

# Bloom's Dinner Party 1950

**A polite dinner party discussion after reading**

**Behind The Times- McCarthy Speech newspaper**

## **Bloom's Taxonomy Level: Remembering**

1. What major events led to the rise of Joseph McCarthy and his campaign against communism in the U.S. government?
2. What specific individuals named by McCarthy as threats within the government?
3. What actions has the FBI taken in response to the growing threat of communist espionage as mentioned in recent news?

## **Bloom's Taxonomy Level: Understanding**

1. What do you think is the significance of the Iron Curtain as it relates to the political atmosphere between the East and West?
2. How do you think the Hiss trial impacted American public opinion towards communism?
3. How does the recent expansion of Soviet influence in Eastern Europe impact the US?

## **Bloom's Taxonomy Level: Applying**

1. How can American families best prepare or react to the growing communist influence?
2. What steps should the U.S. government take to safeguard against espionage within its ranks?

## **Bloom's Taxonomy Level: Analyzing**

1. What are the potential long-term effects of McCarthy's focus on communist infiltration within the State Department?

2. Discuss the potential consequences of public fear stirred by McCarthy's speeches on American civil liberties.

**Bloom's Taxonomy Level: Evaluating**

1. What criteria should be used to determine whether someone poses a genuine threat of communist subversion?
2. Assess the impact of media coverage, like that of the Hiss trial, on public perception of the Cold War's threats.
3. Judge the moral implications of McCarthy's methods in exposing alleged communists within the U.S. government.

**Bloom's Taxonomy Level: Creating**

1. Propose alternative strategies the U.S. might employ to counter the spread of communism without infringing on civil liberties.
2. Design a public information campaign to help American citizens better understand the realities of the Cold War and its impact on their lives.
3. Devise a plan for a community forum that facilitates open discussions about the balance between national security and personal freedoms during times of international tension.