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| Cornell Notes  | Topic/Objective: To develop a deeper understanding of the Pledge of Allegiance (POA) and changes that have been made to it over time. | Name: Jose Class/Period: U.S. History / 4 Date: Nov. 6, 2012 |
| Essential Question: How has the POA changed over time? | | |
| Questions: Who wrote the pledge and why? | Notes: ① Francis Bellamy (1855-1931) wrote POA in Aug. 1892 for flag-raising celebration honoring 400 th anniv. Columbus → New World | |
| Are the words "for all" b/c he was socialist? | - Baptist minister (socialist) → kicked out of church - advocate for collective ownership - all entitled to care + protection of gov't. | |
| Why was equality not included? | ② Influences of writing pledge → Decl. of Ind + US Const. ③ Important phrases: "allegiance", "republic, for which it stands", "one nation", "indivisible", "equality" | |
| How did the fear of Communism change the pledge? | ④ Changes to pledge * 1924 "my flag" to "the flag of the USA" → to honor vets (Not included Why?) * 1942 changed from left arm up, palm open to right hand over heart Why? - Nazis used same salute * 1953 Knights of Columbus wanted gov't to add "under God" due to fear of Communism - many communists then were atheists | |
| So, we can say "under God" as long as we don't promote any one religion? | * 1954 Congress passed bill to add "under God" - now a patriotic oath and public prayer * Argued in Supreme Court b/c the gov't cannot communicate an endorsement of a religious belief | |
| Summary: How might new changes affect the Pledge's message? | * Current changes discussed + equality (liberals) end with "born + unborn" (pro-life) (X) don't understand Court case - Need more info | |

Socratic Seminar

| Questions: | Notes: |
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| If you choose not to pledge the flag should your rights be denied? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Citizens</u> have rights - <u>Aliens</u> + prisoners do not - But what if you follow all the laws + choose not to pledge? |
| Does "pledge allegiance" mean the same thing to everyone? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standing up + holding hand on / different - Being a part of society "to different - helping out fellow men people |
| What is a right? Is voting a right? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We deny people the right to vote even when they do pledge allegiance if they are not a citizen - choosing not to pledge is not against the law - In class, stand up + show respect → no trouble - Some go through motions but are not <u>Patriotic</u> |
| Do you think we should be made to pledge allegiance? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes - No, stand + be respectful, moment of silence - allegiance is to honor, if we don't we aren't honoring our country |
| Don't we have the freedom to choose? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National anthem - Right to choose religion + beliefs |
| What if someone doesn't believe in God? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does this mean I'm not committed to the country or honor US laws? |
| <p>Summary: The Pledge of Allegiance changed over history. When "under God" was added it was controversial. Our class discussed how this change affects whether we should be forced to say the Pledge even if we don't believe all the words. We think you have the freedom as an American to decide.</p> | |