



The Progressive Presidents



Main Ideas

- The federal government **responded to grassroots reform efforts** by enacting progressive policies.
- Progressive reforms sought to established a greater degree of **democratic participation** and strengthening the power of the federal government to **regulate the economy**.
- Presidents **Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson** all instituted progressive policies, though they were bitter rivals.

Essential Questions

- How did the excesses of the Gilded Age contribute to the development of the Progressive Movement?
- What were the goals of Progressives, and what were their accomplishments?

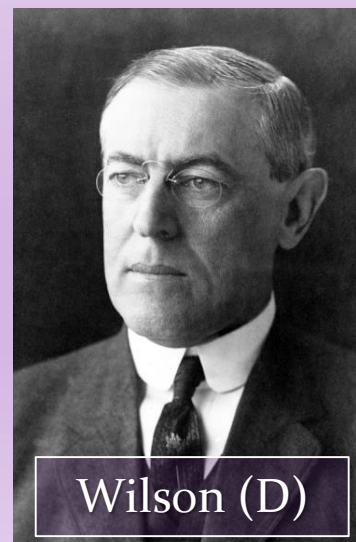
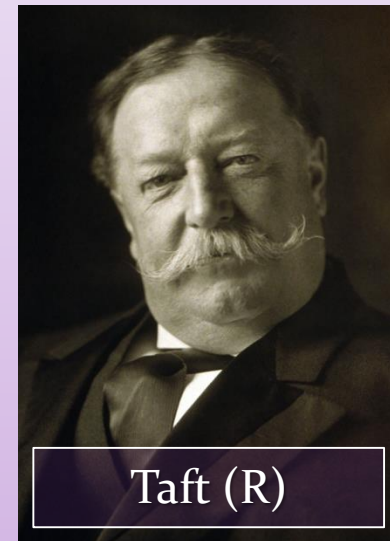
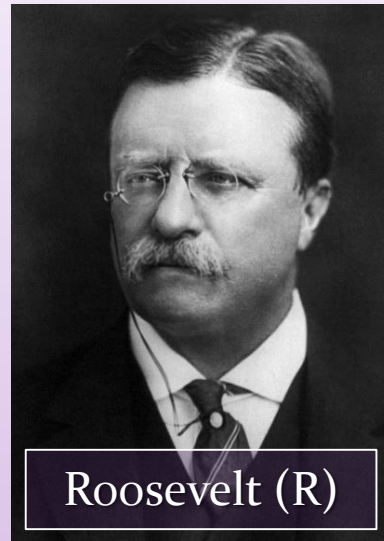


What is
Progressivism?

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Broad-Based Reforms

- Regulation of big business
- Labor protection
- Consumer protection
- Direct democracy
- Pragmatism & efficiency
- Education
- Women's rights
- Prohibition
- Environmentalism
- ...Civil rights?



Theodore Roosevelt (R)

1901-1909



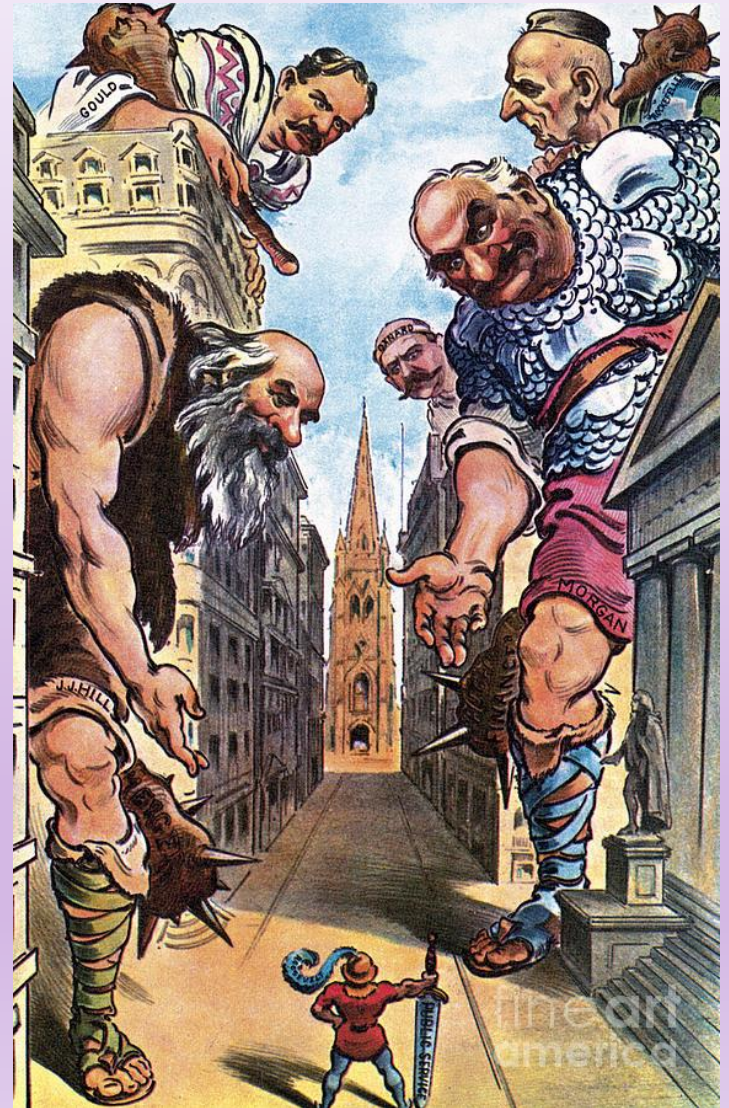
Coal Strike Resolved

- For the first time, the federal government acted as a neutral arbiter rather than siding with owners
 - Pay increase & shorter hours
 - But United Mine Workers were not recognized as bargaining agent



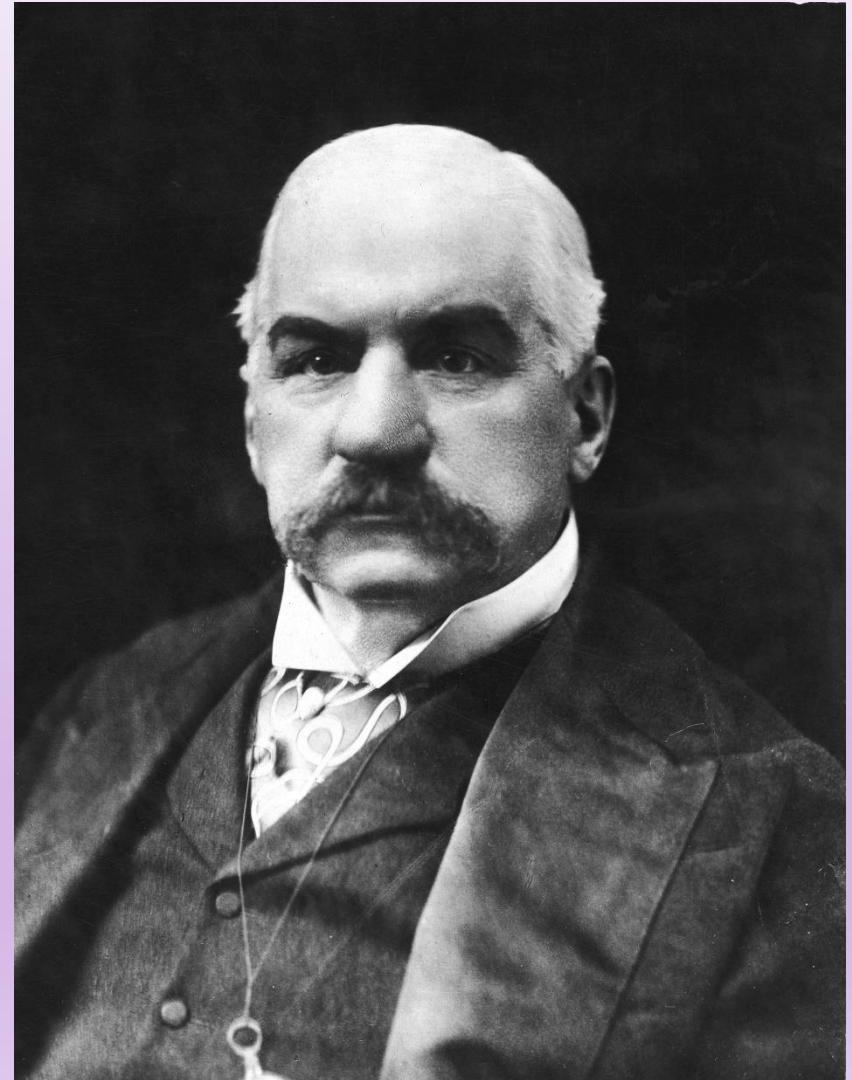
Trustbusting Under Roosevelt

- First president to enforce the 1890 Sherman Anti-Trust Act
- Initiated 44 anti-trust lawsuits
- “Good trusts” vs. “bad trusts”
- *Northern Securities v. U.S.*, 1904

