



an•ti•fa The **Abraham Lincoln Brigade** was formed by a group of volunteers from the United States who served in the Spanish Civil War as soldiers, technicians, medical personnel and aviators fighting for Spanish Republican forces against the forces of General Francisco Franco and his Nationalist faction. The Lincoln Brigade was the first American military force to include blacks and whites integrated on an equal basis. During the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), almost forty thousand men and women from fifty-two countries, including 2,800 Americans volunteered to travel to Spain and join the International Brigades to help fight fascism. The U.S. volunteers served in various units and came to be known collectively as the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Uncle Sam going after antifascists didn't begin with Donald Trump's call for antifa to be classified as domestic terrorists.

In 1947, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade were placed on the Attorney General's List of Subversive Organizations. Once the US entered World War II, the FBI recommended that all veterans of the Lincoln Battalion be denied military promotion to prevent communists from rising in the armed forces. After World War II ended, veterans of the Lincoln Battalion were denied military enlistment and government jobs. The House Un-American Activities Committee blacklisted the names of all veterans of the Lincoln Battalion. Veterans were also fired, spied upon, harassed, labelled communists to employers, denied housing and refused passports for decades.



an•ti•fa short for antifascist. It literally means what it says: someone who is opposed to fascists. Some antifascists believe in using force to defend against fascism. Antifa work can take the form of physical confrontations with Nazis and white supremacists. It can also take the form of community organizing, lobbying legislators, gathering information, posting online and other forms of activism. By the way, that antifascist pictured above is famous folk singer **Woody Guthrie**.