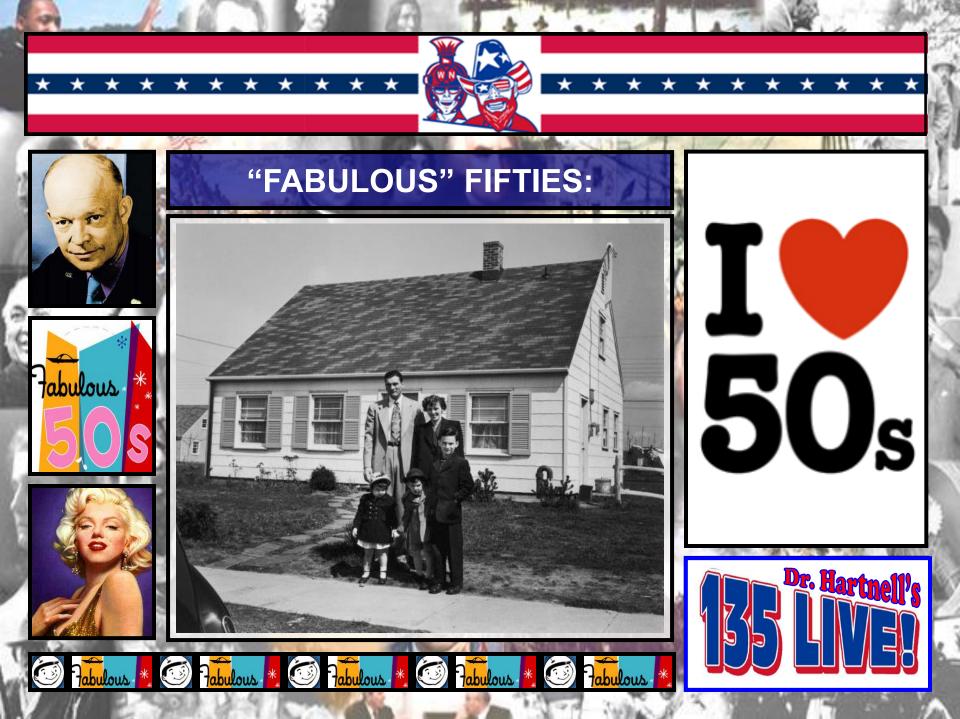


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