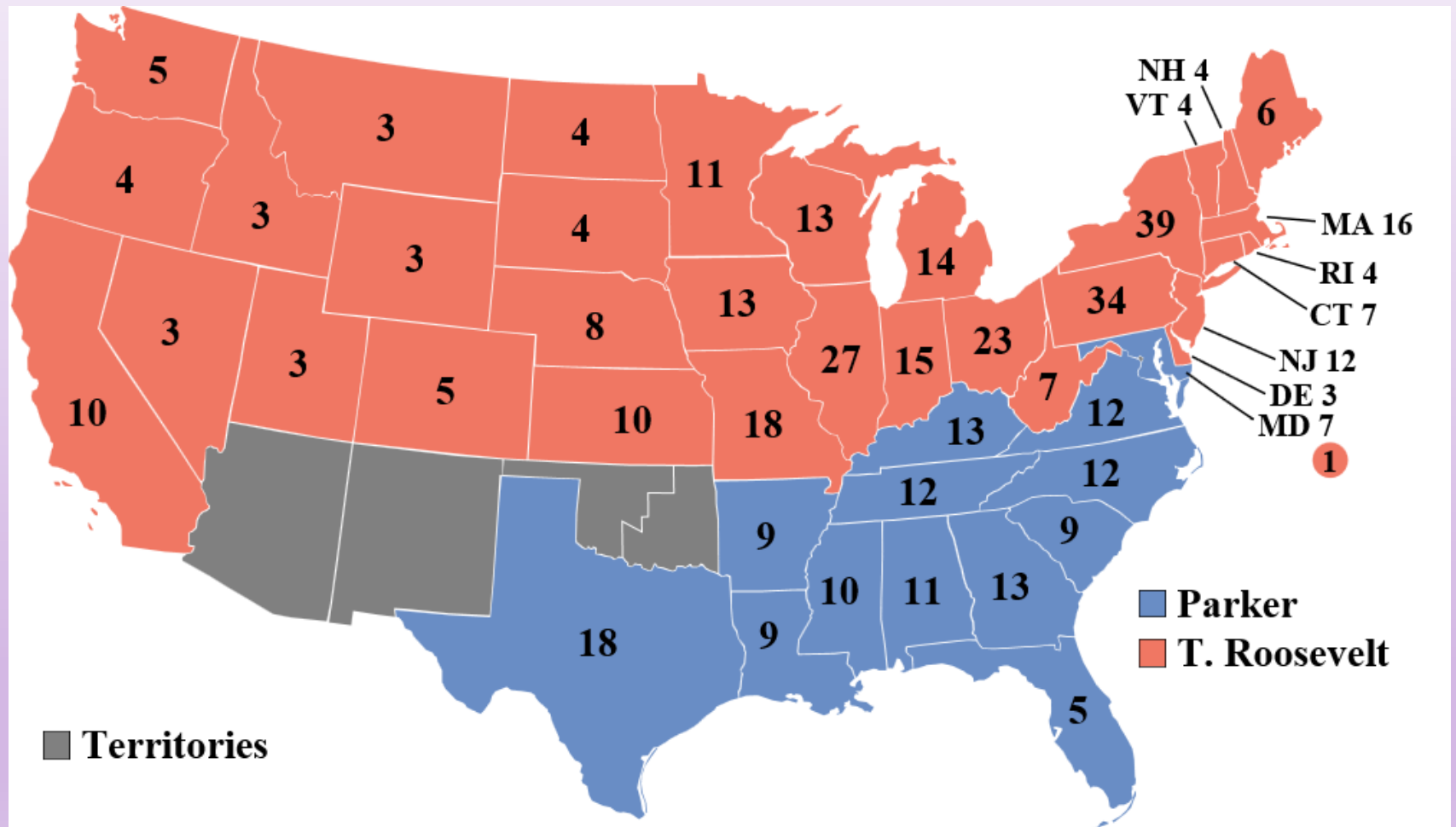


Northern Securities v. U.S., 1904

- “Holding company”
 - Railroad trust
 - Theodore Roosevelt vs. J.P. Morgan
- Enforcement of Sherman Anti-Trust Act

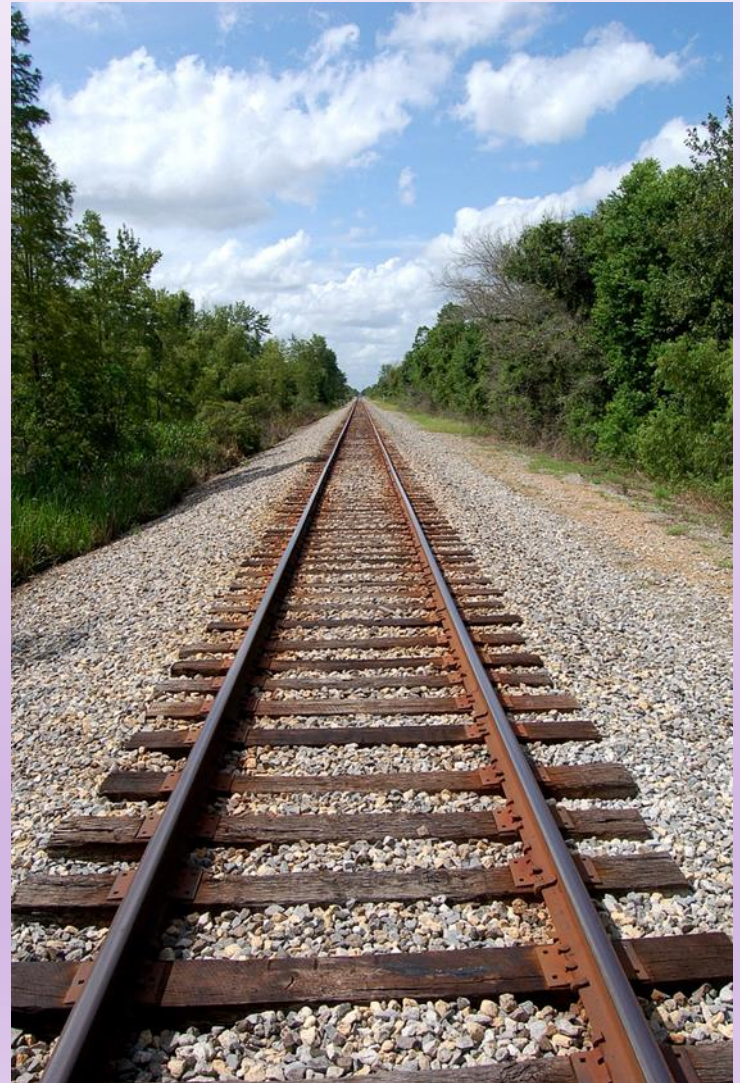


Election of 1904



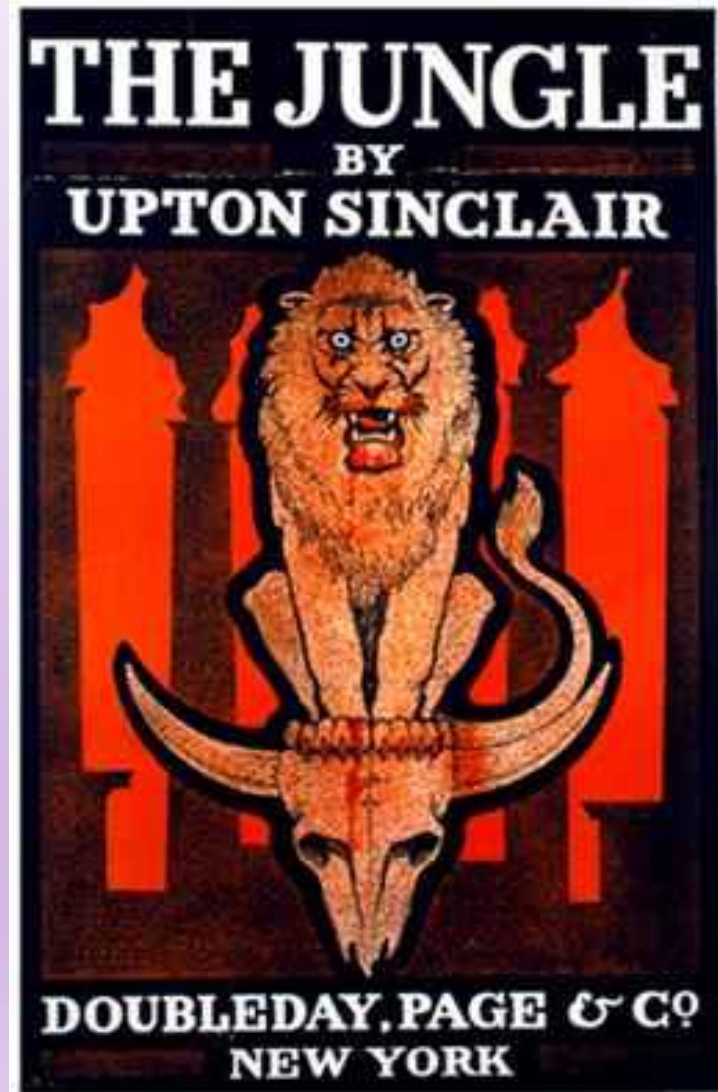
Hepburn Act, 1906

- Expanded authority of Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)
 - Set maximum RR rates
 - Ended “rebates”
 - Audited bookkeepers



Meatpacking Scandal

- Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*, 1906
 - Undercover “muckraking” journalism
- Public outrage
- Europe stopped importing American meat



Consumer Protection

- Meat Inspection Act, 1906
- Pure Food & Drug Act, 1906
 - Paved way for creation of FDA



