The Age Of McCarthyism: A Brief History With Documents

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Labor unions were dealt a huge blow as they became targets of McCarthyism (Whitaker and Hewitt 2003), which strengthened the capitalist cause. Corporations wielded significant power in the Cold War due to their economic resources and their assumed role (sometimes voluntarily, sometimes coerced) of punishing alleged communists through employment termination and career blacklisting (Schrecker 1994).
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