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- Most progressives were native born, middle/upper class, and college educated
- "sense of responsibility"

Women and Progressivism

- Women drawn to movement
- Wanted to influence politics
- More women were going to college
- Desire to earn right to vote

Progressive Issues:

- 1. Workplace hours and safety--wanted 8 hour workday
- 2. Limit monopolies
- 3. End child labor
- 4. Minimum wage
- 5. Stop corrupt politicians
- 6. Stop social injustice (help the helpless)



Muckraking: when a member of the media "rakes" up "muck"

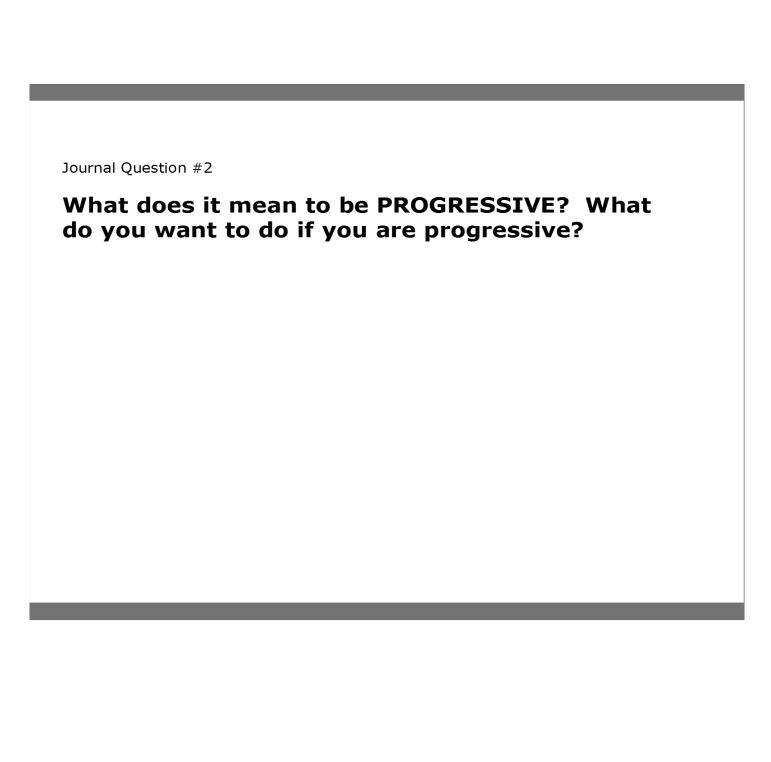
• Investigative journalism

Expose the filth in business, politics, and society
1902: Ida Tarbell ran "History of the Standard Oil Company"

• 1906: Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle"







Section 2: Reforming the New Industrial World

Reforming the Workplace

- 1910: avg. man worked 10 hrs/day, 6 days/week, \$1.50/day
- Women and children made less
- Female "pieceworkers" could be penalized for working too fast
- Women and children had nobody to help them
- By 1912 most states banned children from working over 10 hour shifts or overnight
- Some states required children to read/write before they could work
- 1938: Fair Labor Standards Act: created 1st minimum wage (40 cents per hour) and banned dangerous child labor

The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire



- 1911
- NYC
- 500 workers (mostly Jewish & Italian women) in 10 story building
- Fire started in rag bin
- Owners kept doors locked
- 60 workers were jumping from windows
- 140 total workers died
- Angered most Americans
- Led to demand to improve safety for workers

Progressivism and the Supreme Court

Muller v. Oregon: 1908: SC ruled that workers cannot be forced to work long hours b/c it is unsafe

Labor Unions

- Labor union: group of workers that fight for rights of workers
 - Closed Shop: a workplace that requires all workers to join a union
 - From 1900-1920: union membership jumped from 1 million to 5 million workers
- American Federation of Labor (AFL)
 - Largest labor union
 - Only allowed skilled workers
- International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU)
 - Immigrant women in sewing shops
 - Nov. 1909: "Uprising of 20,000"
 - Got pay raises and reduced hours for women in sewing shops
- Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)
 - Opened up to unskilled workers, African Americans, Asians, and Hispanics
 - Led violent protests against capitalism
 - Supported socialism

Section 3: Reforming Society

Reforming City Life

- Progressives wanted to clean up tenements & slums
- A beautiful city makes better citizens (HOW?)
- NY in 1901: **Tenement House Act**
 - New buildings had to have an open courtyard
 - One bathroom for every apartment
- MA in 1908: required all cities with over 10,000 to vote for a park
- Some opposed the idea of public parks for poor--causes crime



Moral Reform: desire to clean up "immoral behavior"

Prohibition: ban on making, sale, and transportation of alcohol

 Anti-Saloon League: members spread the word that alcohol was the "parent of crimes and mother of sins"

- Woman's Christian Temperance Union: led national push for "temperance" (act of self-restraint)
- 18th Amendment: proposal to ban sale, making, and transportation of alcohol nationwide
 - Passed in 1919
 - Very unpopular and hard to enforce
 - Much more to come on this next week
- Progressives even hit our movie theatres saying movies were TAGAINSTINE SA too "steamy"--wanted them censored





Progressivism & Racial Discrimination

- W.E.B. DuBois: raised in MA w/ white & black kids
 - Well-educated; 1st black man to become Doctor from Harvard
 - Became a professor
 - Became vocal advocate of civil rights
 - Argued blacks should go to college
 - \$ was the only way to make someone equal
 - Helped create National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
 - Filed lawsuits to help black citizens
- National Urban League: created in 1911
 - Helped blacks find better jobs and homes in cities





Immigi	rants & Assimilation	
• Am	nericanization: how we made foreign-born people citizer	าร
	 Assimilation: making outsiders act and look like every else (MELTING POT) 	one
	 Taught them English, US history, and Christianity 	



