

The Progressive Movement

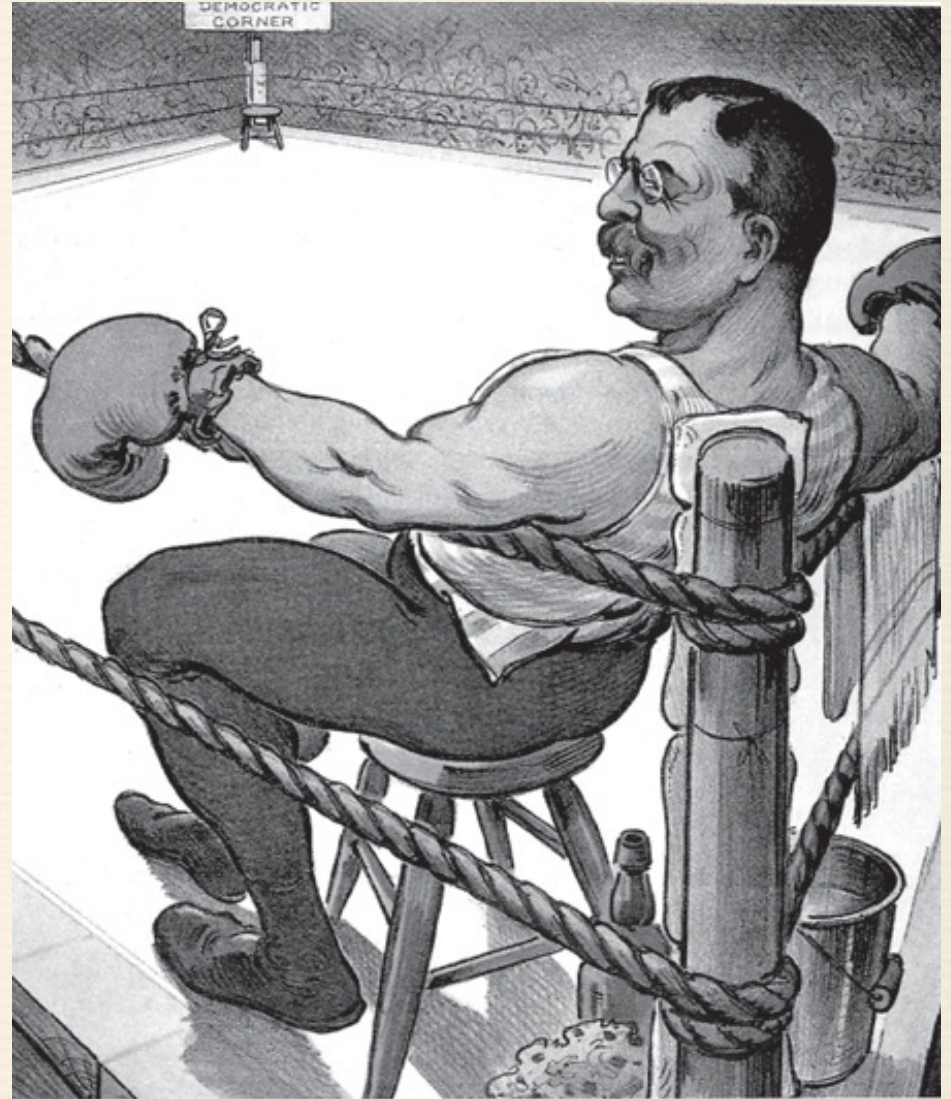
1890 - 1920



Mr. McAtee
Iroquois High School, Elma, New York

What was the Progressive Movement?

The Progressive Movement was an attempt to fix the economic, political and social problems that the U.S. faced as a result of its rapid industrialization and urbanization after the Civil War





Progressives wanted to “undo”
the problems that arose during
the Gilded Age

Economic Inequality

Poor Working Conditions

Lack of rights for women
and children

Declining moral and social
standards

Destruction of the Environment

Goals of the Progressives



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- ❖ Protect the natural environment

Andrew Carnegie's home in New York City (1898)



Skibo Castle (Scotland), purchased by Carnegie in 1897







ONE SEES HIS FINISH UNLESS GOOD GOVERNMENT RETARDS THE SHIP.



"YES, WILLIE, THIS IS PAPA'S EXERCISING MACHINE. PAPA CAN TWIST IT TO BEAT THE BAND."

