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RISORSE ONLINE PER LO STUDIO DEL FENOMENO DEL MACCARTISMO

INTRODUZIONE

Questo progetto ha l'obiettivo di fornire una prima rassegna delle risorse reperibili in rete utili allo studio del fenomeno del Maccartismo, con un particolare focus su il celebre "caso Rosenberg".

Verranno qui illustrate quindi diverse tipologie di fonti storiche reperibili tramite portali online eterogenei.

La presentazione termina con una raccolta di fonti divulgative che ritengo possano essere utilizzate nella didattica di questo specifico argomento.



Immagine di Joseph McCarthy che copre il microfono durante un'inchiesta riguardante le infiltrazioni comuniste nel Dipartimento di Stato americano.

Con Maccartismo si intende un particolare atteggiamento politico anticomunista sviluppatosi in America tra il 1950 e il 1954, che si inserisce nella cosiddetta "red scare". Esso prende il nome dal senatore del Wisconsin Joseph McCarthy che, durante un comizio, aveva dichiarato di conoscere i nominativi di numerose spie sovietiche e aveva dato inizio ad una vera e propria "caccia alle streghe". Coloro ritenuti colpevoli di filocomunismo venivano allontanati dal proprio posto di lavoro e isolati socialmente. Il fenomeno termina grazie alla decostruzione delle accuse mosse da McCarthy (poi espulso dal senato) da parte del giornalista Edward Marrow.

Internet Archive: alcuni esempi di fonti reperibili dal portale

<https://archive.org/>

<https://archive.org/search.php?query=joseph%20mccarthy>

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Al momento Internet Archive contiene 330 bilioni di pagine web, 20 milioni di libri e testi, 4,5 milioni di registrazioni audio, 4 milioni di video, 3 milioni di immagini e 200,000 software.

- Compendio di materiali sul Maccartismo

<https://archive.org/details/VenonaDOCUMENTSPARTS12>

- “McCarthyism: the Fight For America” di Joseph McCarthy, testo integrale

<https://archive.org/details/McCarthyismTheFightForAmerica>

- Documenti dell’FBI su Joseph McCarthy, liberalizzati con il FOIA

https://archive.org/details/foia_McCarthy_Joseph-HQ-4

- RegISTRAZIONI audio di McCarthy dal Museo InfoAge

https://archive.org/details/InfoAge_Senator_Joseph_McCarthy_Programs

- *Executive Sessions Of The Senate Permanent Subcommittee On Investigations Of The Committee On Government Operations*. Il Comitato rivisitò le regole per le indagini a causa delle numerose accuse a ruota libera di McCarthy.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20090904121846/http://www.gpo.gov/congress/senate/mccarthy/83873.pdf>

- Discorso di Joseph McCarthy sul Comunismo (audio)

<https://archive.org/details/JOSEPHMCCARTHYSPEECH>

- Testo integrale “Investigations of Senators Joseph R. McCarthy and William Benton pursuant to S. res. 187 and S. res. 304; report of the Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections to the Committee on Rules and Administration” dalla Prelinger Library

<https://archive.org/details/investigations1953of00unitrich>

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L'archivio contiene 10 bilioni di pagine di documenti cartacei, 12 milioni di cartine e mappe, 25 milioni di foto, 300 000 pellicole, 400 000 video e audio e 113 terabyte di dati digitali.

Il NARA porta avanti anche il progetto ERA (Electronics Record Archives). Portale in fase di creazione, ha l'obiettivo di conservare e catalogare le documentazioni del governo.

<https://www.archives.gov/>
<https://www.archives.gov/era>

- Video "A Good American Family: The Red Scare and My Father"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DH_cq0tEkv0

- Suggestioni per la didattica del Maccartismo

<https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/mccarthy-telegram/activities.html>

- Articolo sulla Red Scare e sulla discriminazione degli omosessuali

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2016/summer/lavender.html>



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<https://dp.la/>

- Violet Orr oral history

<https://dp.la/item/58dbe78805fa123b43a4461ce01544fd?q=red%20scare&type=%22sound%22&page=1>

- Sharon Huntley Kahn Interview, July 10, 2018

<https://dp.la/item/2984bb90976d1f27560836922be57187?q=red%20scare&type=%22sound%22%7C%22text%22&page=1>

- Risposta di McCarthy alle critiche mosse verso di lui da Murrow a “See it now”

<https://dp.la/item/e42803911f3044c59f3b77ec06710423?q=joseph%20r%20mccarthy&subject=%22McCarthyism%22%7C%22Anti-communist%20movements%20--%20United%20States%20--%20History%22&page=1>

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Salt Lake Tribune

Joseph McCarthy, while a United States Senator, spoke in Salt Lake City.

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McCARTHY, Joseph

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 1789

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Creator

Kendall, Lucille

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https://dl.tufts.edu/pages/murrow_collection

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The Edward R. Murrow Papers, ca 1913-1985



The Edward R. Murrow Papers, ca 1913-1985, housed at the Digital Collections and Archives, Tufts University, is the world's largest collection of Edward R. Murrow material. Dating largely from 1934 to 1965, the 55 linear feet of documents include correspondence, personal materials, work and activities-related files, and over 320 photographs. The papers also include about 1700 books, memorabilia as well as audiovisual material.

You can read more about Edward R. Murrow at The Life and Work of Edward R. Murrow: an Archives Exhibit. You can read more about both the digitized and non-digitized materials from the collection by reading the finding aid. Or you can dive right into the digitized materials from the collection, where we have 331 images and 574 transcribed audio recordings from episodes of *This I Believe*.

These digitized recordings of This I Believe were made possible by the generous support of Iron Mountain Entertainment Services and the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures Grant Program.