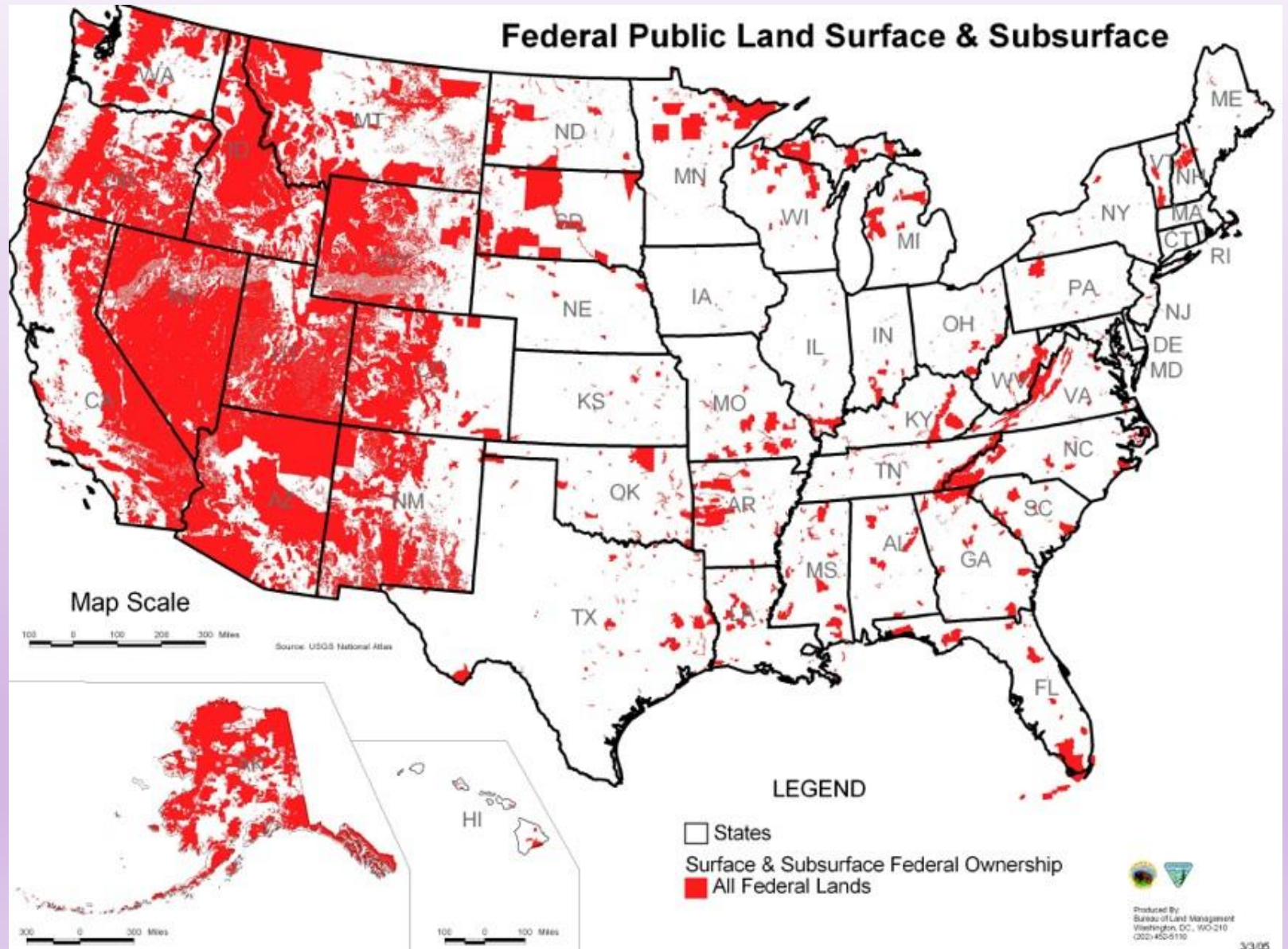
FDA

Conservation Under T.R.

- T.R. supported Pinchot's "managed use"
- Newlands Reclamation Act
 - Irrigation & flood control
- U.S. Forest Service
- New national parks

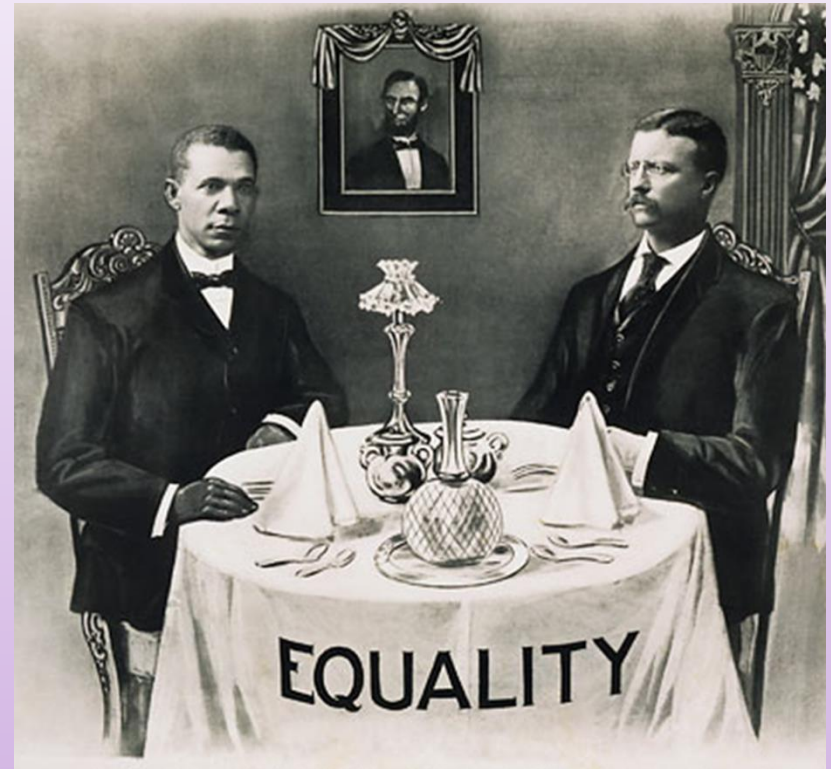


Federally-Owned Land



T.R. & Civil Rights

- Progress
 - Consulted with B.T. Washington
 - Appointed African Americans to low-level federal jobs
 - Opposed school segregation
- Drawbacks
 - Took little initiative on legislation
 - Black soldiers: dishonorable discharges & disparaging comments



Gentlemen's Agreement, 1907

- Japan stops emigration of laborers to U.S.
- U.S. allows Japanese-American children into public schools



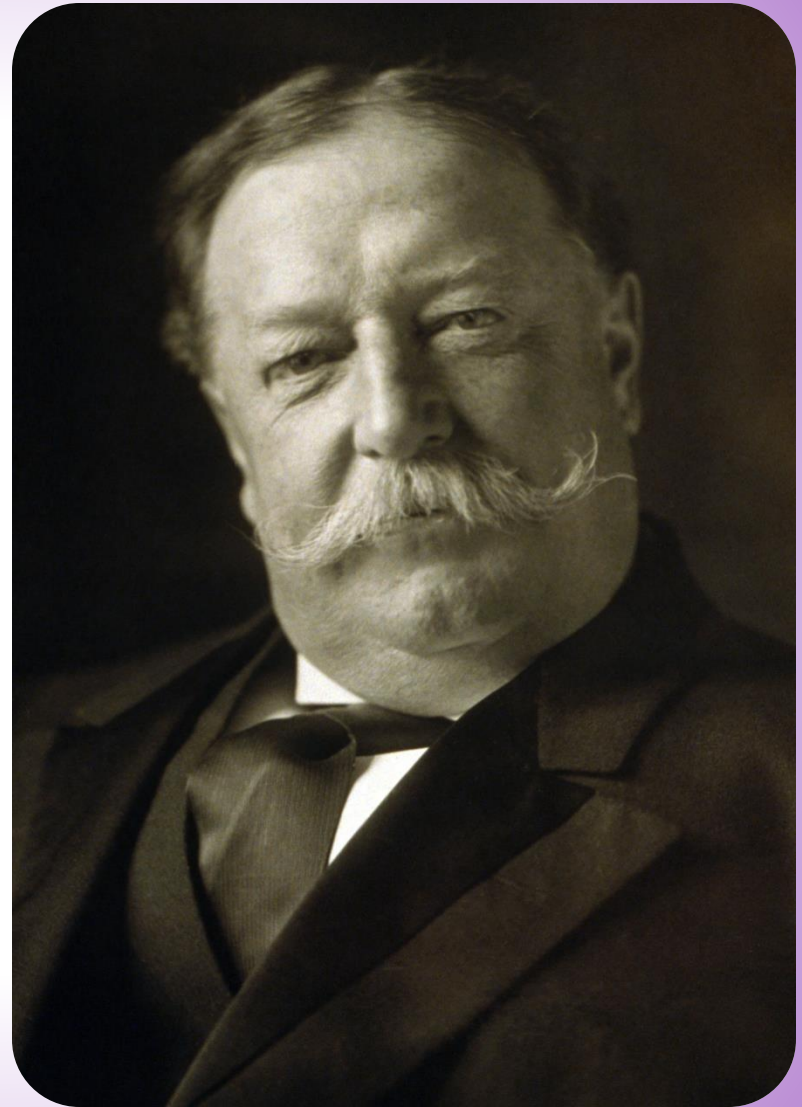
Roosevelt's Foreign Policy



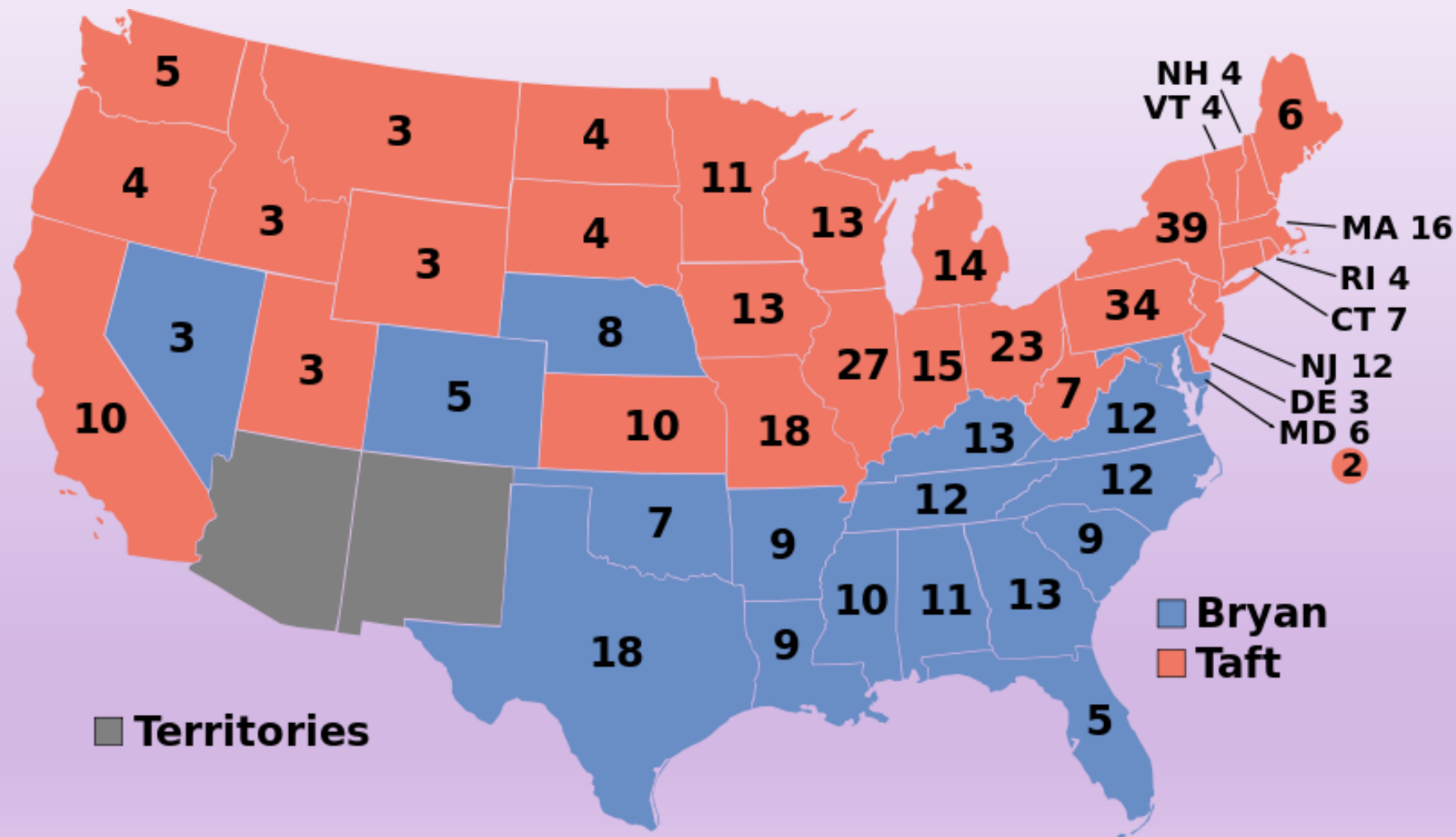
- Roosevelt Corollary
- “Big Stick Diplomacy”
- Great White Fleet
- Panama Canal
- Nobel Prize for Treaty of Portsmouth