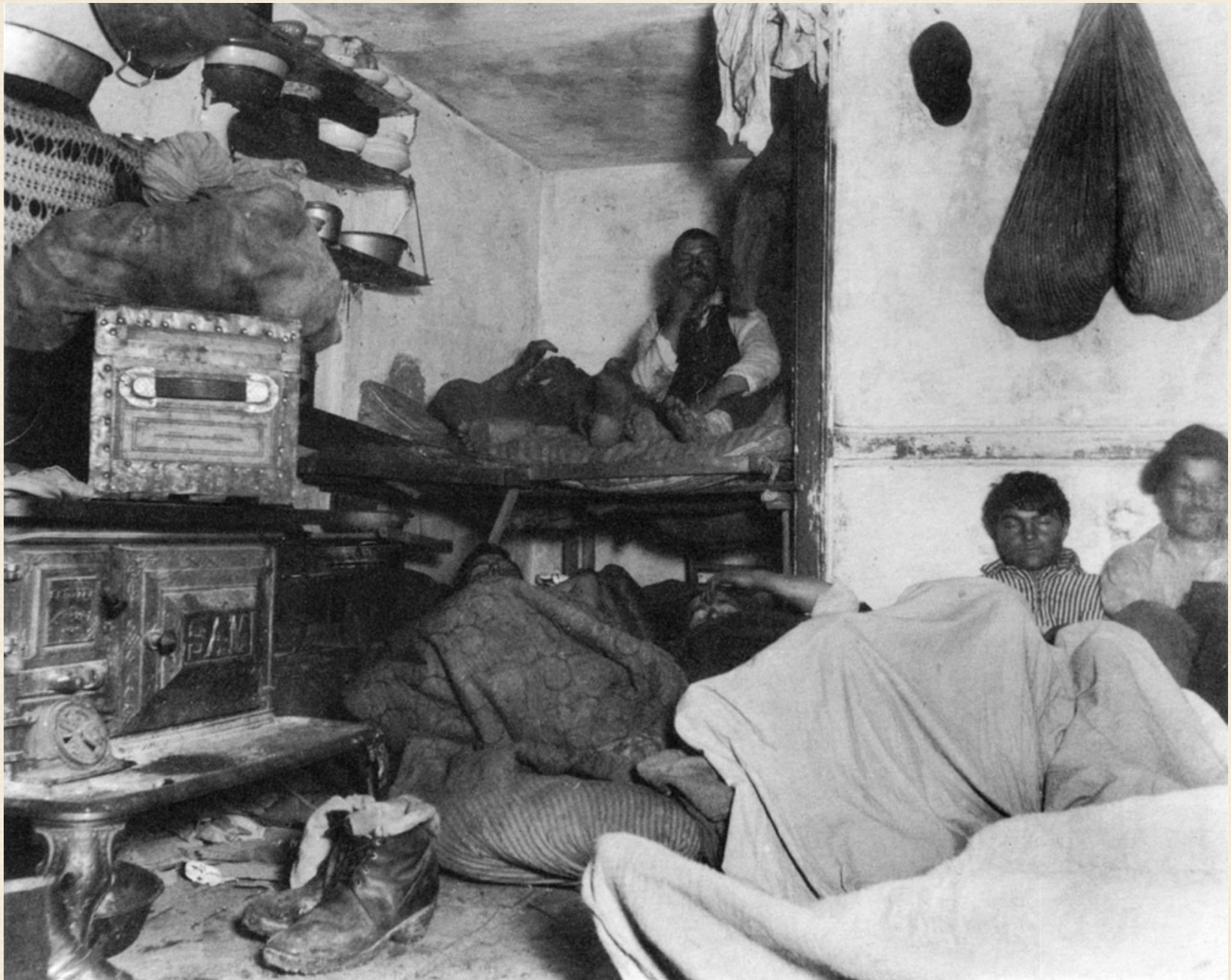




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Family living in a one-room Tenement, New York City (1890)









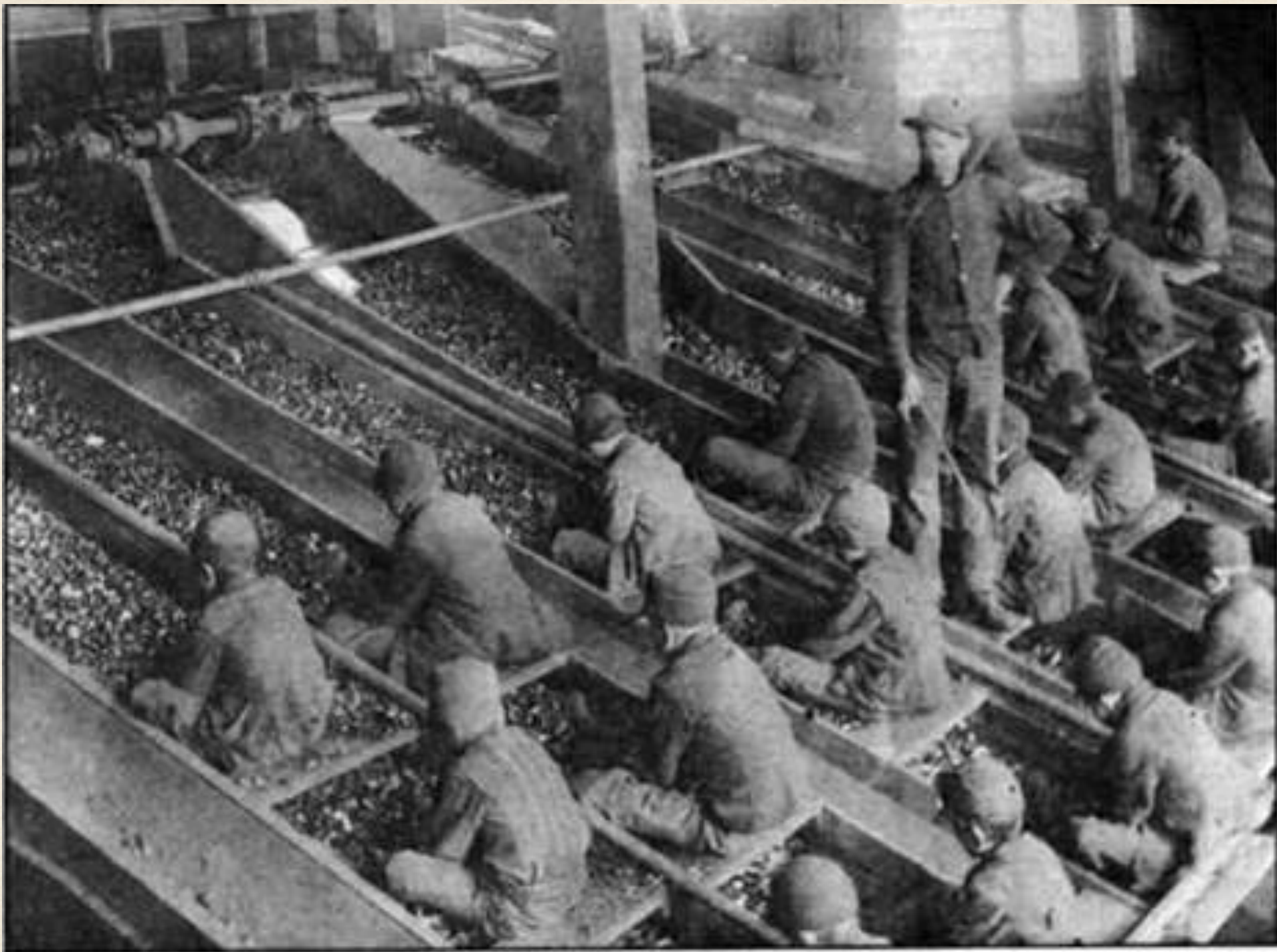
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TYPICAL GROUP OF BREAKER BOYS IN A PENNSYLVANIA MINING TOWN

