

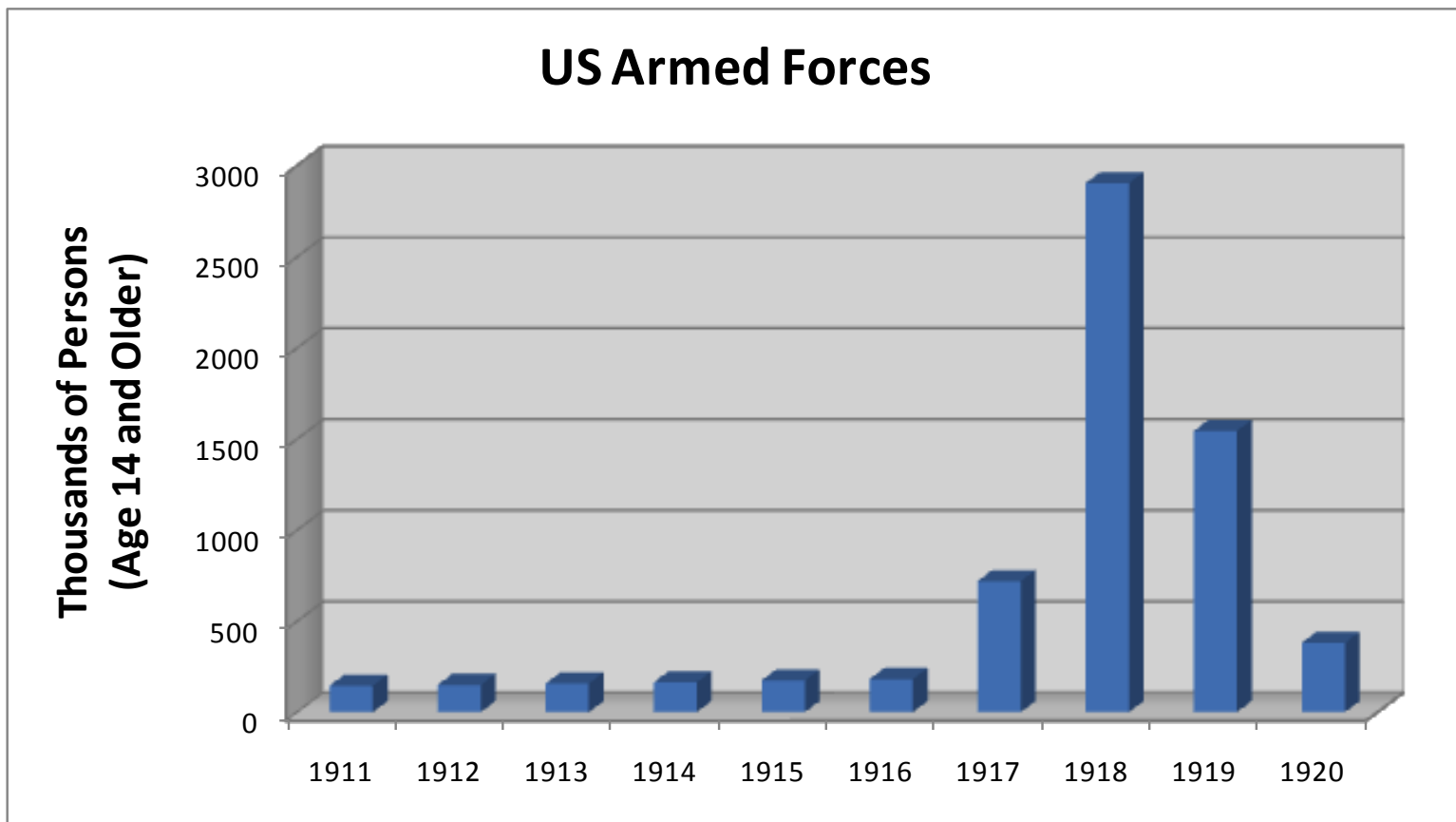
## A Call to join the U.S. Armed Forces

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In May 1917 Congress passed the Selective Service Act, which required men of all races between the ages of 21 and 30 to register to be drafted into the armed forces. Eventually about 2.8 million Americans were drafted. About 2 million more volunteered.

Source: Boyer's *The American Nation*, 2001, Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

How does the graph below show the effect of the Selective Service Act?



Source: *The Statistical History of the United States: From Colonial Times to the Present*, Ben J. Wattenberg, 1976, Basic Books, Inc.

The **Committee of Public Information**, headed by George Creel, was the government agency responsible for popularizing the war. They used propaganda posters like those seen below, to convince Americans to do their part in the war.

How are these posters trying to convince **men** to do their part?



GEE !!

I WISH I WERE  
A MAN

I'd JOIN

The NAVY

*Howard Chandler Christy, 1945*

BE A MAN AND DO IT  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**  
RECRUITING STATION

34 East 23rd Street, New York

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# JOIN THE ARMY AIR SERVICE BE AN AMERICAN EAGLE!

CONSULT YOUR LOCAL DRAFT BOARD. READ THE ILLUSTRATED BOOKLET AT ANY RECRUITING OFFICE, OR WRITE TO THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

# TELL THAT TO THE MARINES!

AT 24 EAST 23rd STREET



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