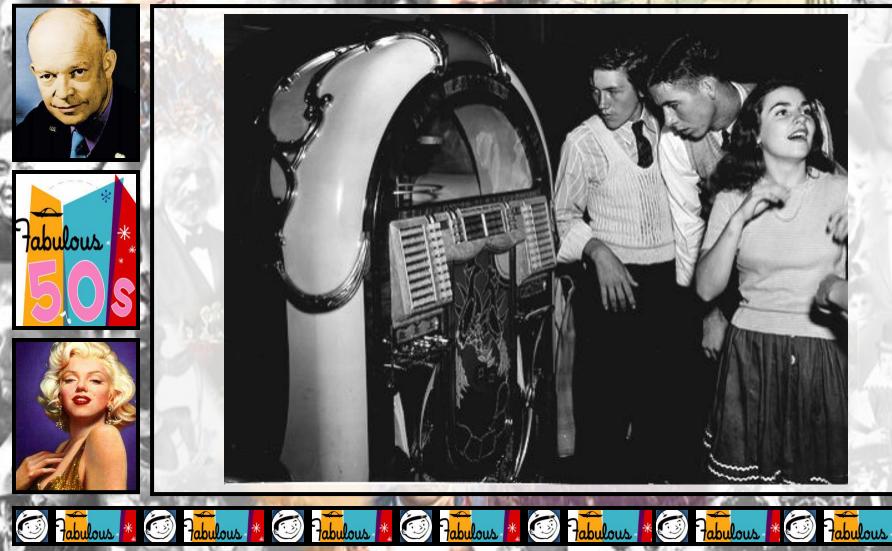
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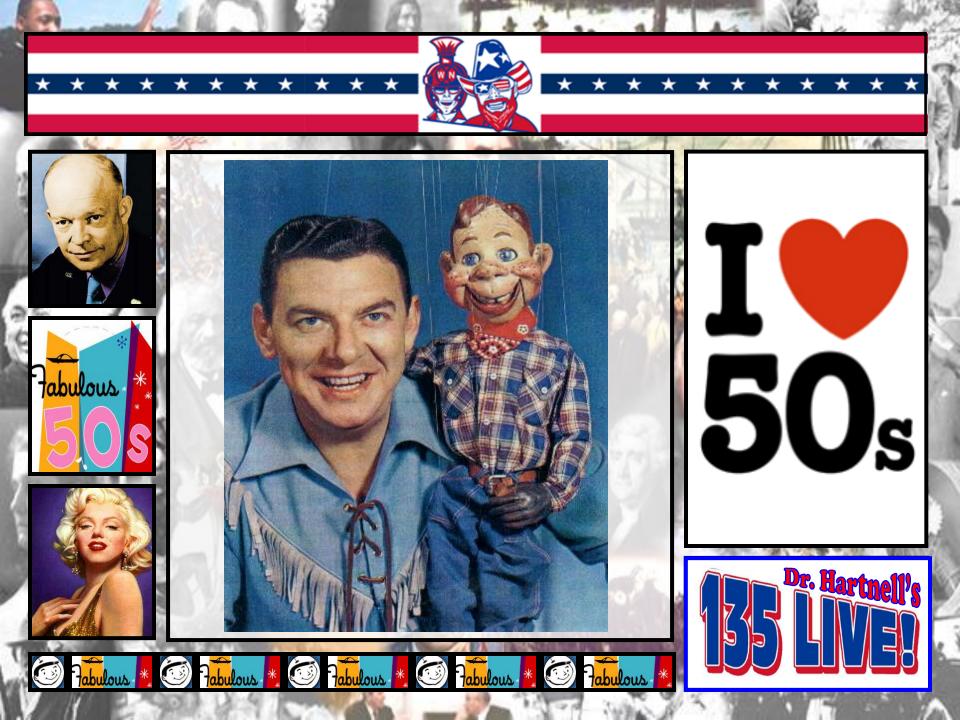