William H.
Taft
(R)

1909-1913

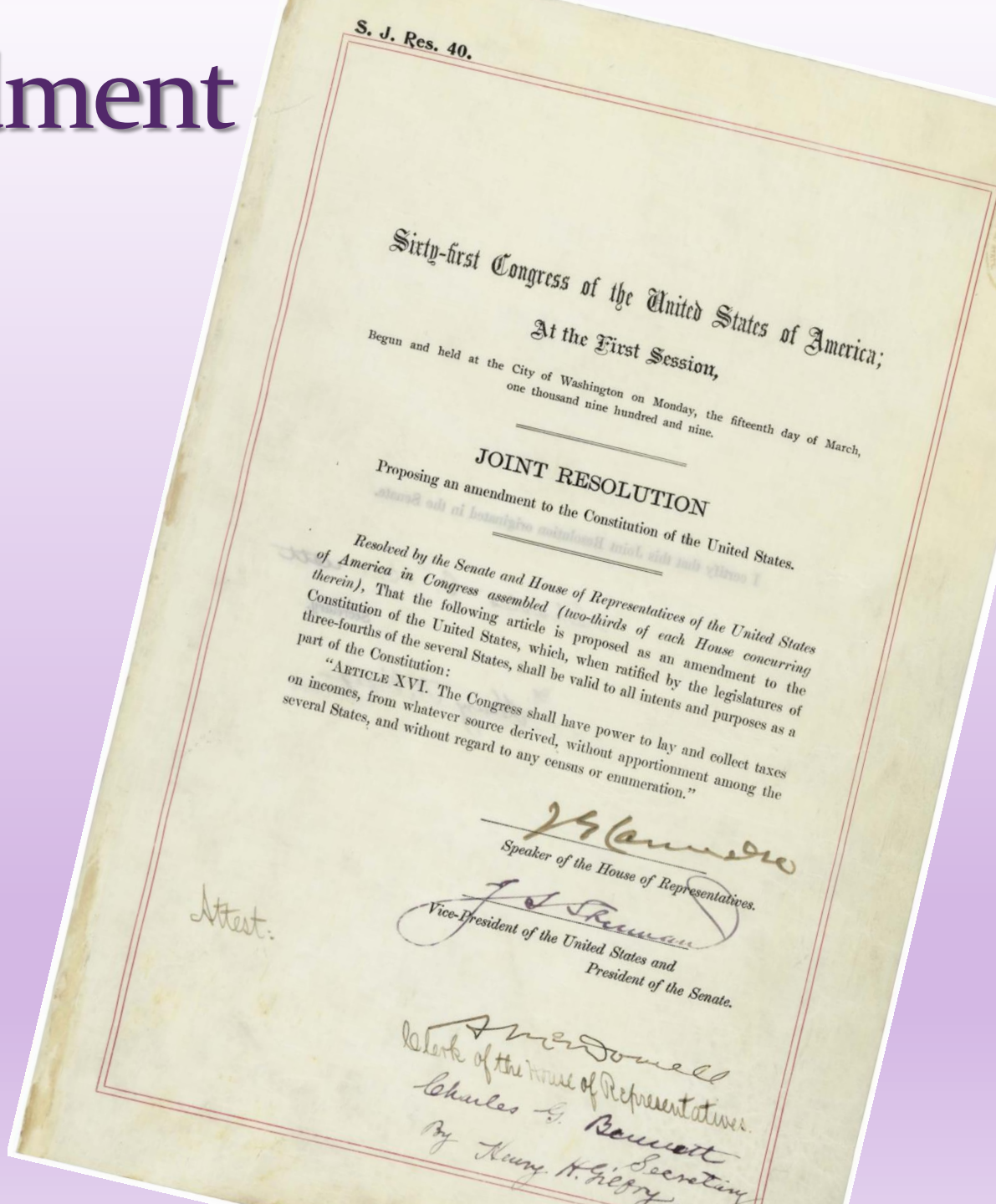


Election of 1908



16th Amendment

- Income tax
- Progressive (graduated) taxation



Mann-Elkins Act

- Expanded authority of Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)
 - Telegraph & telephone companies



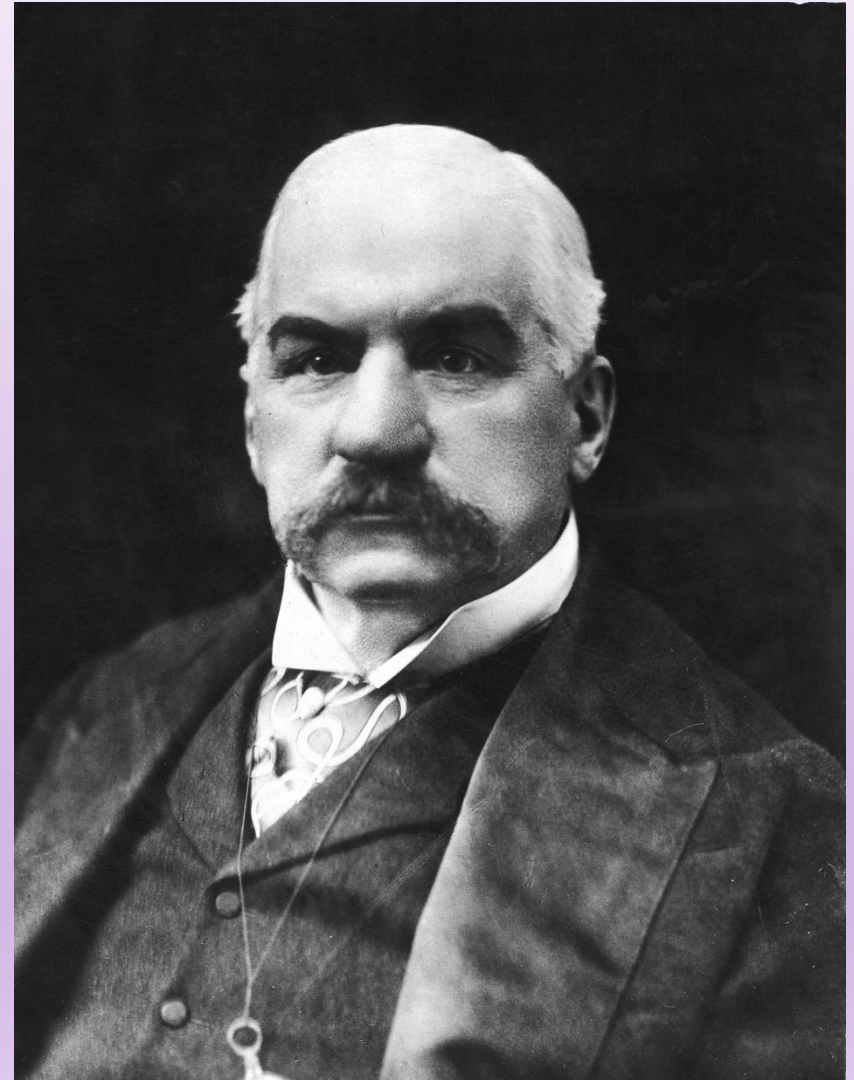
Trustbusting Under Taft

- “The Great Trustbuster”
- Initiated 99 anti-trust lawsuits (more than twice as many as Roosevelt)
- *U.S. v. U.S. Steel*



U.S. v. U.S. Steel

- Taft initiated lawsuit against J.P. Morgan's steel empire
 - Broke Roosevelt's promise to protect Morgan's "good" trust



Growing Frustration with Taft?

