Alcohol/Sin: Moral Reform

- Alcohol undermining America
  - **Group/Individual:** Women’s Christian Temperance Union
  - **Francis Willard**
  - **Action:** Moderation towards Alcohol use (Temperance Movement)
  - **Group:** Anti-Saloon League
  - **Action:** Lobbying Congress for Prohibition
Solution: 18th Amendment
Who do you think the woman on the horse represents?

What is the artist’s message?

*Source: Currier and Ives, Library of Congress, 19th century.*
Alcohol/Sin: Moral Reform

• **Group:** Purity Crusaders
  
  • **Action:** Improve people’s moral Character by protesting prostitution, gambling, drugs and other vices becoming big business in cities

  – **Action:** fought against things as the sending of obscene materials through the mail, information about birth control, and political machines

• **Anthony Comstock**
Solution: Comstock Laws

Illegal to use the US Postal Service to mail immoral materials
Immigrants and Americanization

Immigration to the U.S.: 1820-2010

- 1820-1830
- 1831-1840
- 1841-1850
- 1851-1860
- 1861-1870
- 1871-1880
- 1881-1890
- 1891-1900
- 1901-1910
- 1911-1920
- 1921-1930
- 1931-1940
- 1941-1950
- 1951-1960
- 1961-1970
- 1971-1980
- 1981-1990
- 1991-2000
- 2001-2010
**Individual:** Jane Addams

**Action:** Settlement House Movement

**Immigration / Americanization**
Solution: Immigration Act, 1917

Restricting “Undesirables”
Immigration / Americanization

• Progressive Solution:
  – Immigration Act, 1917: intended to restrict “undesirables” those with mental/physical illnesses, prostitutes, from undesirable places, anarchists, and illiterate people.

• Social Darwinist supported this “scientific racism”
Poverty: The Muckrackers (1)
The Big Picture

In the absence of government regulation, Progressive writers and photographers called Muckrakers exposed the evils of the Gilded Age, encouraging Americans to demand government reform.
(early 1900s) Popular, cheap magazines (McClure’s, Cosmopolitan, Collier’s, Everybody’s) dug up dirt on trusts and Gilded Age problems (exposés boosted sales)
Poverty: Jacob Riis (2)

- Muckraker, Photojournalist

Action Taken: He published "How the Other Half Lives" with his photographs from the Riis Collection.
Social Reform/Poverty: Lewis Hines (3)

Action: Photojournalist exposed child labor conditions for Congress
Solution: 16th Amendment

Graduated Income tax: redistribution of wealth
Poverty:

**Salvation Army**

- **William Booth**
  - **Action:** Founder and first General of The Salvation Army

**YMCA(4)**

- **YMCA:** Started in England by George Williams
  - **Problem:** A refuge of Bible study and prayer for young men moving to cities and escape from the hazards of life on the streets
  - 1851 opened the first YMCA in Boston

Philanthropists saw them as places for wholesome recreation that would preserve youth
Solution: Philanthropy
Poverty: Economic Reform

• Eugene V. Debs (5)
  – Monopolies/trusts exploiting workings
  – Oppose outright capitalism, government should own/operate major industries
  – Equality of all workers

Action: Founder of the American Socialist Party
Poverty: Economic Reform

• Upton Sinclair (6)
  – **Action:** *The Jungle*
  about socialism

• Socialism
Solution: Meat Inspection Act
Pure Food and Drug Act
Social Darwinism

• The weak in society should be allowed to die
  – Poor/less able & willing
  – Small companies

• The strong survive
  – Wealthy/ more able
  – Large companies: monopolies & trusts
Solution: Social Gospel

- **Group:** Christian Churches
- **Action:** The lessons in the Gospels can be applied to solve societies problems and promoted ideals such as social justice “What would Jesus do?”
- **Andrew Carnegie**
  - **Action:** His Book: *Gospel of Wealth*
Social Darwinism

• **Individual:** Herbert Spencer

• **Action:** Society became better because only the fittest people survived: “survival of the fittest”

• Industrialist used this to justify laissez-faire capitalism