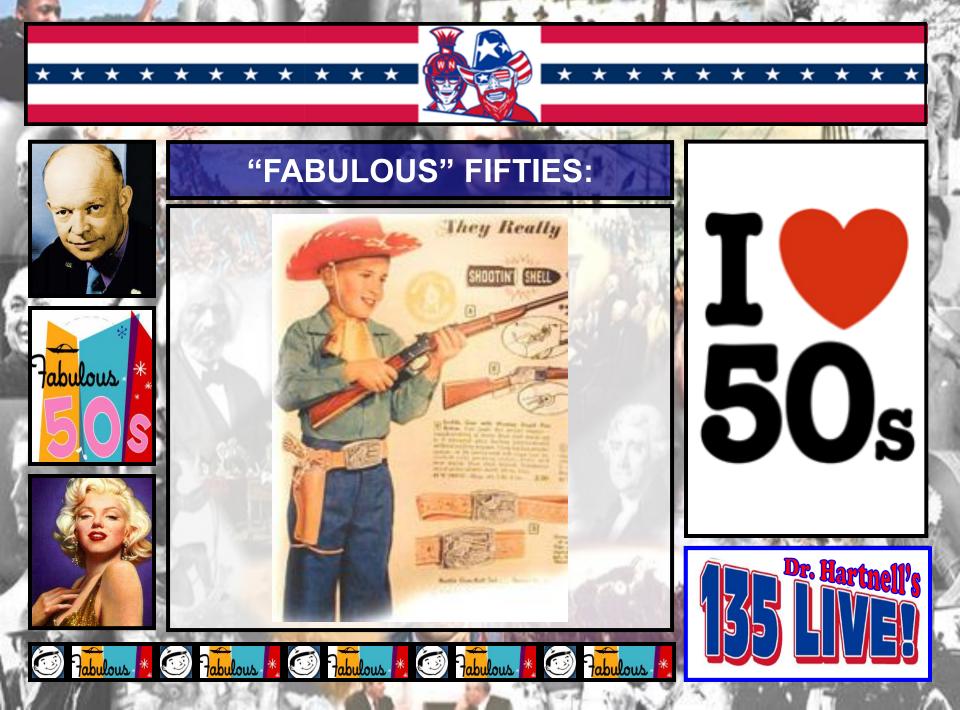
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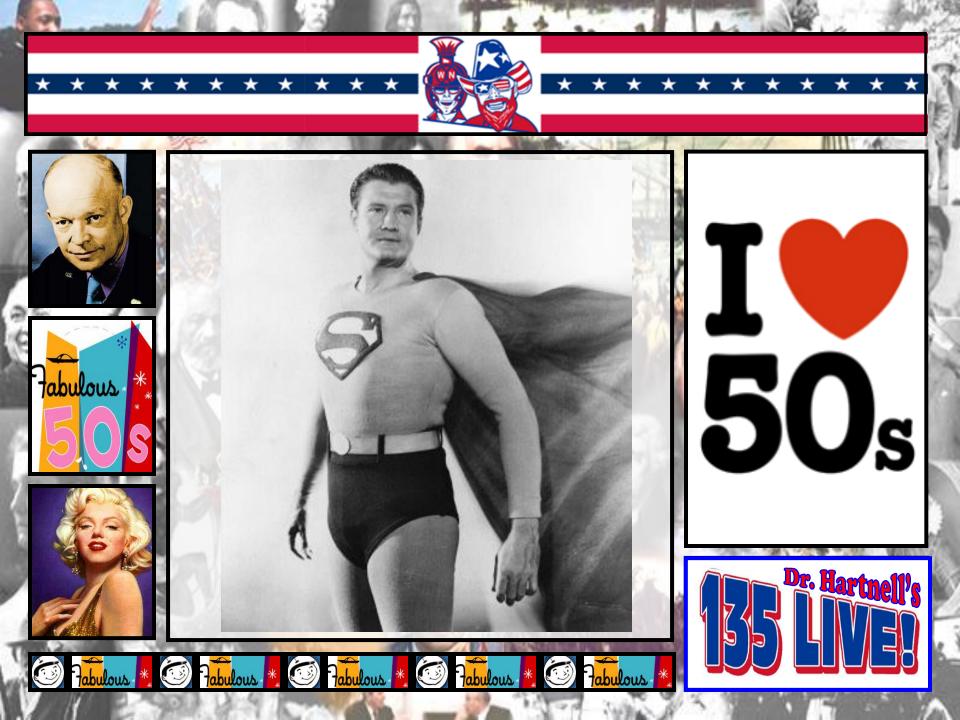


