

COMICS OR PROPAGANDA ?



2) Description :

In the top left-hand corner, we can see two Nazi soldiers, in uniforms, and another one on the right surrounding Captain America and shooting at him. In the middle, there is an operator in front of a TV screen ordering the sabotage of a US munitions plant. Nazis' intent to infiltrate American soil is also suggested by the map next to Hitler.

3) Analysis :

The historical background is very important to understand the meaning of this cover. USA didn't enter war until December 7th 1941 with Pearl Harbor. The authors of the comics Simon & Kirby, shocked by Jews' situation in Nazi Germany, created this patriotic character to stimulate American values such as freedom, brotherhood and justice.

They wanted to change people's mind about getting involved into WWII by fueling the fear of Nazi infiltration and sabotage in the USA.

Fearless Captain America and his kickside Bucky stand as models for American teenagers to support and maybe to enlist the army .