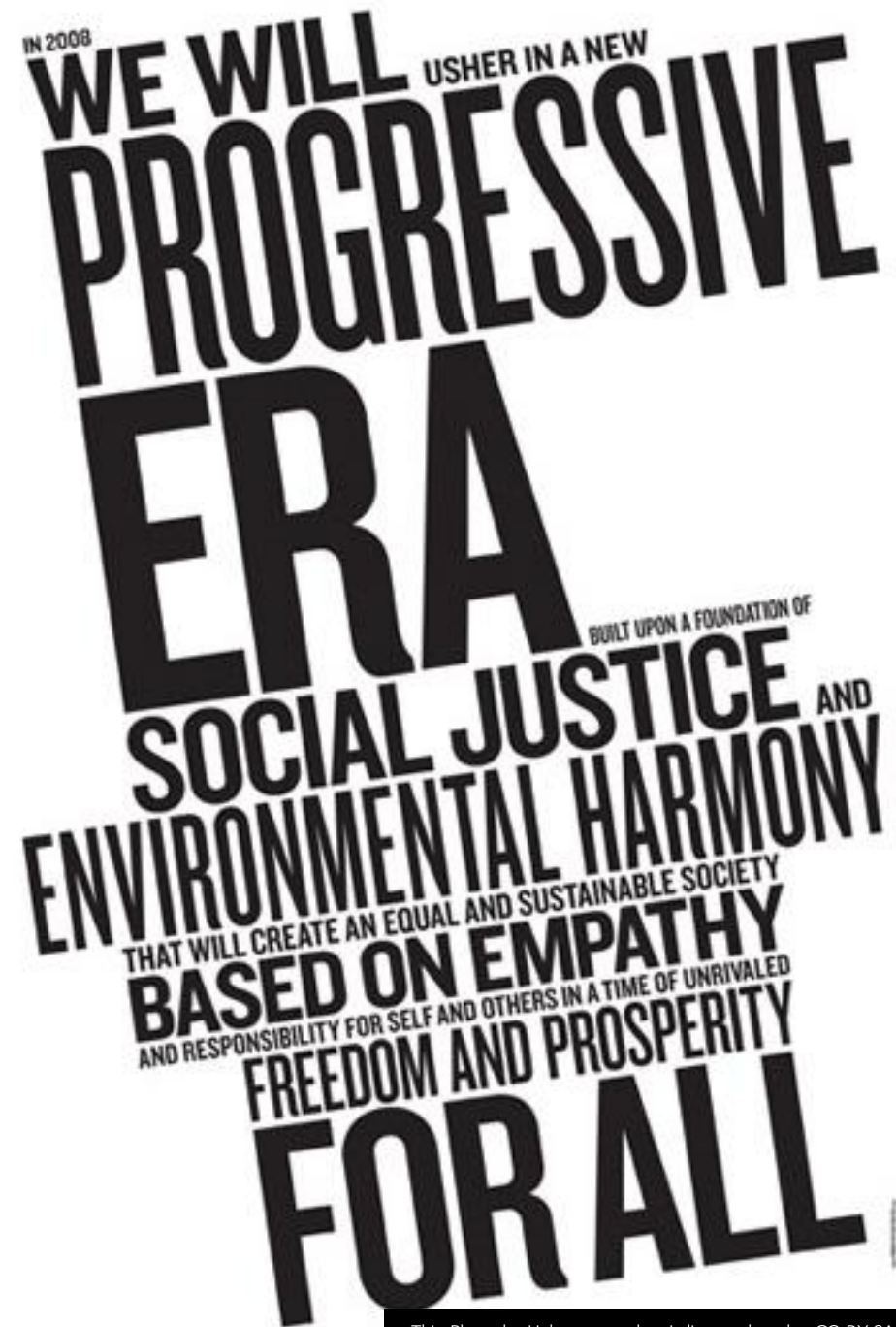




Progressivism

Unit 4



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Progressivism

A response to problems in American society that emerged from the growth of industry.

- Impact of years of laissez-faire policies.

Progressives wanted to right the wrongs of years of unchecked industrial growth.



Muckrakers: there was a lot of muck to rake!

A **muckraker** is a journalist who uncovers abuses and corruption in a society.