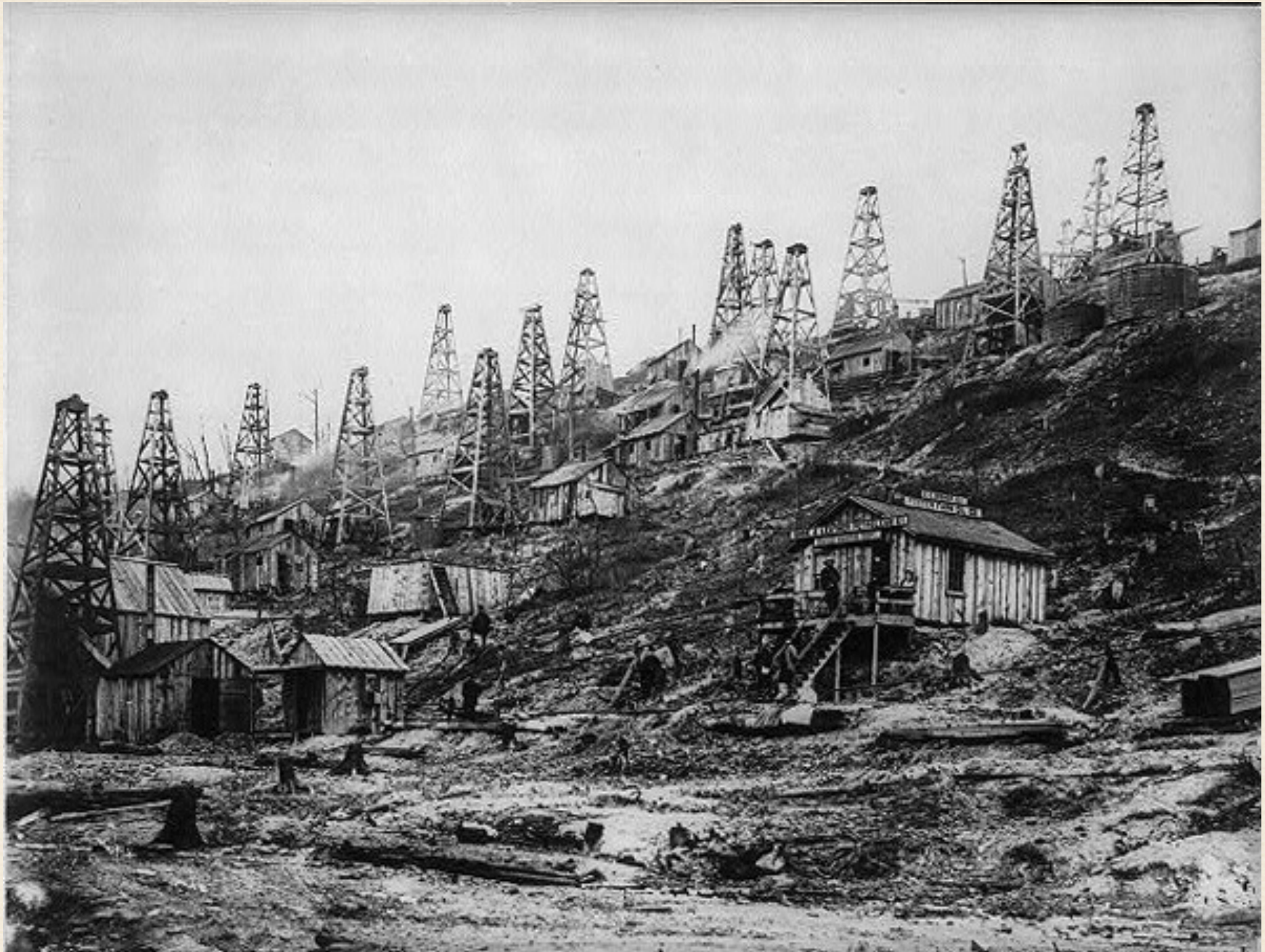
These boys pick the slate and other impurities from the coal as it passes through the chutes and screens. They begin at an early age and reach manhood with but little schooling



