

Primary Sources

History 320—Lend-Lease Debate, webs.wofford.edu/byrnesms/lend-lease.htm.

This website was arguably one of the most important sources for our “Domestic Debate” page. The site included a plethora of primary sources, including radio casts from prominent political figures in the 1930s and 1940s, congressional speeches given on the House of Representatives and Senate floors, President Roosevelt’s inaugural addresses, and more. Each of these primary sources introduced us to a new argument regarding the Lend-Lease Act. It was fascinating to delve into the unique arguments made both in favor and in opposition to the Lend-Lease Act.

Humanities, National Endowment for the. “Chronicling America: Library of Congress.” *News*

about Chronicling America RSS,

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/pages/results/?dateFilterType=yearRange&date1=1942&date2=1945&language=&ortext=&andtext=&phrasertext=lend-lease&proxtext=&proxdistance=5&rows=20&searchType=advanced.

This website provided us with a plethora of newspaper articles written about Lend-Lease. Many of these articles included statistics that gave us perspective on the extent of Lend-Lease. In addition, many of these articles were opinion articles, which gave us a unique perspective on the public opinion surrounding Lend-Lease, and how the public opinion of Lend-Lease shifted between 1940 and the end of WWII in 1945.

“Churchill Archive for Schools.” *Source 2 - Letter from Winston Churchill to President*

Roosevelt, 8 December 1940,

www.churchillarchiveforschools.com/themes/the-themes/anglo-american-relations/just-how-special-was-the-special-relationship-in-the-Second-World-War-Part-1-1939-41/the-sources/source-2.

This website was used to find Churchill's letters, a primary source, to get an inside view of the debate which Roosevelt had with Churchill over the commitment of the U.S. to help the U.K. It also demonstrated other reasons as to why the U.S. should get more involved in the war effort. Another letter was also extracted from this website from FDR to Churchill where FDR agreed to try and lend items to Britain for the war effort.

Winston Churchill -->FDR Letter Regarding British and American Efforts for the War 12/7/40,
docs.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/psf/box34/t311s02.html.

This document provided us with a letter from Winston Churchill to FDR. It once again urges U.S. involvement in WW2. Furthermore, it demonstrates other reasons why aiding Britain would be in the interests of the American people and government. Without Britain, the US will not be able to regulate and have access to the oceans etc.

Letter: President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Winston Churchill, January 20, 1941, Churchill and the Great Republic (A Library of Congress Interactive Exhibition, Text Version),
www.loc.gov/exhibits/churchill/interactive/_html/wc0112.html.

This document covers a Roosevelt letter sent to Churchill after Lend-Lease was successfully passed. It reveals the kind nature and growing bond between the two leaders and their countries. Roosevelt quoted some poetry that was supposed to be encouraging in tough times to which Churchill was very appreciative of it and even hung it up in his

house.

Secondary Sources

“Lend-Lease Act (1941).” *Our Documents - Lend-Lease Act (1941)*,

www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=71.

This website provided us with a plethora of background information surrounding the passage Lend-Lease Act. The site included several quotes from notable figures, including the Prime Minister of Great Britain Winston Churchill, the U.S. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, and U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

“Documents Related to FDR and Churchill.” *National Archives and Records Administration*,

National Archives and Records Administration,

www.archives.gov/education/lessons/fdr-churchill.

This article delved deep into the relationship between Churchill and FDR, which was central to the success of the Lend-Lease Act. It also provided some primary sources regarding the letters exchanged between the two. In these letters, we were able to gather a sense of the professional but intimate relationship they both had with each other.

History.com Editors. “Lend-Lease Act.” *History.com*, A&E Television Networks, 29 Oct. 2009,

www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/lend-lease-act-1.

This site by History.com explains the background of the Lend-Lease Act, specifically on the American homefront. Discussing the opposition the Act met from isolationist members of Congress and the American public, the article provides information that we used on our

domestic debate website page. It also includes an analysis of differing public opinions of WWII at the time, and how this impacted the passage of the Act.

“The Lend-Lease Act of 1941.” *US House of Representatives: History, Art & Archives*, history.house.gov/Historical-Highlights/1901-1950/The-Lend-Lease-Act-of-1941/.

This short article provided us with the names of isolationist members of Congress who were in opposition to the Lend-Lease Act, and the names of internationalist members of Congress who supported the Lend-Lease Act. These names led us to discover primary source records including speeches, diaries, notes, etc. from specific members of Congress during the intense two-month period of Congressional debate surrounding the Lend-Lease Act. The information gleaned from these sources was used on our Domestic Debate website page.

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CriticalPast. “US President Franklin Roosevelt Addresses the Nation Regarding the Lend Lease Aid...HD Stock Footage.” YouTube, YouTube, 16 June 2014, www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pQCpD_Czvs.