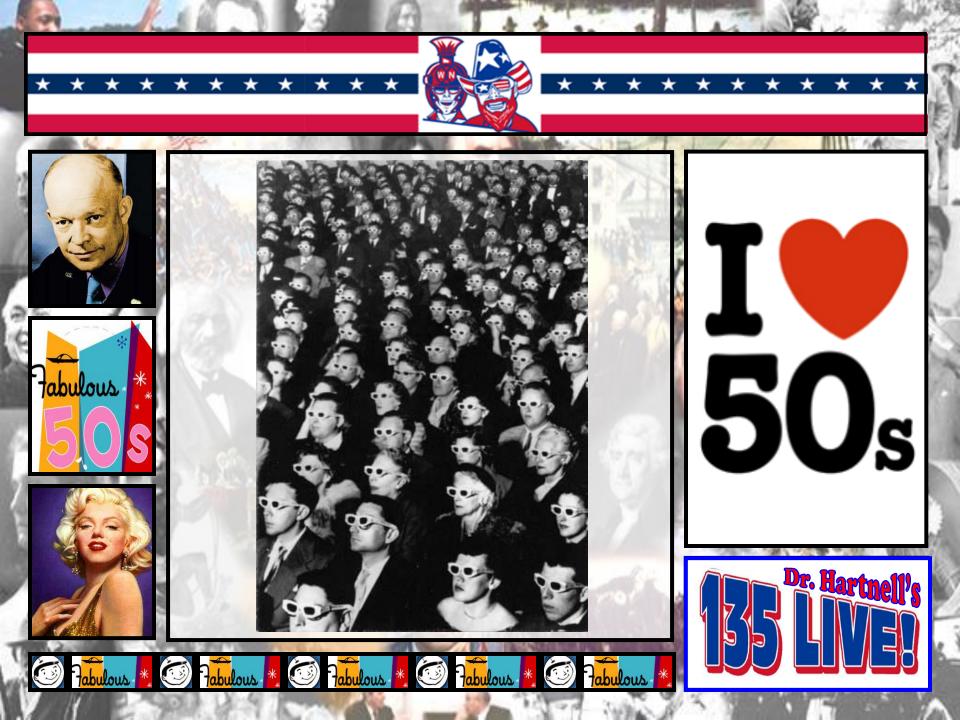
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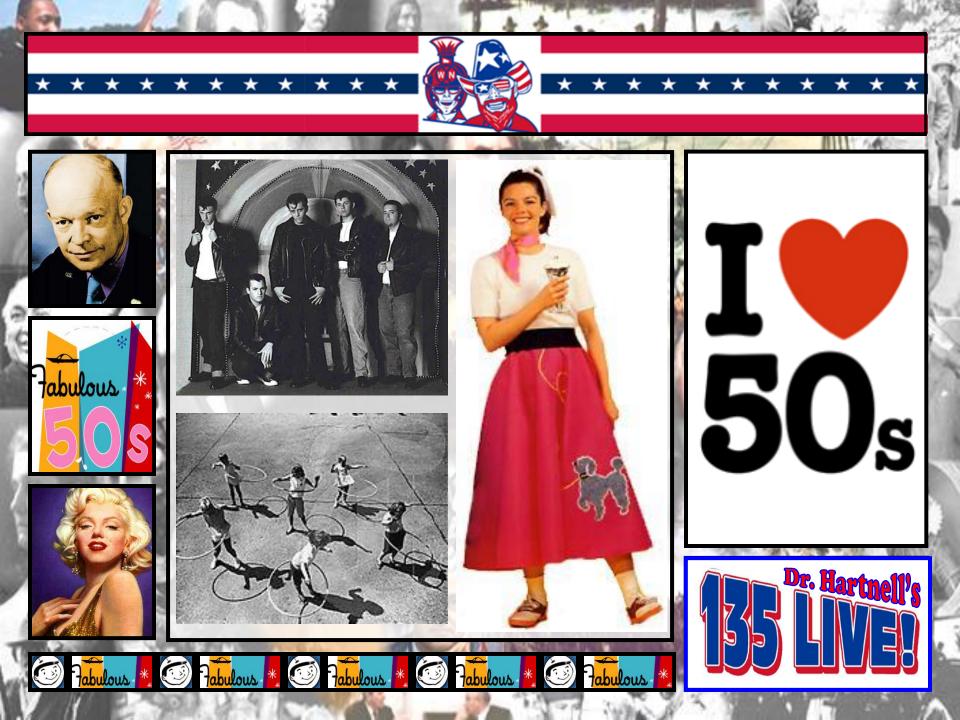














The 1950s are noted in U.S. history as a time of compliance, conformity... and rebellion.

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The domestic scene saw twoparent families (with father at work and mother at home) and was promoted in popular TV shows like Leave it to Beaver.