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Biblioteca digitale che contiene la digitalizzazione di 6.700 documenti. Assieme al NARA (National Archives Record Administration) alcuni dei file presenti nell'archivio web sono stati fisicamente spostati in altre locazioni, quindi la posizione riportata nelle schede potrebbe non essere la stessa di quella attuale.

Tutte le scannerizzazioni presenti sono state prodotte seguendo lo standard fornito dal NARA (300 DPI).

La ricerca può essere effettuata per argomento o per parola chiave.

<https://vault.fbi.gov/>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the FBI Records: The Vault website. It includes the FBI logo, the text 'FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION', and a search bar with 'SEARCH' and 'SEARCH SITE' buttons. Below the navigation bar, there are links for 'CONTACT US', 'ABOUT US', 'MOST WANTED', 'NEWS', 'STATS & SERVICES', 'SCAMS & SAFETY', 'JOBS', and 'FUN & GAMES'. The main heading is 'FBI Records: The Vault' with a 'Vault Home' link. A 'Seleziona lingua' dropdown menu and a 'Get FBI Updates' button are also visible. The main content area features a large image of a vault door with light rays, titled 'The Vault'. Below the image, there is a detailed description of the vault's contents and a list of search tools and resources. A 'Vault Links' sidebar on the right lists various categories and links.

The Vault

The Vault is our new FOIA Library, containing 6,700 documents and other media that have been scanned from paper into digital copies so you can read them in the comfort of your home or office.

Included here are many new FBI files that have been released to the public but never added to this website; dozens of records previously posted on our site but removed as requests diminished; files from our previous FOIA Library, and new, previously unreleased files.

The Vault includes several new tools and resources for your convenience:

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Please note: the content of the files in the Vault encompasses all time periods of Bureau history and do not always reflect the current views, policies, and priorities of the FBI.

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<https://www.webharvest.gov/peth04/20041015140343/http://foia.fbi.gov/foiaindex/mccarthy.htm>

<https://vault.fbi.gov/rosenberg-case/rosenberg-case-summary/rosenberg-case-summary-part-01-of-01/view>

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Il Caso Rosenberg



Julius e Ethel Rosenberg furono due coniugi che vennero accusati di collaborare con l'Unione Sovietica, fornendogli importanti informazioni riguardanti le armi nucleari.

Accusati di spionaggio nel 1951, vennero prima incarcerati e poi condannati a morte nel 1953.

- Prima pagina del New York Times del 6 aprile 1951 che riporta la sentenza di condanna a morte dei coniugi Rosenberg

<https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/big/0405.html>

- Testamento dei coniugi Rosenberg disponibile in versione integrale da "Hathitrust"

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015068647521&view=1up&seq=9>

- Dal New York State Archives, i documenti provenienti da Sing Sing contenenti la richiesta di assistere all'esecuzione dei Rosenberg

<http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Search/objects?search=rosenberg>



Rosenberg Fund for Children

<https://www.rfc.org/>

La Rosenberg Fund for Children venne fondata nel 1990 dal figlio dei coniugi Rosenberg, Robert Meeropol

L'Associazione nasce per fornire assistenza ai bambini i cui genitori, a seguito dei loro trascorsi nell'attivismo, non possano provvedere a loro.

Sul sito web dell'associazione è presente una sezione che contiene, oltre ad un compendio del caso Rosenberg, anche una selezione di documenti digitalizzati relativi al caso.

<https://www.rfc.org/therosenbergcase>

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Il museo è gestito dalla NARA.

<https://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/>



<https://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/research/online-documents/julius-and-ethel-rosenberg>

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg



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In June 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for conspiracy to commit espionage under the U.S. Espionage Act of 1917. Members of the communist party, the Rosenbergs were convicted of passing secret information about the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union in 1945. Their case remains a cause celebre today, with claims it was the result of Cold War hysteria. Their guilt has been confirmed by Soviet documents made available after the fall of communism.

One of the first decisions facing newly elected President Eisenhower was whether to grant executive clemency to the Rosenbergs. Eisenhower declined stating: "The nature of the crime for which they have been found guilty and sentenced far exceeds that of the taking of the life of another citizen; it involves the deliberate betrayal of the entire nation and could very well result in the death of many, many thousands of innocent citizens..."

[Memorandum, Edward O'Connor to Admiral Kirk, regarding possibility of Rosenberg case carrying over into Eisenhower Administration, January 7, 1953 \[NSC Staff Papers, PSB Central Files Series, Box 26, PSB 383.4; NAID #12572003\]](#)

[Application for Executive Clemency, denied by President Eisenhower, January 10, 1953 \[DDE's Records as President, Official File, Box 354, OF-101-R Amnesty- Pardons, Rosenberg, Julius and Ethel \(2\); NAID #12451358\]](#)

[Memorandum, Kirk to Smith re: foreign response to Rosenberg case, January 16, 1953 \[NSC Staff Papers, PSB Central Files Series, Box 26, PSB 383.4; NAID #12572003\]](#)

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- Definizione sintetica del fenomeno del Maccartismo

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/McCarthyism>

http://www.treccani.it/enciclopedia/maccartismo_%28Enciclopedia-del-Cinema%29/

- Video prodotto da Rai per il programma “Il tempo e la storia” che fornisce una visione generale del fenomeno del Maccartismo

<http://www.raiscuola.rai.it/articoli-programma-puntate/il-maccartismo/29214/default.aspx>

ERIC – Education Resources Information Center Archive

<https://www.eric.ed.gov/?>

<https://www.eric.ed.gov/?q=mccarthy+joseph&id=ED424595>

https://archive.org/details/ERIC_ED462351/page/n1

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