

## Nuclear Culture in the 1950s

*Record your impressions of 1950s (and early 1960s) bomb shelter mania as we watch some scenes from “Atomic Café” and as we listen to “Thirteen Women” and “Great Atomic Power.”*

### Fallout Can Be Fun:

#### How the Cold War Civil Defense Program Became Farce

By David Greenberg, *Slate* magazine (see website for link)

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**Post War Hopes; Cold War Fears (18:20-29:30)**

**Directions:** Please answer the questions below as we watch the film.

1. In 1949, what happened in China?
2. What questions persisted in Washington?
3. How did Washington respond to security threats?
4. Why was Hollywood investigated?
5. What happened if you were accused and you refused to cooperate?

6. Who was Alger Hiss? Who testified against him?

7. How did movies begin to reflect this paranoia?

8. What became the best defense?

9. What was McCarthyism? What tactics did he use?

10. According to Lattimore, what tactic was used by McCarthy?

11. How was McCarthy finally stopped?

12. Why wasn't McCarthy stopped sooner?