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Social undercurrents subverting this view were found in beat poetry, rock 'n' roll music, and in movies like Rebel Without a Cause starring icon James Dean.





James Dean, Elvis Presley, and Marilyn Monroe are universally depicted as "Fifties" icons.

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New highways, inexpensive cars, and cheap gas made living in the suburbs and commuting to work possible.

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On average, cars in the 1950s cost \$2,000 (this would be \$20,800 in today's money). Gas cost \$0.20/gallon (this would be \$2.08 in today's money).

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Fast-food (like McDonald's) fueled this "go-go-go" mentality.

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New fashions, slang words, music, and cars prompted many to dub it the "Fabulous" Fifties.

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Pop culture and mass media were again "kings" as 60% of Americans were middle class.

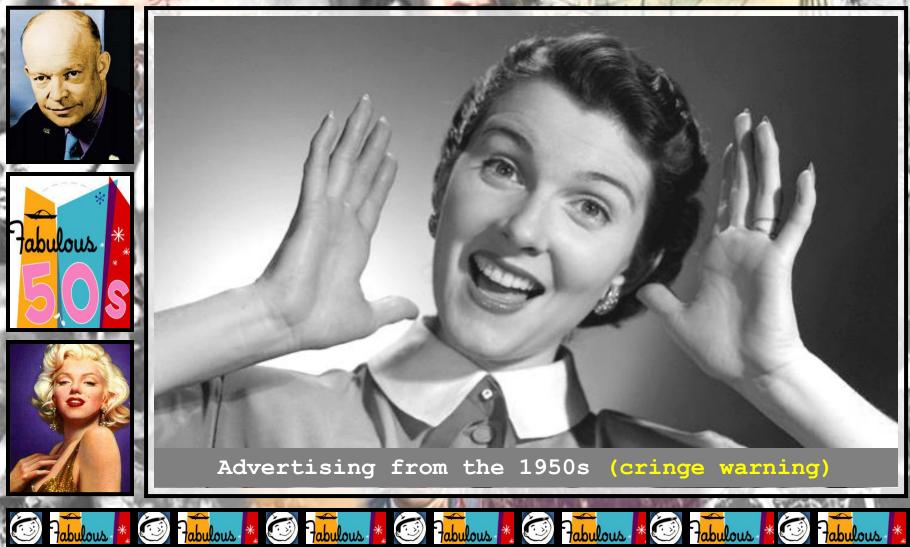
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As seen during the 1920s, advertising during the 1950s (often in cringe-worthy and tone-deaf detail) helped convince cosumers that they "needed" just about everything.

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BUT LADY. . "dishpan hands" make you look older than a wrinkle does!!

"Middle-aged hands" often make people add three to five years to your age . . . yet it's easy to guard against those criss-cross wrinkles on your knuckles, that coarsening of the skin . . . Protect your hands in the dishpan. Don't use ordinary washday soaps for dishes—they weren't made to protect sensitive skin. But

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IVORY SOAP was. Give your hands a gentle Ivory bath every time you wash dishes—you'll be surprised how nice your hands stay. Another surprise—Ivory Soap actually costs less to use for dishes than washday chips and powders! So make Ivory your dishwashing soap today. Ask for practical "Large Size" Ivory.

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If your husband ever finds out

you're not "store-testing" for fresher coffee ...

... if he discovers you're still taking chances on getting flat, stale coffee ... wee be unto you! For today there's a sure and certain way to test for freshness <u>before</u> you buy