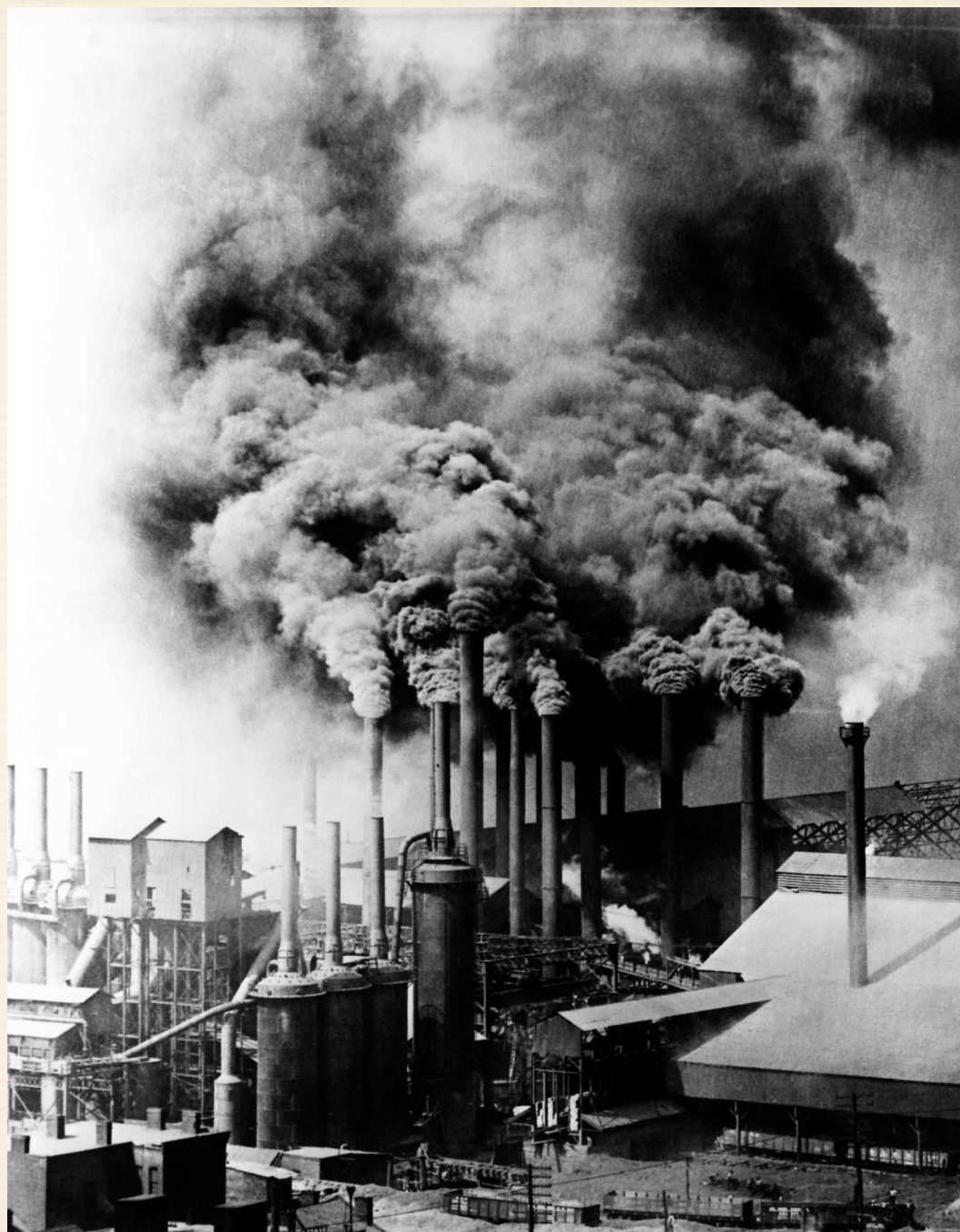




Hillside oil wells near Titusville, Pa (1860s)

