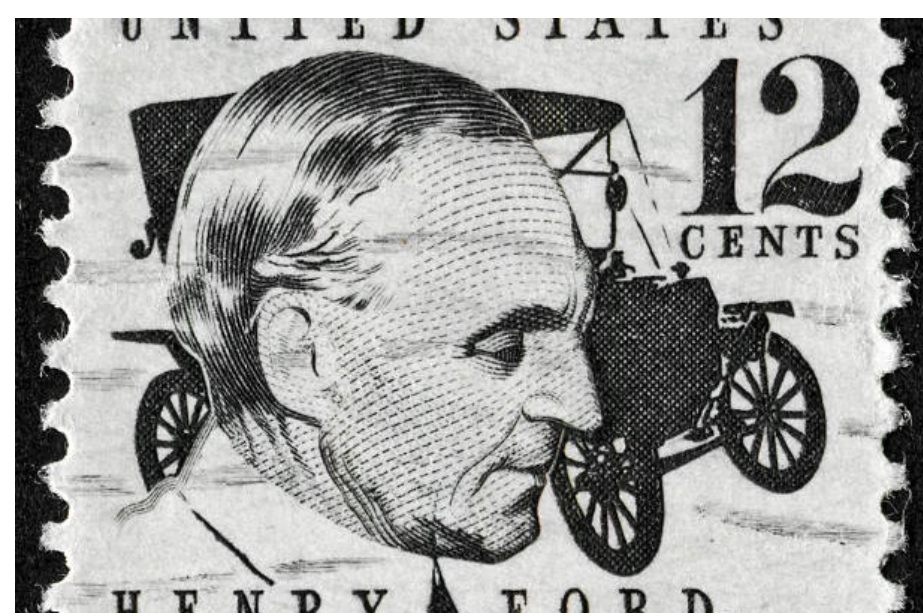




1920 Henry Ford, probably America's greatest businessman of the time and friend to the growing Nazi party in Germany used mass media, including his own Michigan newspaper, to spread lies about Jews to hundreds of thousands of American readers. He began publishing a series of 91 articles in *The Dearborn Independent* called "The International Jew" that turned into a 4-volume book. His antisemitic ideas came from outside the US (Germany) and he influenced Americans as a great manufacturer, promoter of peace and antisemite.

The first article in "The International Jew" drew directly on ideas from *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. The Protocols is a fraudulent, influential book that brings together many antisemitic ideas and conspiracy theories in a single source.

"During the era of Ford's greatest fame, antisemitism was on the rise in the United States. Historically, Jews often have been accused of controlling politics and the world economy for their own advantage. During the 1920s, lies also took hold in the United States about Jews manipulating the media for their own advantage; promoting vice and crime; and undermining morality by producing movies, jazz music, and comic books."

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The first installment of *The Dearborn Independent's* antisemitic series was published on May 22, 1920. It led with the banner headline: "The International Jew: The World's Problem." The article was filled with antisemitic conspiracy theories. It asked readers to consider how Jews, who made up only 3 percent of the US population, came to be in a position of "control." Ford's paper answered that Jews secretly manipulated governments and financial markets. It also claimed that Jews collectively acted in the best interests of their own people instead of in the best interests of the countries in which they lived.

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