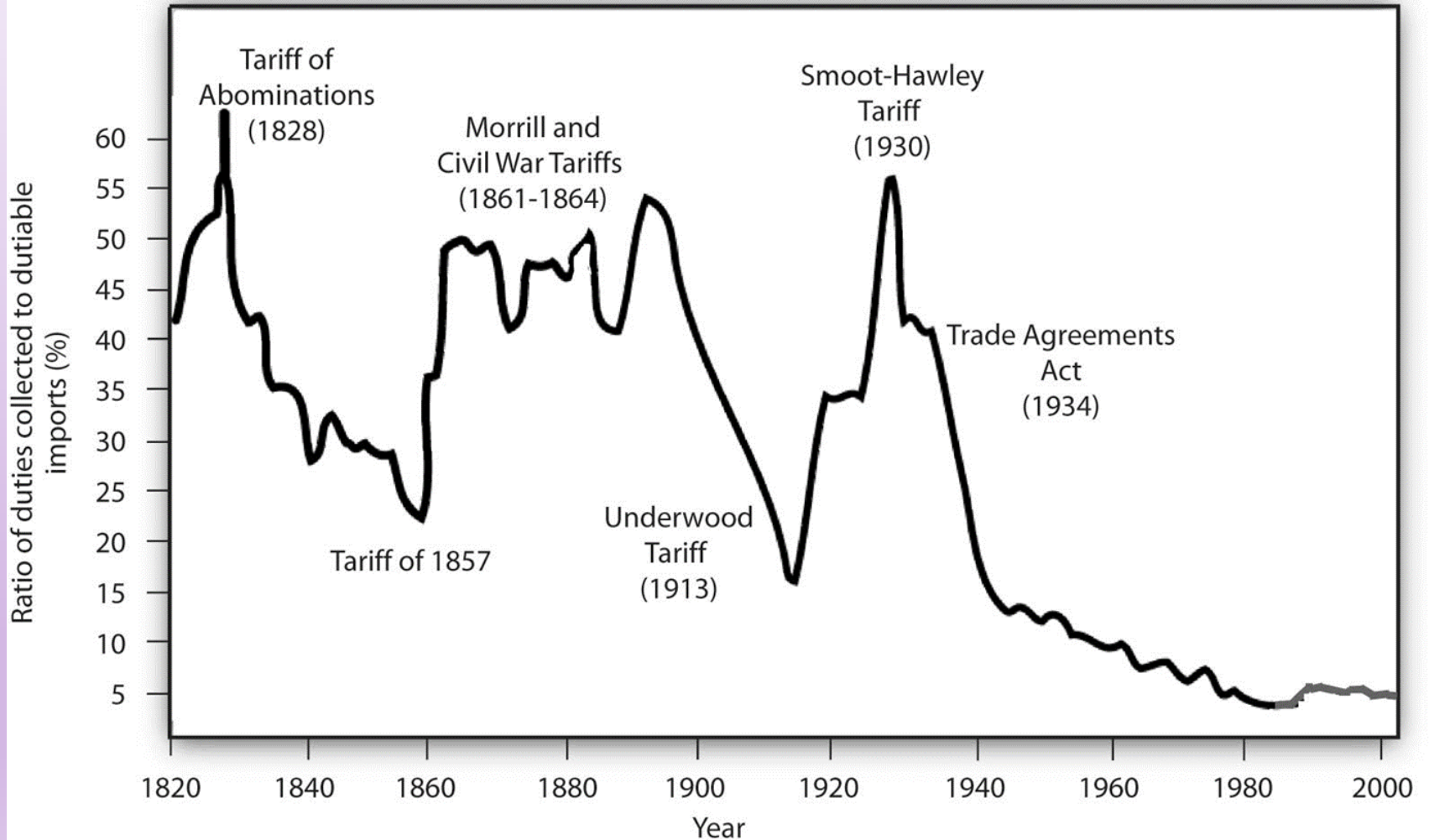


Payne-Aldrich Tariff

- Compromise bill
 - Some reductions
 - Some increases
- Angered Progressives, who wanted more reductions



Tariff Rates



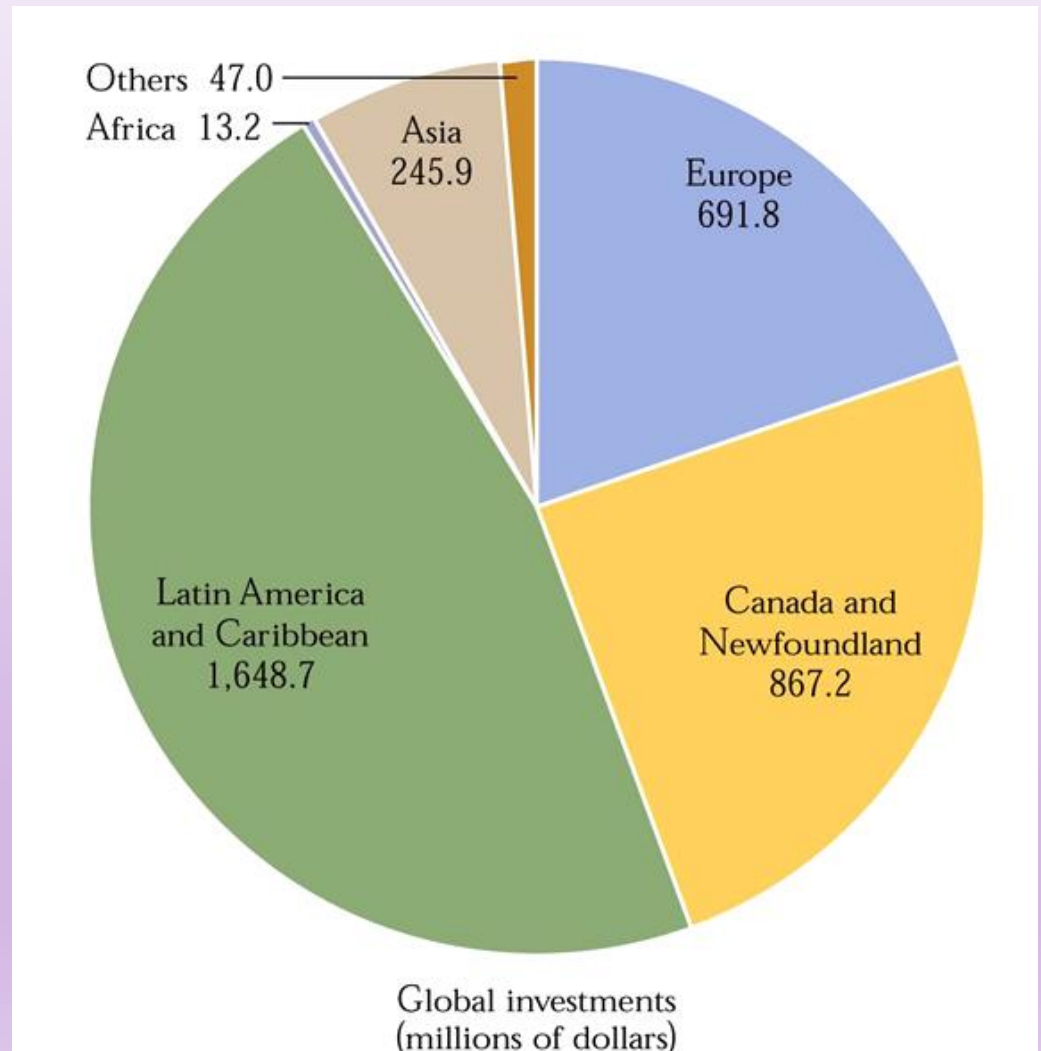
Ballinger-Pinchot Affair

- Conservation policy controversy
 - Gifford Pinchot
 - Appointed by Roosevelt
 - Fired by Taft
 - Richard Ballinger
 - Appointed by Taft
- Growing split in Republican Party
 - Taft vs. Roosevelt



Taft's Foreign Policy

- “Dollar Diplomacy”
- Investment in Asia & Latin America
- “Carrot” rather than “stick”?

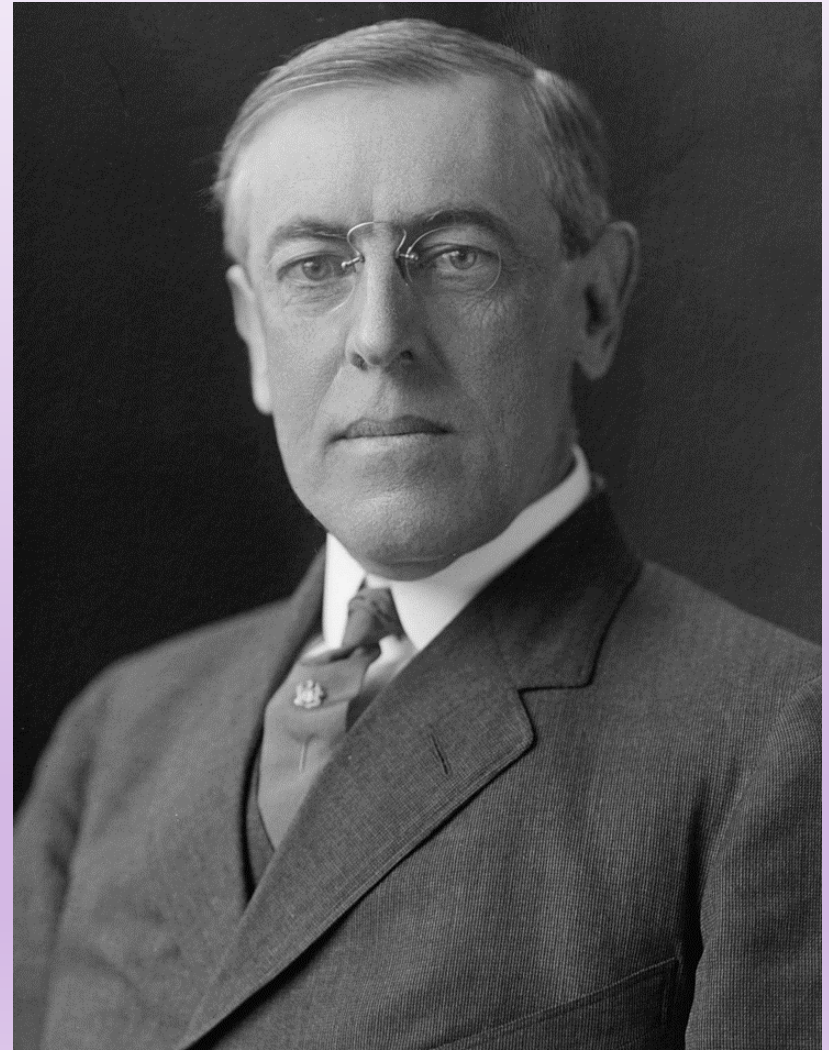


The Election of 1912

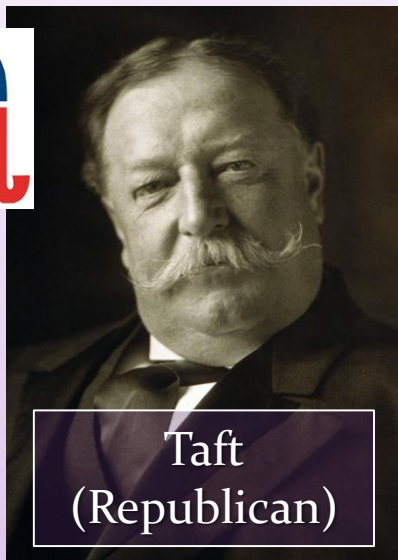
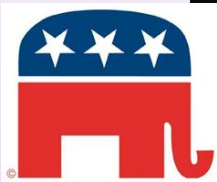
Roosevelt, Taft &
Wilson