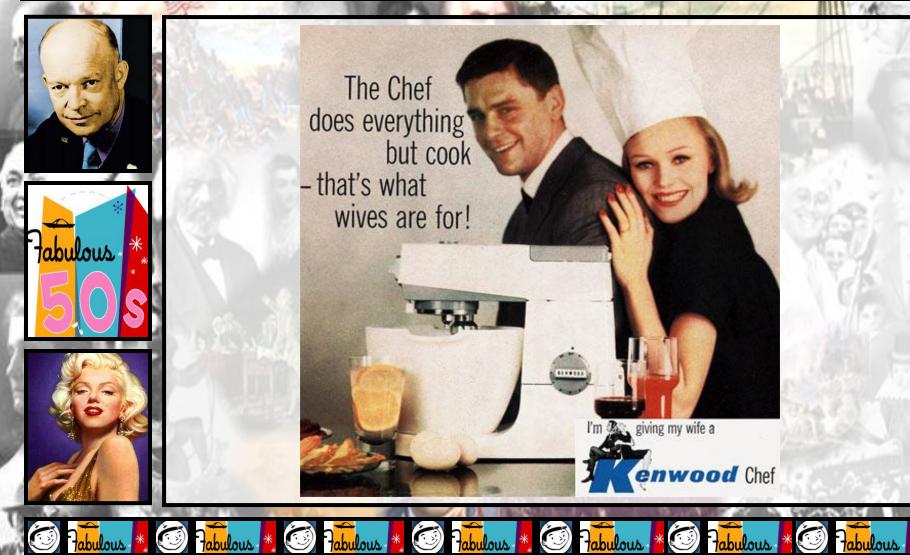
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For a better start in life start COLA earlier!

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Promotes Lifestyle!

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Boosts Personality!

Look this ad over carefully. Circle the items you want for Christmas. Show it to your husband. If he does not go to the store immediately, cry a little. Not a lot. Just a little. He'll go, he'll go. CIRCLE ALL THE QUALITY DORMEYER APPLIANCES YOU WANT



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Husbands: Look this ad over carefully, Pick out what you. wife wants. Go buy it. Before she starts to cry.

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How soon is too soon?

Not soon enough. Laboratory tests over the last few years have proven that babies who start drinking soda during that Gives body essential early formative period have a much higher chance of gaining acceptance and "fitting in" during those awkward pre-teen and teen years. So, do yourself a favor. Do your child a favor. Start them on a strict regimen of sodas and other sugary carbonated beverages right now, for a lifetime of gauranteed happiness.

> The Soda Pop Board of America 1515 W. Hart Ave. - Chicago , ILL

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For young or old, candy provides quick energy. Buy some next time you shop. CANDY IS DELICIOUS ENERGY FOOD-ENJOY GOME EVERY DATI

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Kids need the energy candy gives

HERE'S WHY SMART MOTHERS BUY CANDY IN CELLOPHANE

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But, as was the case with the "Roaring" Twenties, prosperity failed to reach everyone.

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As a result, the 1960s brought massive (and long overdue) changes to the American social and political scene.

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QUESTION

1. In your opinion, and using your prior knowledge of Superman and what you read about Red Son (the communist Superman), who would win in a fight? Superman? Red Son? Why?







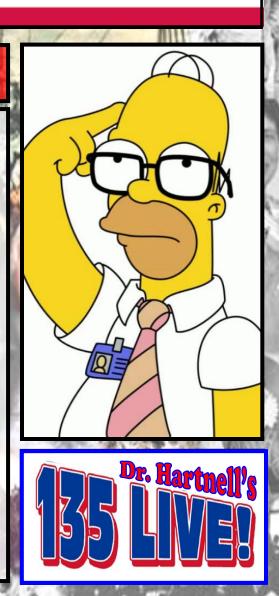
2. List the 10 ways the decades of the "Roaring Twenties" and "Fabulous Fifties" were similar.







- 3. Look at Slides #27-46. Describe what you see concerning:
- a. What did cars look like?
- b. What did teenagers wear?
- c. What shows did people watch?





QUESTION

4. What was the domestic scene like during the 1950s? What social undercurrents "subverted" the compliance and conformity characteristic of the decade?





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QUESTION

5. Look at the advertisements shown on Slides #56-65. Why would these ads land their respective companies in big trouble today? Which ad do you find to be the most offensive and why?

