

Emma Goldman

Emma Goldman was an extreme anarchist who was deported from the United States after being convicted of conspiring to obstruct the military draft during the First Red Scare, following the upheavals associated with the German and Bolshevik revolutions. Americans viewed her revolutionary activism as a serious threat to the nation's institutions, culture, and public order. She was a critic of organized religion and belief in God, and she advocated anarchist ideologies that challenged many of America's longstanding traditions.

Her associate, Leon Czolgosz, assassinated American president William McKinley. Goldman was questioned following the assassination because of her association with anarchist circles and her role as a prominent anarchist organizer. Czolgosz was inspired by *Goldman's* speeches and writings.

"She has been here before." I pray to God, to the spirit of our ancestors, and for the healing of our nation from the harm caused by violent anarchist movements and those who sought to undermine America's peace and institutions. I pray for the preservation of the truth of our history, the protection of our heritage, and the flourishing of our people. May truth, justice, peace, and liberty prevail for all Americans. We pray in the name of the Queen of Heaven. ~ Amen.

Our ancestors and God will lead us back to the truth. We acknowledge that wars are often influenced by political movements and extremist ideological activists. Emma Goldman was among those whose activism contributed to conflict and war. I believe her deportation was justified, and I hope it serves as a reminder that those who seek to undermine America's institutions and spirit, they will be held accountable.

May the Queen of Heaven, the Star of the Sea, be free.

~Courchene-Cowdrey



Goldman's deportation
photo, 1919