This youtube video presented a video of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt introducing American citizens to Lend-Lease. This is one of many examples of Roosevelt's fire-side chats, where he connected to Americans across the country through speeches. These chats are one of the many factors that aided Roosevelt in garnering support for his legislation. Roosevelt begins this particular speech by discussing the need to combat the Nazis because, if Great Britain falls, the Nazis could arguably build a military too hard for us to defeat. Thus, he successfully emphasizes the importance of implementing Lend-Lease aid.

He then describes Lend-Lease. Finally, he discusses American industry, urging industrialists to continue manufacturing, even in the wake of any attack.

“Today in History - October 23.” *The Library of Congress*,

www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-23/.

The Library of Congress proved a central source of information for our project. This article, in particular, was titled “Today in History - October 23.” Furthermore, it discussed the passage of the \$5.98 billion supplemental to the Lend-Lease Bill on October 23, 1941, only 8 months after the passage of the original Lend-Lease Act. The article goes on to discuss later statistics, countries receiving assistance, and the allocation of money (nearly \$49 billion by the end of the war) that went towards aid via the Lend-Lease Act. These statistics showed how big of a deal Lend-Lease was. The article also included several quotes and images implemented within our website.

“Lend-Lease.” *Encyclopædia Britannica*, Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.,

www.britannica.com/topic/lend-lease.

This website provides an overview of the Lend-Lease act and why it was passed. It also explains statistics relating to how much aid the United States gave to the 40 foreign countries within the Lend-Lease. It goes on to briefly mention FDR and his advisor and how they manage to navigate Congress to get Lend-Lease passed.

History.com Editors. “Lend-Lease Act.” *History.com*, A&E Television Networks, 29 Oct. 2009,

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“Clipart.” *Lend-Lease Act Clipart - Clipart Suggest*,

www.clipartsuggest.com/lend-lease-act-cliparts/.

Clipart.com provided us with several political cartoons we implemented into our website.

Political cartoons often reflect events in a funny and satirical way that doesn't harm anyone, but shows real aspects of events.

U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of State,

history.state.gov/milestones/1937-1945/american-isolationism#:~:text=During the 1930s, the combination,non-entanglement in international politics.

This article has to do with American isolationism from ww1 to the start of ww2. It discusses how isolationism was the most popular policy among the American public. It gives a few examples of isolationist policy in Asia, Europe, and Africa. Also talks about how Roosevelt had to support isolationism so that congress would pass his bills regarding The New Deal.

U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of State,

history.state.gov/milestones/1937-1945/lend-lease.

This page talks about American aid to the allies before its official entrance to the war. The site included general information on the “cash and carry” policy that the U.S. had towards belligerents. It goes on to explain why Britain needed a new policy and how Roosevelt

managed to create one.

History.com Editors. "Great Depression History." *History.com*, A&E Television Networks, 29

Oct. 2009,

www.history.com/topics/great-depression/great-depression-history#:~:text=Photo

Galleries-, The Great Depression was the worst economic downturn in the, wiped out millions of investors. This article included information on how we got into the great depression and how we got out. It gave some important figures and data on the American population and workforce. It also discusses the election of Roosevelt and his early action in stopping the great depression.

"World War II Major Events Timeline." *PBS*, Public Broadcasting Service,

www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/specialfeatures/world-war-ii-major-events-timeline/#.

This website gave general ww2 dates that could be used to set up context around lend lease. It included a lot of the major points and dates of the war that can be used as reference when explaining other things.

Coalson, Robert. "'We Would Have Lost': Did U.S. Lend-Lease Aid Tip The Balance In Soviet Fight Against Nazi Germany?" *RadioFreeEurope/RadioLiberty*, 'We Would Have Lost':

Did U.S. Lend-Lease Aid Tip The Balance In Soviet Fight Against Nazi Germany?, 7 May 2020,

www.rferl.org/a/did-us-lend-lease-aid-tip-the-balance-in-soviet-fight-against-nazi-germany/30599486.html.

This website was used to find the extent to which the Lend-Lease helped Russia. It was extremely informative on the sheer amount of supplies sent to Russia and the manner in how they arrived. An image, as well as a Joseph Stalin quote explaining how the Russians couldn't have beaten the Nazis without American support, was used from this source.

History.com Editors. "Lend-Lease Act." *History.com*, A&E Television Networks, 29 Oct. 2009, www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/lend-lease-act-1.

Starts with how the U.S. tried to support the British with less direct involvement and slowly builds up to the development of the Lend-Lease. Also mentions the policy before Lend-Lease, cash-carry, as well as why the policy failed. Covers how Roosevelt helped Winston Churchill and the British Empire through the lend-lease.

Nambi, Karthick. "Why Britain Pulled Aircraft with Horses and Trucks." *Medium*, Lessons from History, 29 Oct. 2020, medium.com/lessons-from-history/why-britain-pulled-aircraft-with-horses-and-trucks-ddd2dbd2aaa4.

