

## Don't Buy a Ford Ever Again, c. 1960

### Introduction

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New Orleans in 1960 was sharply divided over the practice of segregation. The schools were ordered to desegregate, which angered many white people. Members of the Citizens' Council of Greater New Orleans believed that large companies such as the Ford Motor Company supported efforts to bring about integration in the United States. To influence the policies of such businesses, the Citizens' Council organized boycotts of the companies' products. This poster calls on "all white citizens" to stop buying Ford cars and trucks in order to "dry up at least one source of the money that is being used to destroy our Southern way of life."

### Questions for Discussion

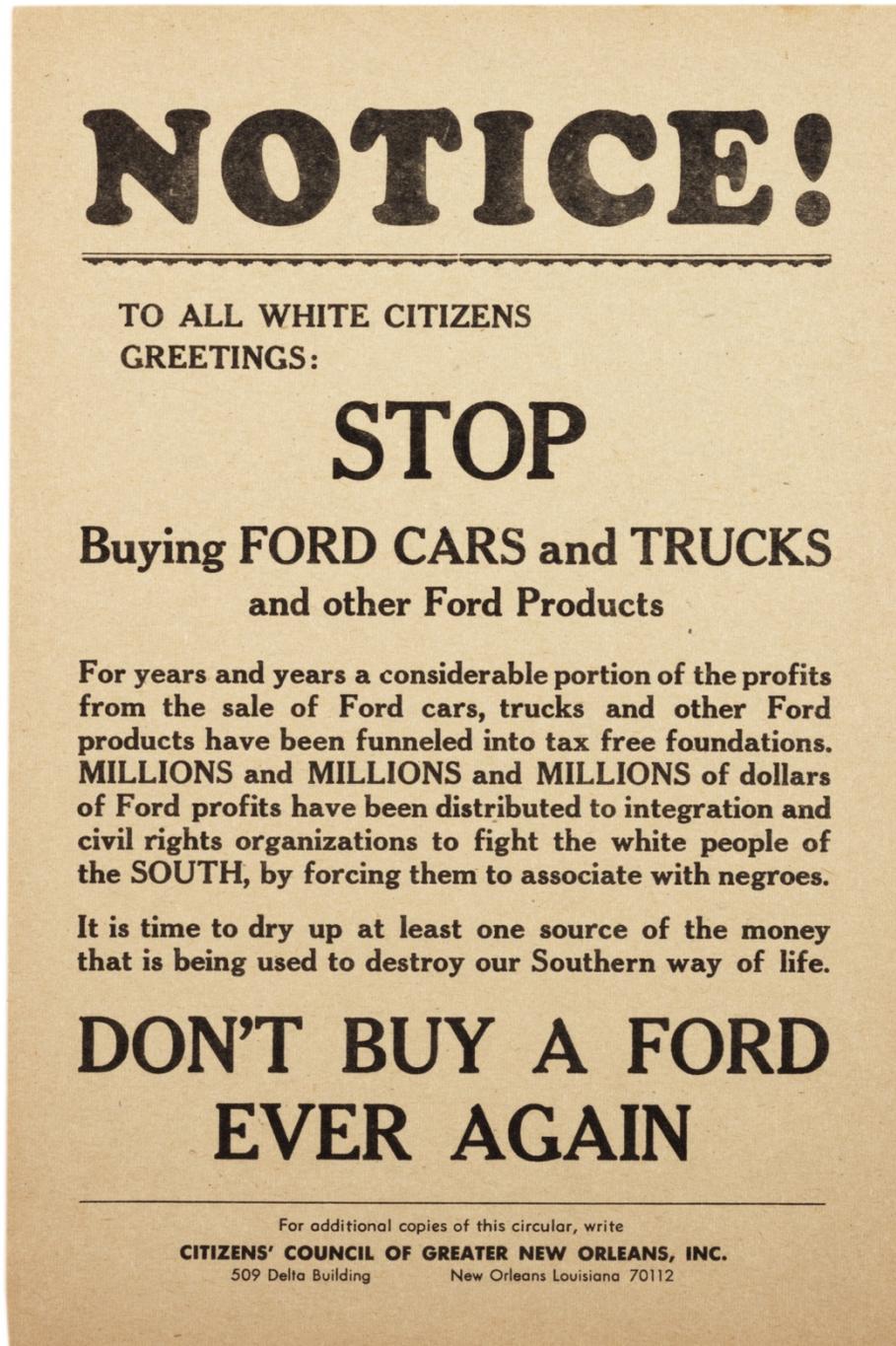
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Read the document introduction and the excerpt and view the poster. Then apply your knowledge of American history in order to answer the questions that follow.

1. Examine the poster. Why were some people so angry at the Ford Company?
2. Why was the poster addressed "To All White Citizens"?
3. Describe the impact this poster could have on sales of Ford products?

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### Transcript

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Notice!

TO ALL WHITE CITIZENS

GREETINGS:

STOP

Buying FORD CARS and TRUCKS  
and other Ford Products

For years and years a considerable portion of the profits from the sale of Ford cars, trucks, and other Ford products have been funneled into tax free foundations. MILLIONS and MILLIONS and MILLIONS of dollars of Ford profits have been distributed to integration and civil rights organizations to fight the white people of the SOUTH, by forcing them to associate with negroes.

It is time to dry up at least one source of the money that is being used to destroy our Southern way of life.

DON'T BUY A FORD  
EVER AGAIN

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