

From interview of Walter Cronkite by Oriana Fallaci:

p. 60 Fallaci: ... Mr. Cronkite, I was born in Fascist Italy, when we could not speak or write or even think. My people fought for this until we won, and so we could think and speak and write. You instead were born in a country that permitted those freedoms, and I have something serious to ask you. Do you think that you might experience what we Italians experienced under Fascism? Or in other words, do you feel today the danger of a new McCarthyism?

Cronkite: Oh, yes! Yes! Very, very definitely. And it is abominable, it is frightful, it is terrible - not that Agnew would do it, but that many Americans would applaud it. In a way, I don't worry so much about Mr. Agnew because from time immemorial, we have heard politicians complaining about the way the press treats them. What I worry about is that many Americans would accept Fascism and believe there is justice in it.

See also David Brinkley, 21 Oct 70.