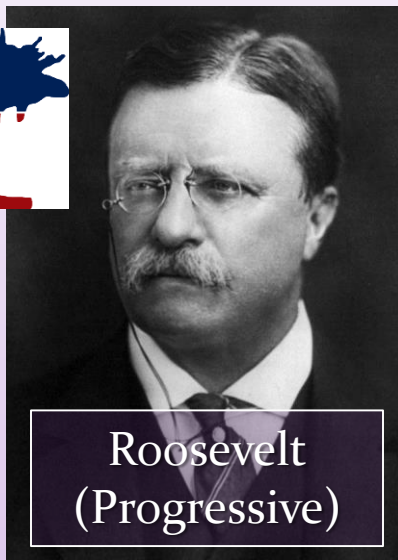
“New Nationalism” vs. “New Freedom”



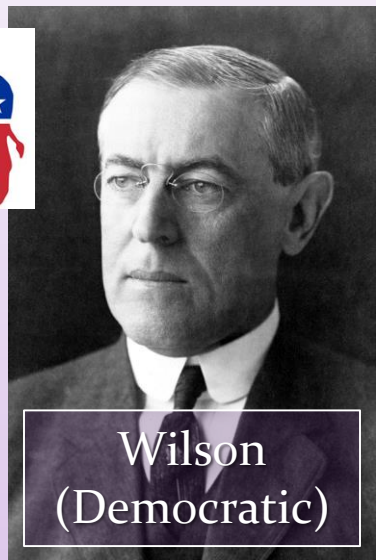
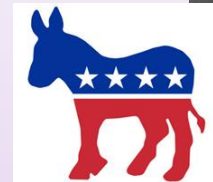
The Candidates of 1912



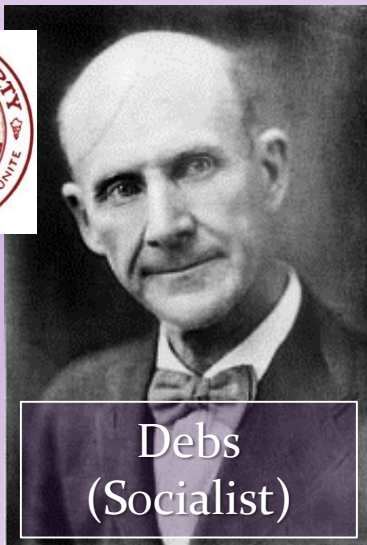
Taft
(Republican)



Roosevelt
(Progressive)



Wilson
(Democratic)

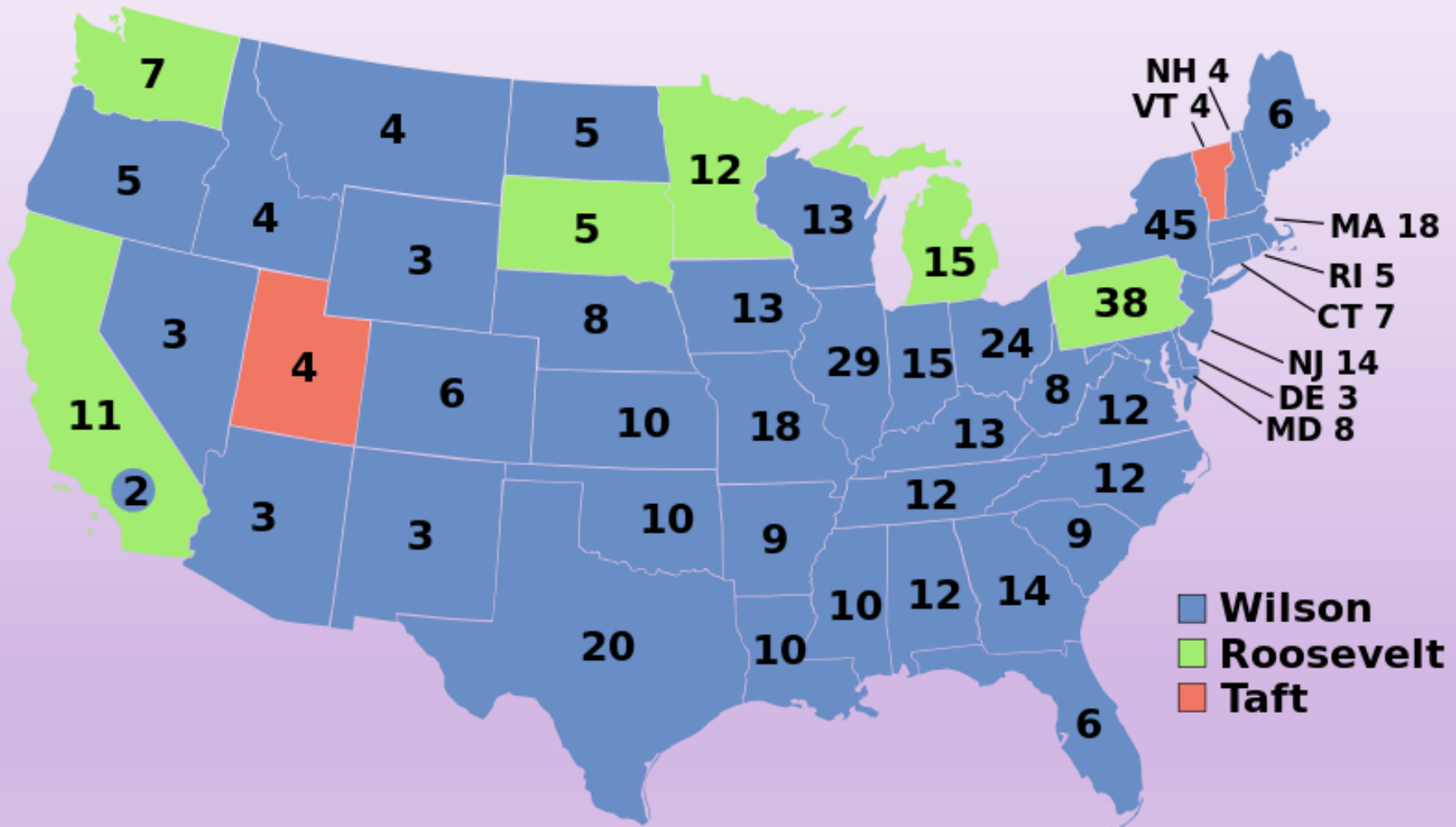


Debs
(Socialist)

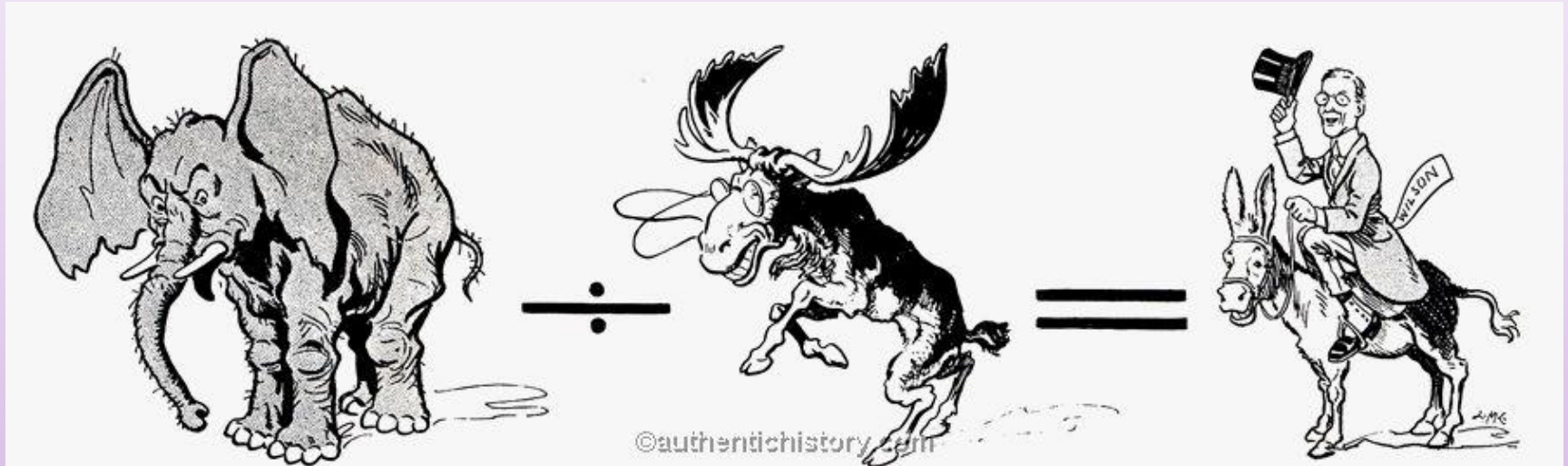


Chafin
(Prohibition)