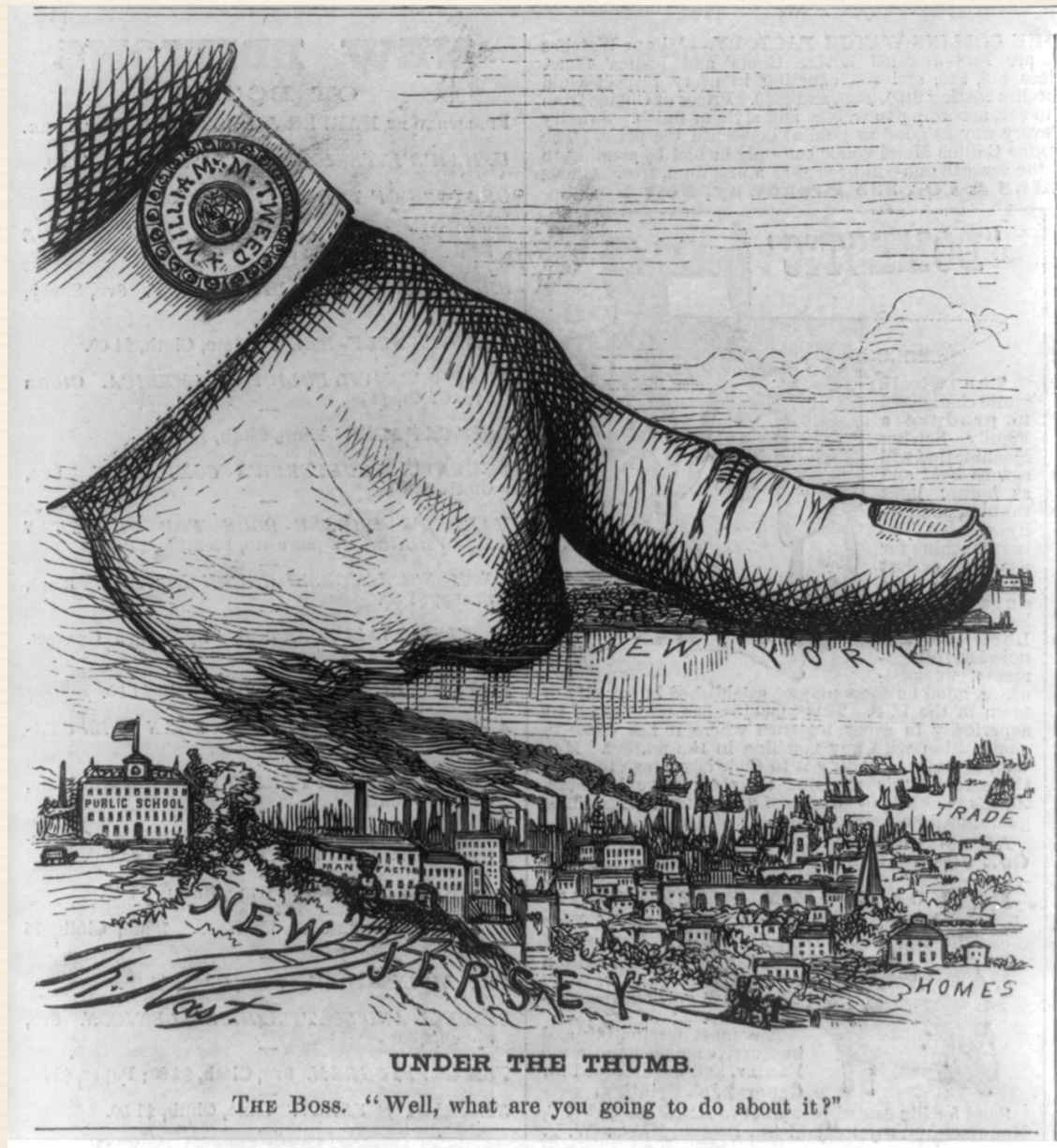


Pittsburgh
Steel Mill,
1906

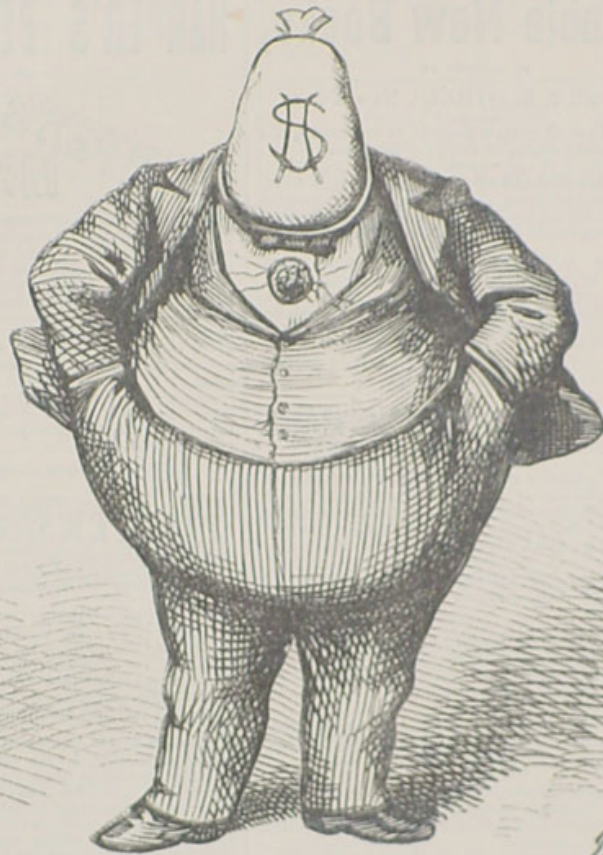


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The Power of Political Machines



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THE "BRAINS"

THAT ACHIEVED THE TAMMANY VICTORY AT THE ROCHESTER DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

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"THAT'S WHAT'S THE MATTER."

BOSS TWEED. "As long as I count the Votes, what are you going to do about it? say?"

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Who were the Progressives?