Talks about Churchill's disappointment with how he had to go and physically pick up the equipment he bought from FDR. His army had to fly to Canada and haul bombers over the border via horse into Canadian territory. Because of this, Churchill wanted the U.S. to have more of a direct impact and would go on to debate Roosevelt through letters and phone calls.

"Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. National Park Service)." *National Parks Service*, U.S. Department

of the Interior, www.nps.gov/people/franklin-d-roosevelt.htm.

This document was used to find information regarding the life and beliefs of FDR. It also served to find details regarding FDR and Churchill's close relationship during the war.

“Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. National Park Service).” *National Parks Service*, U.S. Department of the Interior, www.nps.gov/people/franklin-d-roosevelt.htm.

This website provided us with the image of President Roosevelt, which we used on our International Debate and Diplomacy page. It also provided us with a bibliography of Roosevelt, which gave us a unique perspective in Roosevelt's presidency and previous policies in the time leading up to his Lend-Lease Act proposal.

“The Lend-Lease Program, 1941-1945.” *FDR Presidential Library & Museum*, www.fdrlibrary.org/lend-lease.

This article discussed Britain's deep necessity for the U.S. to aid them during the war. Specifically, the article included a quote said by the British Ambassador to the U.S., which we later implemented on our website: “Well boys, it's your money they want.”

Ukrinform. “Signing of Lend-Lease Act for Ukraine a Historic Step - Zelensky.” *Ukrinform*, Укринформ, 9 May 2022, www.ukrinform.net/rubric-ato/3479286-signing-of-lendlease-act-for-ukraine-a-historic-step-zelensky.html.

This article was published on a Ukraine-based website, so it provided essential information on Ukraine and President Zelensky's perspective on the Ukraine Lend-Lease Act. In

addition, the article included a tweet from President Zelensky that we included on our website, thanking the US for its continuous support of Ukraine’s “freedom and future.”

Wang, Amy B. “Biden Signs Ukraine Lend-Lease Act into Law, Expediting Military Aid.” *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 10 May 2022,
www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/05/09/president-biden-ukraine-lend-lease-signing/

This Washington Post article was the first site that introduced our group to the recent Ukraine Lend-Lease bill. It provided information about the purpose of the bill, and it also provided us with an image of President Volodymyr Zelensky welcoming the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in Kyiv, which further reflects the US’s support for Ukraine.

amanda_m_macias. “Biden Signs Bill That Aims to Streamline U.S. Military Aid to Ukraine.” *CNBC*, CNBC, 9 May 2022,
www.cnbc.com/2022/05/09/biden-signs-ukraine-lend-lease-military-aid-bill-amid-russia-invasion.html.

This article provided basic background information regarding the recent Ukraine Lend-Lease act. The site also provided an image we used on our website of President Biden signing the Ukraine Lend-Lease bill in the Oval Office.

“Biden Signs Lend-Lease Act to Supply More Security Assistance to Ukraine.” *U.S. Department of Defense*,
www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3025302/biden-signs-lend-lease-act-

to-supply-more-security-assistance-to-ukraine/.

This article was an incredibly reliable source of information, as it came from the US Department of Defense. The article discussed the current laws that are relevant to the replacement or return of any supplies the US lends or leases to Ukraine, as well as some potential financial benefits that will stem from the Ukrain Lend-Lease Act.

Images

Laststandonzombieisland. "M4A2 Sherman Tank Russian Soviet Lend Lease China."

Laststandonzombieisland, 11 Aug. 2020,

laststandonzombieisland.com/2020/08/16/end-of-the-kwantung-army/m4a2-sherman-tank-russian-soviet-lend-lease-china/.

This website provided us with an image of Soviet Union soldiers sitting on a Lend-Lease tank "making friends" with Chinese farm workers. This image was included on our International Debate and Diplomacy website.

Burns, David. *Lend-Lease Program*,

www.fasttrackteaching.com/ffap/Unit_10_WW2/U10_Lend-Lease.html.

This website provided us with several images, including a picture of a tank being placed on a ship to be transported to Allied nations.

Potenza, Alessandra. "Lost Winston Churchill Essay Reveals His Thoughts on Alien Life." *The*

Verge, The Verge, 15 Feb. 2017,

www.theverge.com/2017/2/15/14616152/winston-churchill-essay-alien-life-planets-space.

This site provided us with the image of Winston Churchill that we used on our International Debate and Diplomacy page while discussing the letters between Churchill and President Roosevelt.

“US Should Revive Lend-Lease to Contain Russia.” *Atlantic Council*, 17 Mar. 2020,

www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/us-should-revive-lend-lease-to-contain-russia/.

This website provided us with an image of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, which reflected their close relationship.