Electoral College Results, 1912



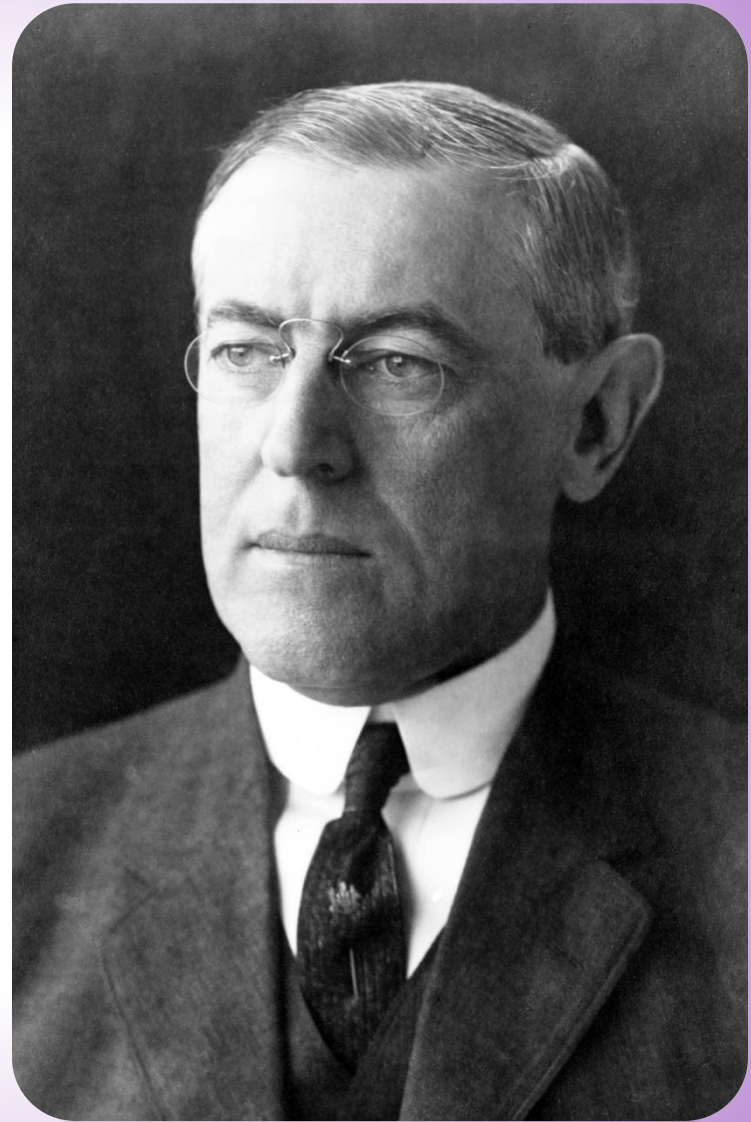
Wilson's Landslide Victory



*Republican Party divided by Bull Moose equals
Democratic victory*

Woodrow Wilson (D)

1913-1921

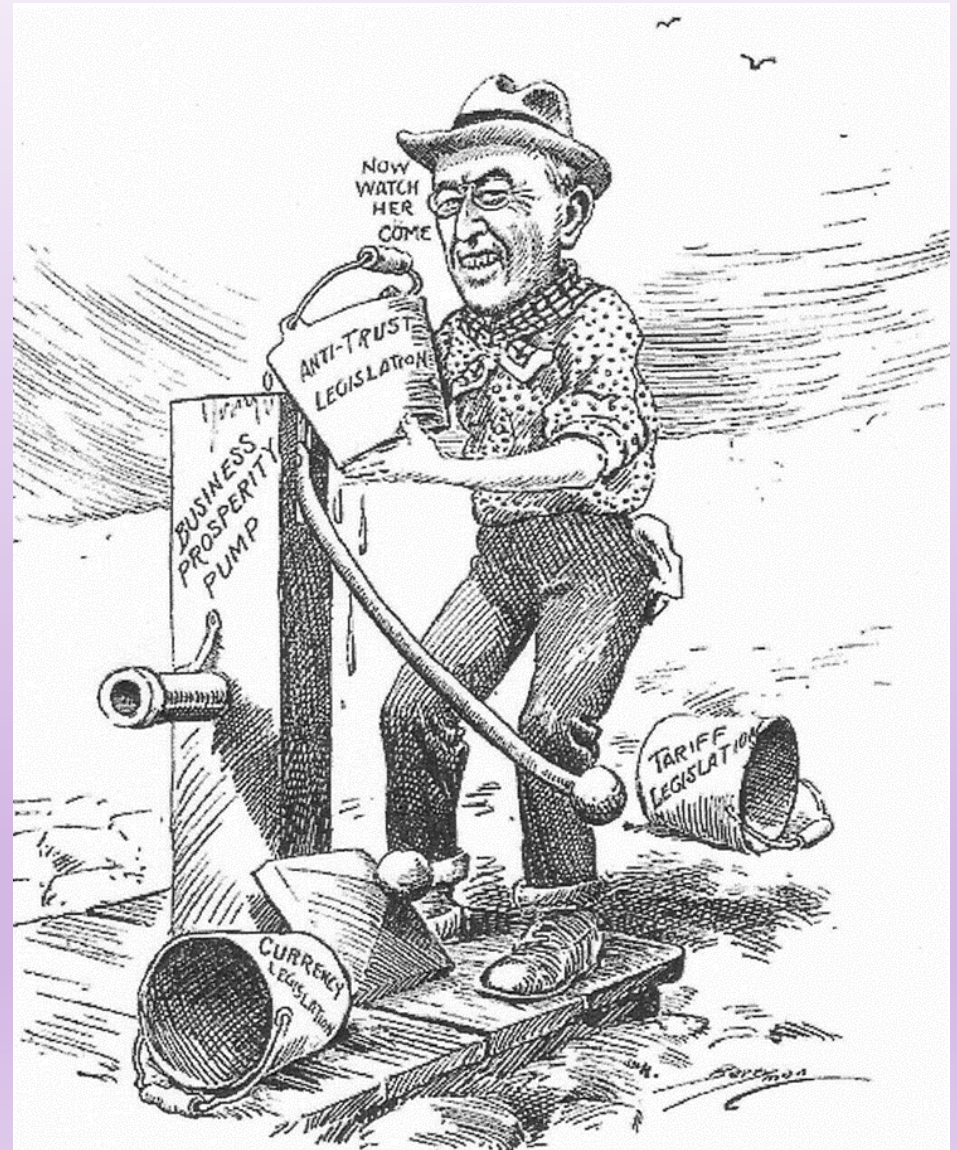


The “New Freedom”

Tear down the
“triple wall of
privilege”

1. Lower high tariffs
2. Regulate big business
3. Reform the banking system

“Priming the pump”
for business growth





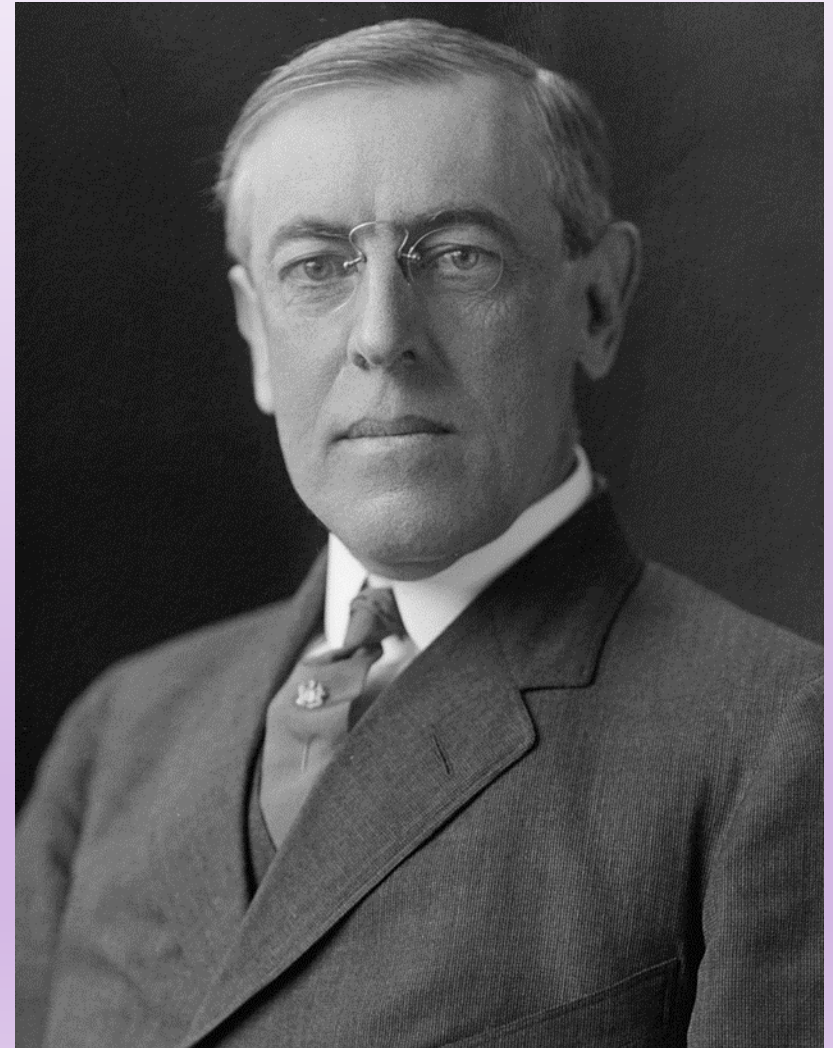
Underwood Tariff

- Lowered tariff rates
- Amendment instituted a graduated (progressive) income tax



Clayton Antitrust Act

- Banned price discrimination
- Banned interlocking directorates
- Protected labor unions from antitrust actions
- Gave “teeth” to Sherman Antitrust Act