- Government Corruption
- Social Problems
- Unfair or Illegal Industry Practices

TR gave them the name because of their infatuation with scandal - stirring things up.

Government: Democratic Reforms

Direct Primary: a vote held by all members of a political party to decide their candidate for public office. (direct vote in general election).

Initiative: the right of citizens to place a measure or issue before the voters or the legislature for approval. (allows citizens to introduce legislation)

Legislation: a proposed law to be voted on by a governing body.

Referendum: the practice of letting voters accept or reject measures proposed by the legislature. (allows citizens direct vote on laws)

Recall: the right that enables voters to remove unsatisfactory elected officials from office. (demand a special election before term expires)



Womens' Suffrage: Right to Vote

Pioneers: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony

After years of protest, imprisonment, etc., the lengthy process towards ratifying a new constitutional amendment began.

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment went into effect giving women the right to vote.



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Progressives: Reforms

- Child Labor Laws
 - Minimum age for employment
 - Compulsory education laws
- Health and Safety Codes
 - Protect workers: workers compensation
 - Fire and Safety Codes: Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
 - Zoning laws and Building Codes
 - Sanitation

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U.S. IS VOTED DRY

36th STATE RATIFIES DRY AMENDMENT JAN. 16

Nebraska Noses Out Missouri for Honor of Completing Job of Writing Dry Act Into the Constitution; Wyoming, Wisconsin and Minnesota Right on Their Heels

JANUARY 16, 1919, MOMENTOUS DAY IN WORLD'S HISTORY

Ratification Accomplished in a Little Less Than Thirteen Months with Three States More Than the Required Three-Fourths. Resolution Given Period of Seven Years for the Completion of Task Remaining Done Expected to Join Their Sister States in This Act, With Possible Exception of New Jersey. United States Takes Initial Step in World-Wide Drive for Prohibition, State and National Leagues Now Give Earnest Attention to Law Enforcement Legislation

TWENTY-THREE STATES APPROVED ACT IN FIRST SIXTEEN DAYS OF 1919. IN 1918, 15; 9 IN CALLED SESSIONS

Editorial: With 23 States, National Prohibition Act Now in Force. Popularity of This Great Nation, Also Due to the Majority of Approving Voters in Legislature.

TOTAL VOTE "YES" ON THE ACT APPROVED, 3,870 WITH TOTAL OF 327 VOTES AGAINST MEASURE

Special of Twenty-four States United Work According to Act. Action Taken in Force and Made by the President. Acting Chairman of the House.

THIS IS HISTORY: FIRST TIME THE PROHIBITION OF SELLING THIS WINE, BEER, LIQUOR, AND OTHER DRINKS TO BE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES

The long struggle, which has been going on since the adoption of the constitution in 1787, has at last reached its goal. The prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors has been adopted by the states, and the act is now in force. The act is a landmark in the history of the nation, and it is a great day for the people of the United States.

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Progressives: Prohibition

Response to problems caused by alcohol use; progressives blames alcohol for many of society's problems.

- Women's Christian Temperance Union
- Anti-Saloon League

Prohibition: laws banning the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages. Support grew, resulting in a constitutional amendment in 1920.

Regulating Big Business



Roosevelt wanted to be a global economic power but also distrusted large concentrations of power.



Created a Federal agency to prevent big business from abusing its power - The Department of Commerce and Labor.

Food preparation
Upton Sinclair and
The Jungle
Meat Inspection
Act



Conservation and Environmental Protection

"To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed."

--Theodore Roosevelt

Conservation and Environmental Protection

System of National Parks

United States Forest Service

Newlands Reclamation Act

Bureau of Mines



Woodrow Wilson



Woodrow Wilson was an academic, who entered politics just before he was elected president in 1912.

Wilson was a reformer who used the Presidency to reform tariffs, the banking system, trusts, and workers' rights.



