Child Labor

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH
The Second Industrial Revolution
Mary Harris “Mother” Jones

Action: Organized the United Mine Workers Union, fought for Child labor laws

Solution: New Child Labor Laws and Compulsory Education
New Child Labor Laws
Progressive Solution

• National Child Labor Committee
  – Smith-Hughes Act
    • Schools had to add vocational programs

• Keating-Owen Act and Tax on Employment of Child Labor
  – Both declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court
  – Business cut child labor in half by 1920
Suffrage
National Women’s Suffrage Association (NWSA)

• Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony
NWSA

• **Action:** Tried to vote under 15\textsuperscript{th} Amendment  
  – *Minor v. Happersett*

• **Action:** Introduced suffrage amendments every year in Congress starting in 1878
American Women’s Suffrage Association (AWSA)

- Lucy Stone and Julia Ward Howe

**Action:** Worked for suffrage at the state level. Was somewhat successful
National American Women Suffrage Association (NAWSA)

- **Action:** Worked for suffrage at the national and state level. Supported legislators who supported suffrage and worked to defeat those who opposed
  - Pushed for a Constitutional Amendment
National Woman’s Party (NWP)

- Alice Paul and Lucy Burns
Action: Non-violent demonstrations
• Picketed
• Conducted hunger strikes
• Chained themselves to fences/light posts
• Got arrested
Force feeding a suffragette
Anti-Suffrage Movement

- Women would corrupt politics
- Women are emotional creatures incapable of making sound political decisions
- Women would stop marrying, having children, the home would suffer
Progressive Solution: 19th Amendment

Giving women the right to vote
Equal Rights Amendment
1\textsuperscript{st} proposed to Congress in 1923

- Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

- Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

- Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.
Trusts / Robber Barons
Trusts: Ida Tarbell

- Muckracker, Writer

**Action Taken:** Wrote--*The History of Standard Oil Company and expose of the ruthless tactics Rockefeller and Standard Oil took creating the largest oil monopoly in the nation’s history*

- Included the events that had so greatly impacted her family and others in their area decades earlier
Trust Buster

Who is portrayed here?

Who is he “hunting”?

Who/What is the live bear?

What is he intending to do with the live bear?

What is the artist conveying about his intentions towards the various trusts?

Source: Triumph of the American Nation, Harcourt Brace
Progressive Solution: Clayton Antitrust Act

Clarified the Sherman Anti-Trust Act

Prevented practices by businesses that were anti-competitive:
• Price fixing
• Price discrimination
Political Machines & Corruption

More Politicians are addicted to GRAFT than any other cigarette!

SURGEON GENERAL’S WARNING: Quitting Corrupt Campaign Spending Now Greatly Reduces Risks to Your Democracy.
Progressives sought greater political weapons
Lincoln Steffens

• (Muckraker) **Action:** Uncovered political corruption in major cities and wrote--*The Shame of the Cities*
  – *About the stealing and use of graft*
Robert “Fighting Bob” La Follette

- **Action**: Wanted government to be responsive to the people (populism). Fought election reforms and populist action
Solution #1: Direct Primaries
People vote for their parties candidates (not chose by party elites)
Corrupt Senators
Before 17th Amendment

President

Presidential Electors
(Electoral Collage)

Senators

State Legislators

Representatives

The People
Solution #2: 17th Amendment

People vote for State’s Senate Representatives
Solution #3: Secret Ballot

Destroyed political machine’s ability to control outcome of elections

"THAT'S WHAT THE MATTER."
Boss Tweed. "As long as I count the votes, what are you going to do about it, say?"
Solution #4: Initiative

Citizens introduce propose laws that the legislature must vote on
Solution #5: Referendum
Citizens vote on proposed laws directly that affect them (ex: tax changes)
Solution #6: Recall

Citizens vote on proposed laws directly that affect them (ex: tax changes)
Discrimination

The prejudicial treatment or consideration of a person, racial group, minority, etc., based on category rather than individuality, excluding or restricting members of society on the grounds of race, sex, or age.
Ida B. Wells

- Muckracker
- **Action:** Anti-Lynching Campaign and Co-Founder of the NAACP
Booker T. Washington

• **Action**: Tuskegee Institute and the Atlanta Compromise
  – Racism ends with useful skills and proven economic value
  – “gradual equality”
Anti-Discrimination Efforts

• W.E.B. DuBois
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  – **Action**: Niagara Movement, 1905 insisted blacks seek a liberal arts education—the “talented tenth”
  – free to pursue a college education and demand equality in all areas of life.
  – college-educated African American would have the best chance to stop discrimination
    • African Americans should stop demanding equal rights and through compromise trying to get along with whites
  – NAACP: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People