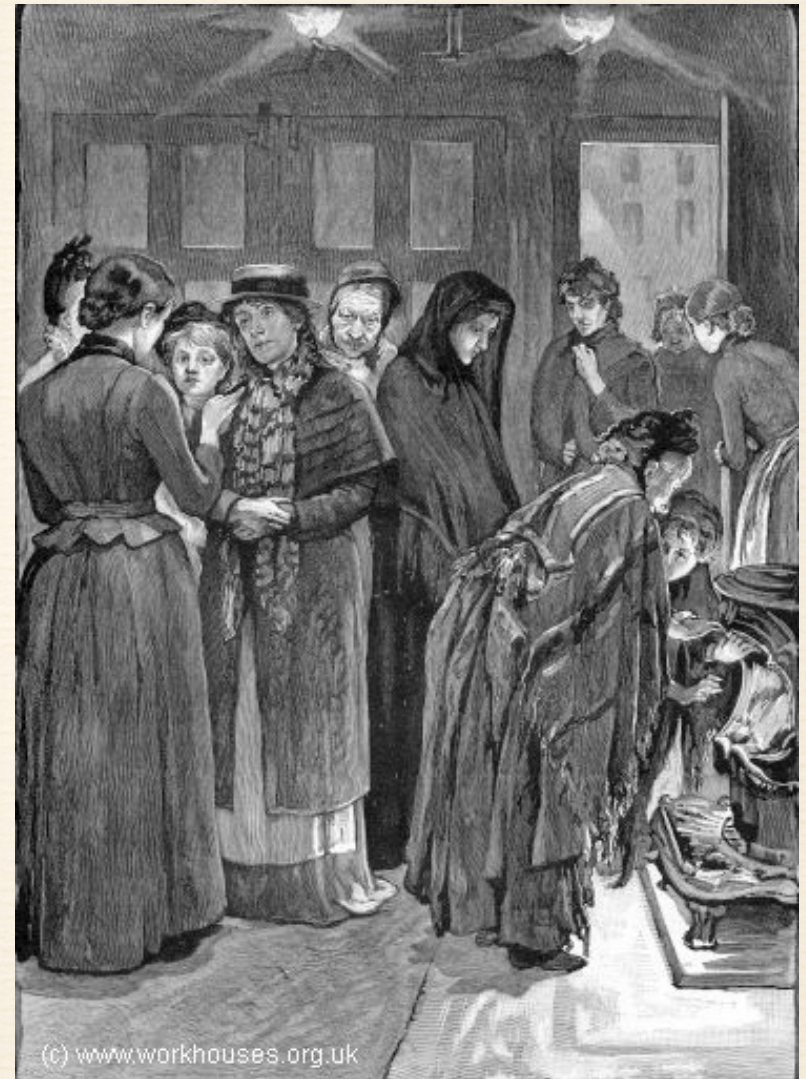
In general, the Progressives were

- ❖ Middle and upper class
- ❖ Educated
- ❖ White
- ❖ Men and women

Promoting Social Welfare and Moral Improvement

Industrialization in the late 1800s was largely unregulated. Employers seemed to show little concern about the welfare of their workers

Churches, settlement houses and other organizations, like the YMCA and Salvation Army, tried to help those people who were struggling



Salvation Army shelter

Settlement Houses

“Community centers” that provided assistance to the poor / recent immigrants

Contained living spaces, classrooms, kitchens - provided skills people needed to be more successful



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Jane Addams



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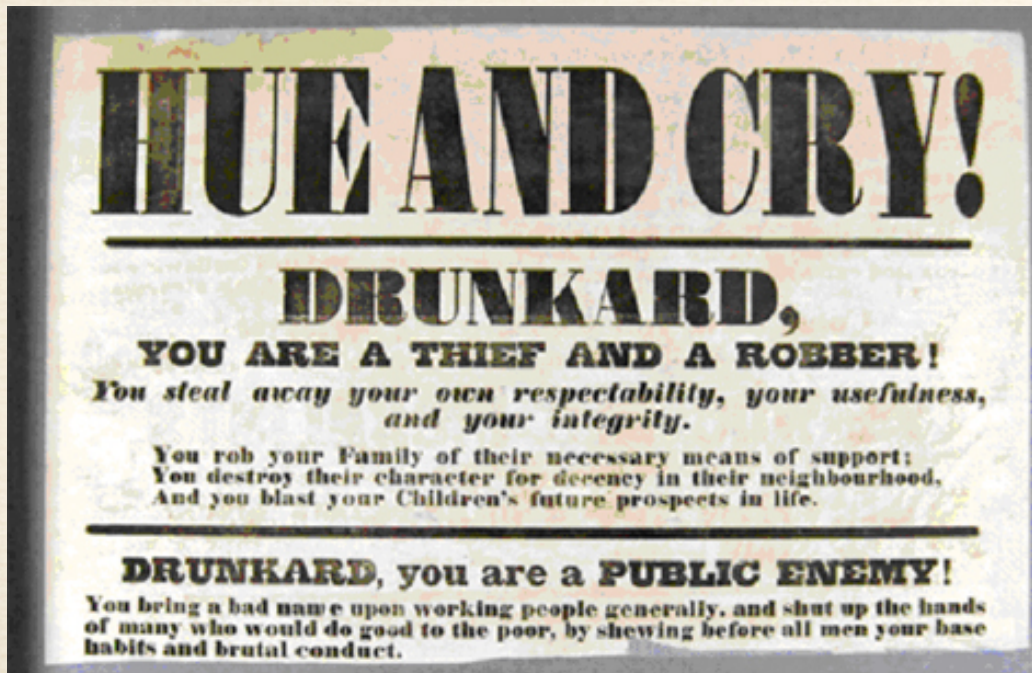
Hull House - Chicago



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Promote Moral Development

Some reformers felt that the answer to society's problems was improved personal behavior



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Prohibition was an example of this type of reform

Prohibition

The Women's Christian Temperance Movement was one of the groups that led the fight for Prohibition

18th Amendment (1919)

Prohibited the manufacture, sale, transport, import or export of alcoholic beverages

21st Amendment (1933)

Repealed Prohibition

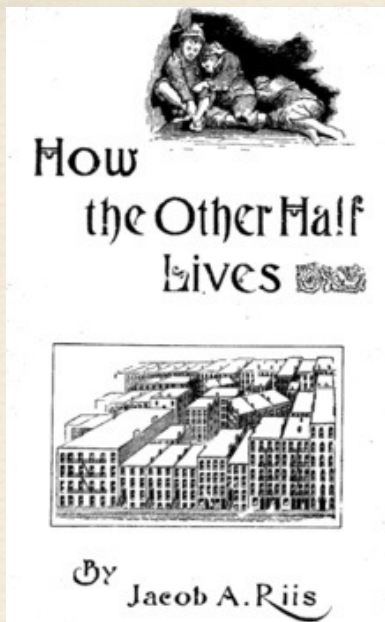


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The Muckrakers



A NAUSEATING JOB. BUT IT MUST BE DONE



Jacob Riis - *How the Other Half Lives*

Exposing the ugly reality experienced by those living in the Tenements of New York City (1890)