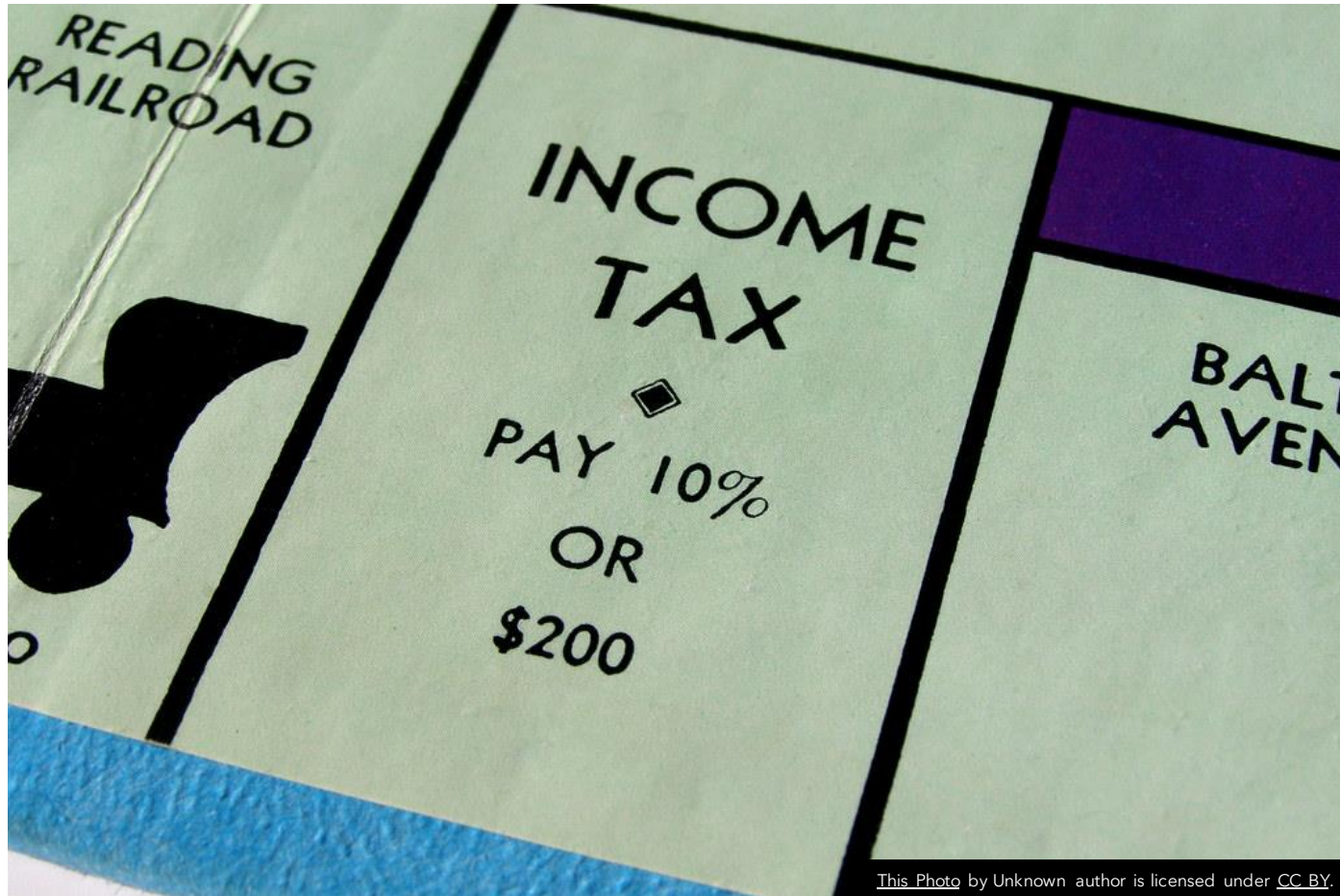
Income Taxes

The US Constitution allows for taxation:

Direct Taxation: imposed directly on a person or their property.

Indirect Tax: a tax that someone pays, but the tax burden falls on someone else.

Income Tax: a tax based on a person or businesses' net income (net = gross income - costs).



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16th Amendment: Income Tax

The 16th Amendment to the US Constitution allows the government to tax the income of its people and businesses.

Once the Open Frontier was gone (America's checking account), there was a need to find a way to raise money to operate the government.

Things Progressives Missed...

Progressives took a stand on safety, business regulation, and other social causes but not

- Racial Discrimination
- Religious Discrimination