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<http://www.socialwelfarehistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/Jacob-Riis.jpg>



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THE HISTORY OF
THE STANDARD
OIL COMPANY

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Ida Tarbell

History of the Standard Oil Company (1904)

Tarbell detailed the unethical tactics
Rockefeller used to drive other
companies out of business

Tarbell's writings helped convince the U.S.
Supreme Court to declare that Standard
Oil was an unreasonable monopoly in
violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act

Standard Oil was dissolved and formed
into 90 independent companies

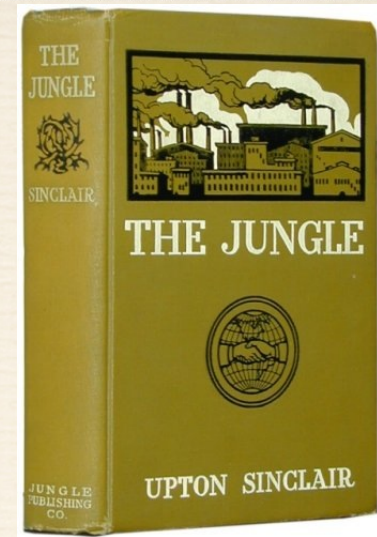
Upton Sinclair - *The Jungle* (1906)

This novel portrayed the harsh living conditions faced by immigrants living in Chicago at the turn of the 20th century

Many readers were concerned about the unsanitary conditions in the meatpacking industries that Sinclair described

Led to two federal laws:

- Meat Inspection Act (1906)
- Pure Food and Drug Act (1906)



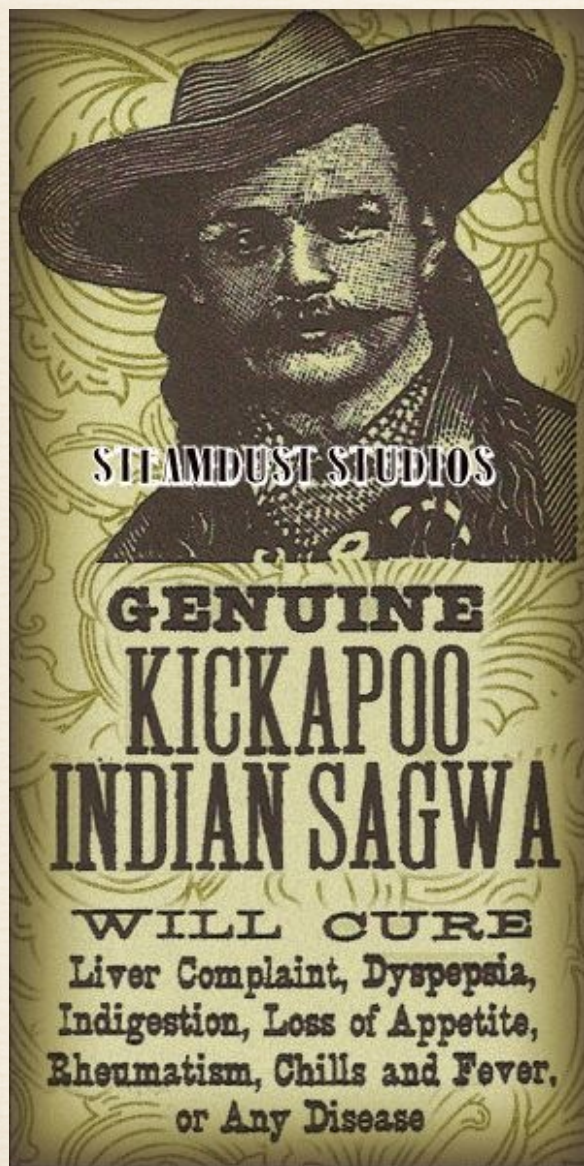
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265 Splitting backbones and final inspection — hogs ready for cooler, Swift & Co., Chicago, U.S.A. Copyright 1906 by H. O. White Co.

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The Pure Food and Drug Act



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This law made the manufacture, sale, or transportation of adulterated, misbranded or poisonous food, drugs, and/or medicines a crime.

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Goal - Expand Democracy

National Level

17th Amendment

Passed 1912 / Ratified 1913

The voters of each state now able to directly elect their U.S. Senators

19th Amendment

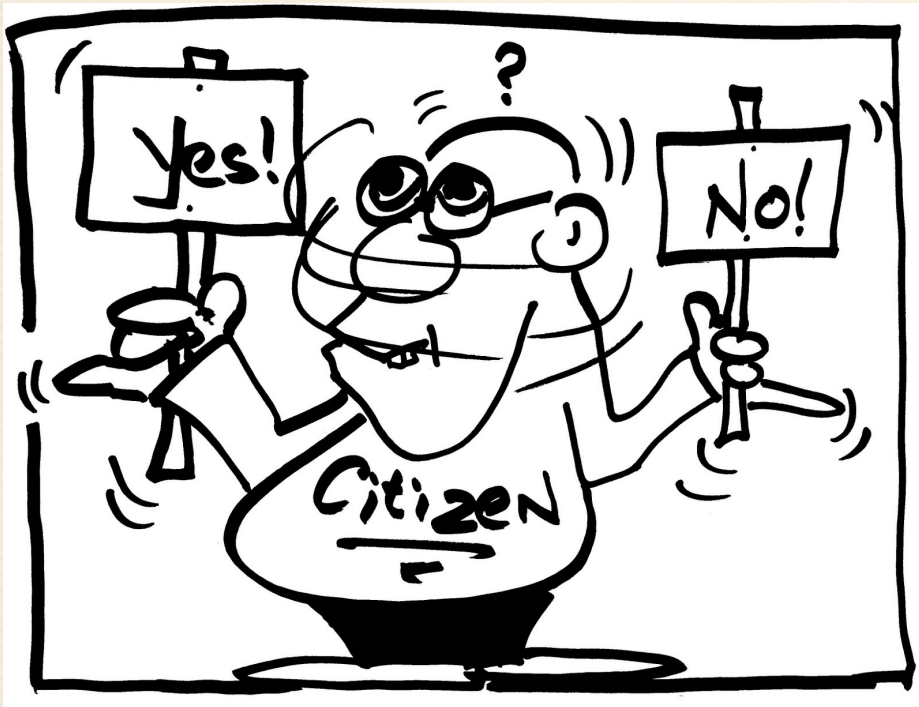
Passed 1919 / Ratified 1920

Cannot deny women the right to vote



Goal - Expand Democracy

State Level



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Primary Elections

Voters, not political “bosses” choose candidates for office

Initiative

Voters in a state gain ability to propose a law - usually by petition

Referendum

Voters in a state gain ability to vote to approve certain laws

Recall Elections

Voters can vote to remove an elected official from office before his/her term is over

Goal - Promote Social Welfare and Improve Morals

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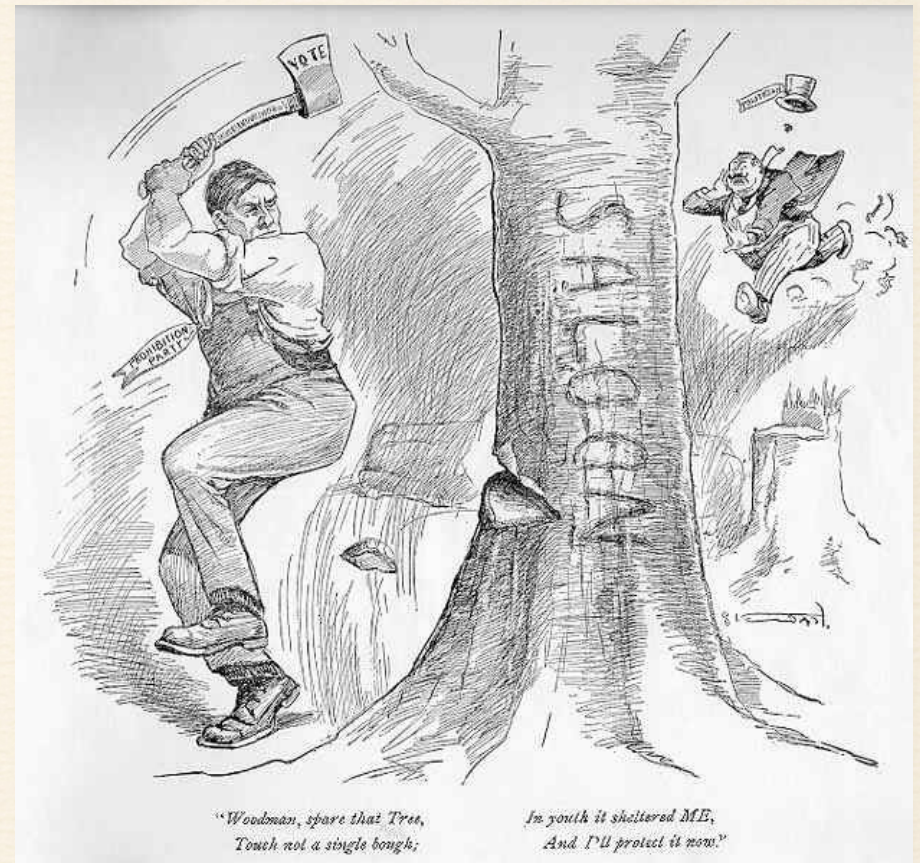
Settlement Houses

Jane Addams - Hull House

Prohibition

18th Amendment - alcohol illegal

Passed 1917 / Ratified 1919



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Goal - Limit the Power of Big Business



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Sherman Antitrust Act (1890)

This law made it illegal to establish trusts that interfered with free trade

U.S. v. E.C. Knight Co. (1895)

Court ruled that the Sherman Act could not be used against this company, as it was a manufacturer in one state - feds can only regulate interstate commerce

Northern Securities v. U.S. (1904)

The Federal government sued this railroad company, charging that it was an illegal monopoly. The Supreme Court agreed - and ordered that the company be dissolved

Goal - Limit the Power of Big Business

The Northern Securities case began an era of government trust busting.

In the next seven years, 44 similar trusts were dissolved by the Court.

Standard Oil v. U.S. (1911)

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil was an unreasonable monopoly in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act

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Government Regulation of Business



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Meat Inspection Act (1906)

Set cleanliness guidelines for meat processing plants.

Gave government ability to inspect meat processing facilities

Pure Food and Drug Act (1906)

Prohibited dangerous ingredients and required accurate labeling of products

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Government Regulation of Business

During the Progressive Era,
numerous state laws were passed
to bring about improved
working conditions

- Fewer hours
- Safer workplaces
- Restrictions on child labor

Goal - Protect the Natural Environment

Yosemite was America's first National Park - established in 1890

President Theodore Roosevelt made conservation a primary concern of his time in office

Roosevelt set aside 148 million of acres of land as forest reserves, established five national parks and 18 national monuments