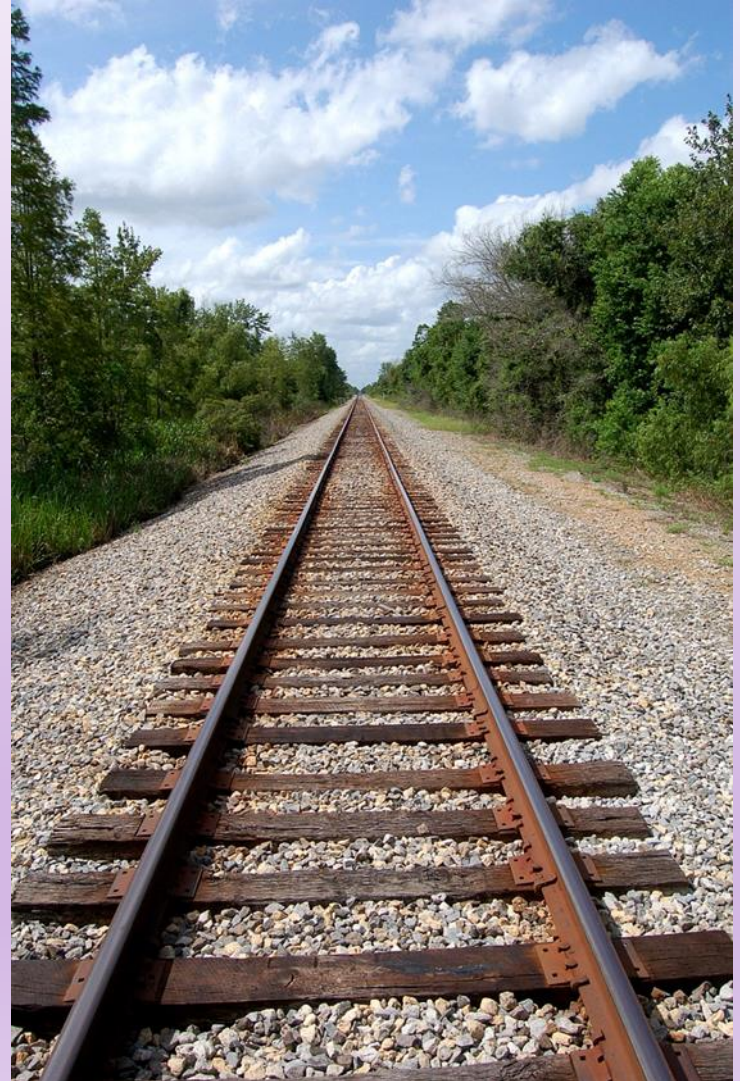


Federal Reserve Monetary Policy



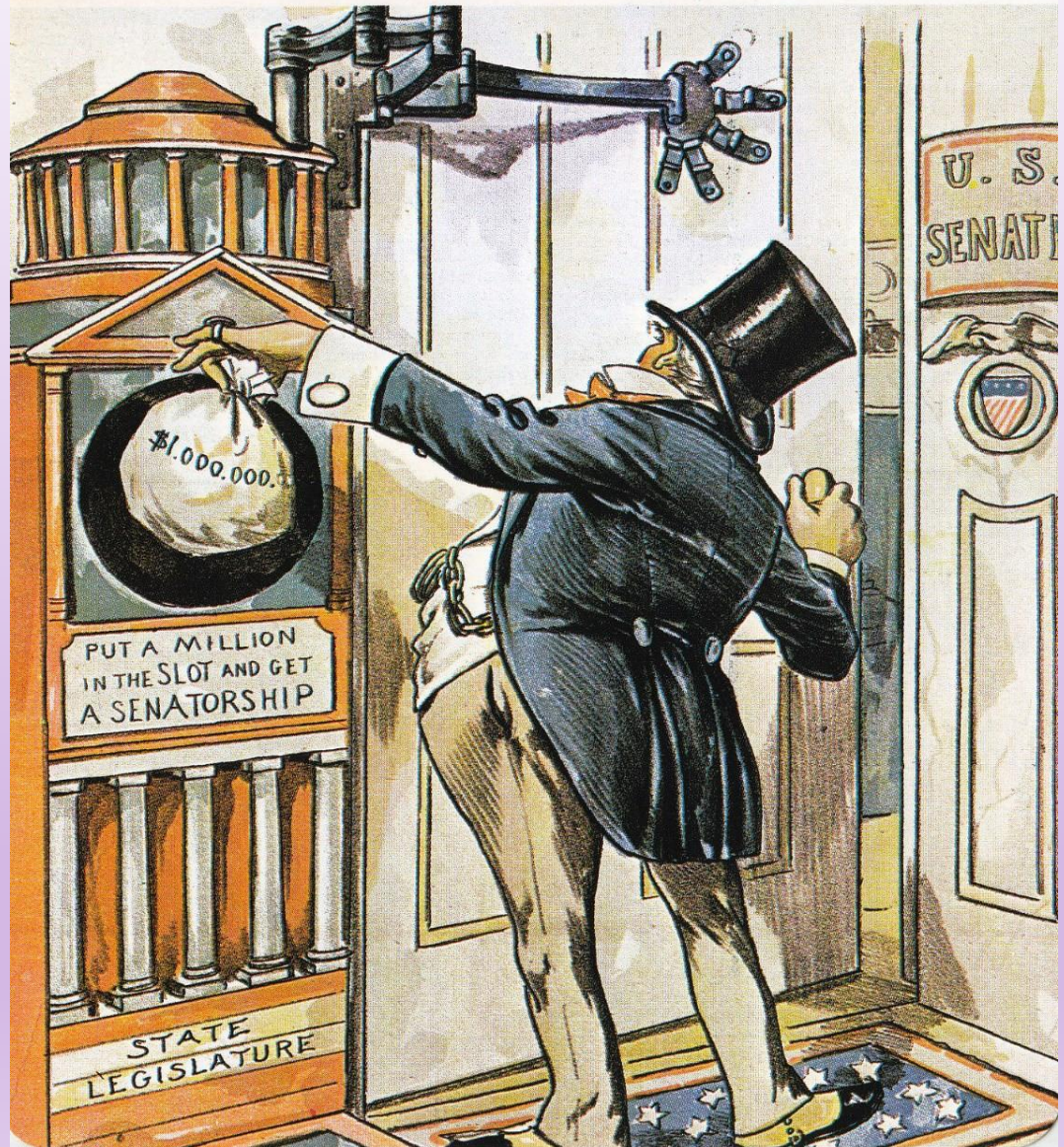
Adamson Act

- Regulation of interstate commerce
 - Eight-hour workday for RR employees
 - Overtime pay



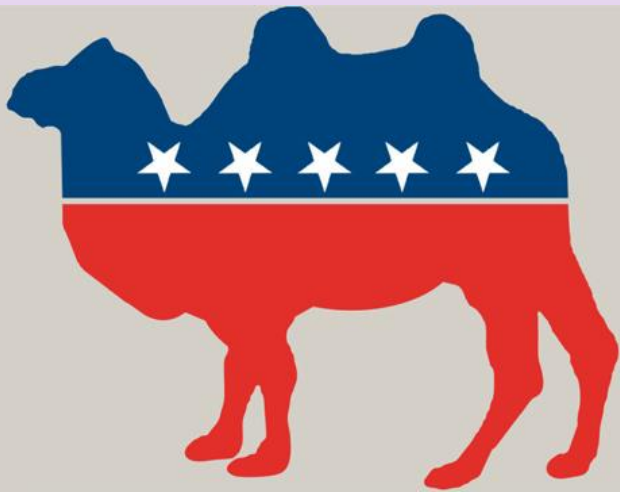
17th Amendment

- Direct election of senators



18th Amendment

- Prohibition of alcohol

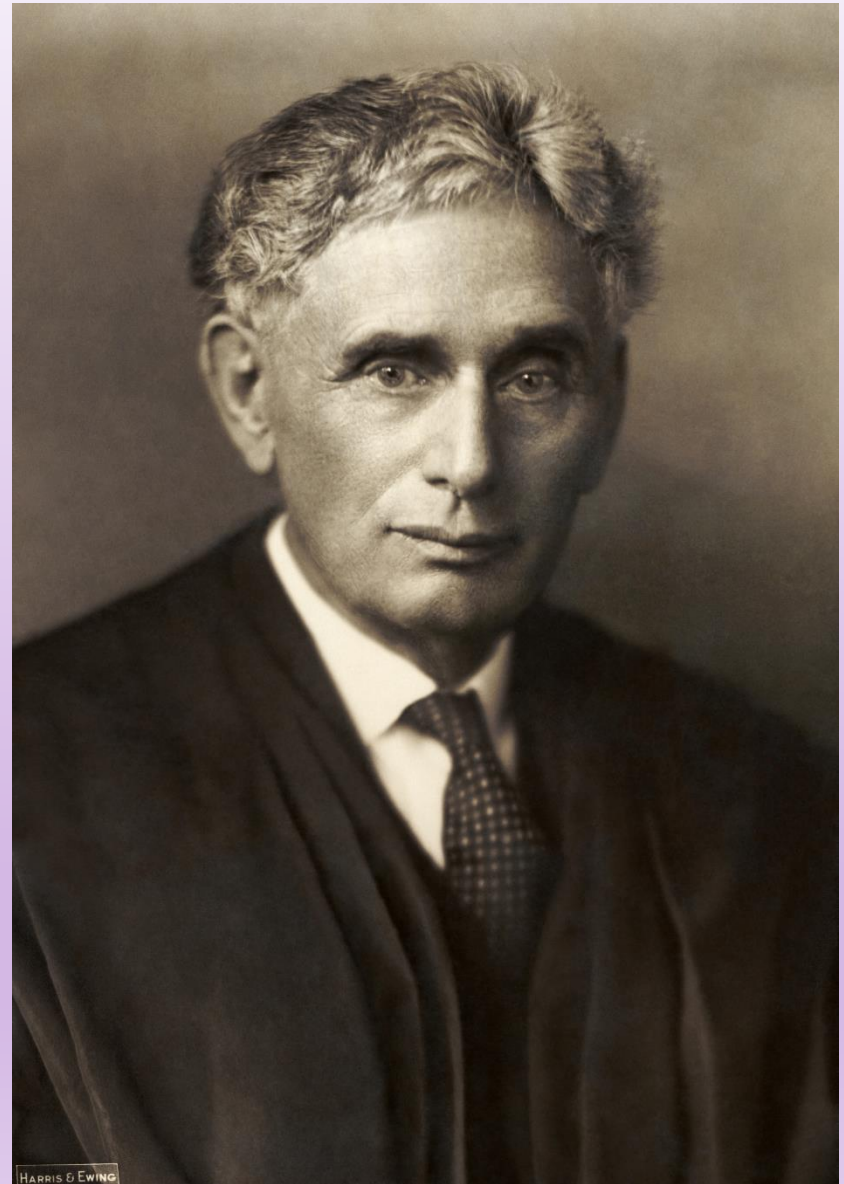


19th Amendment



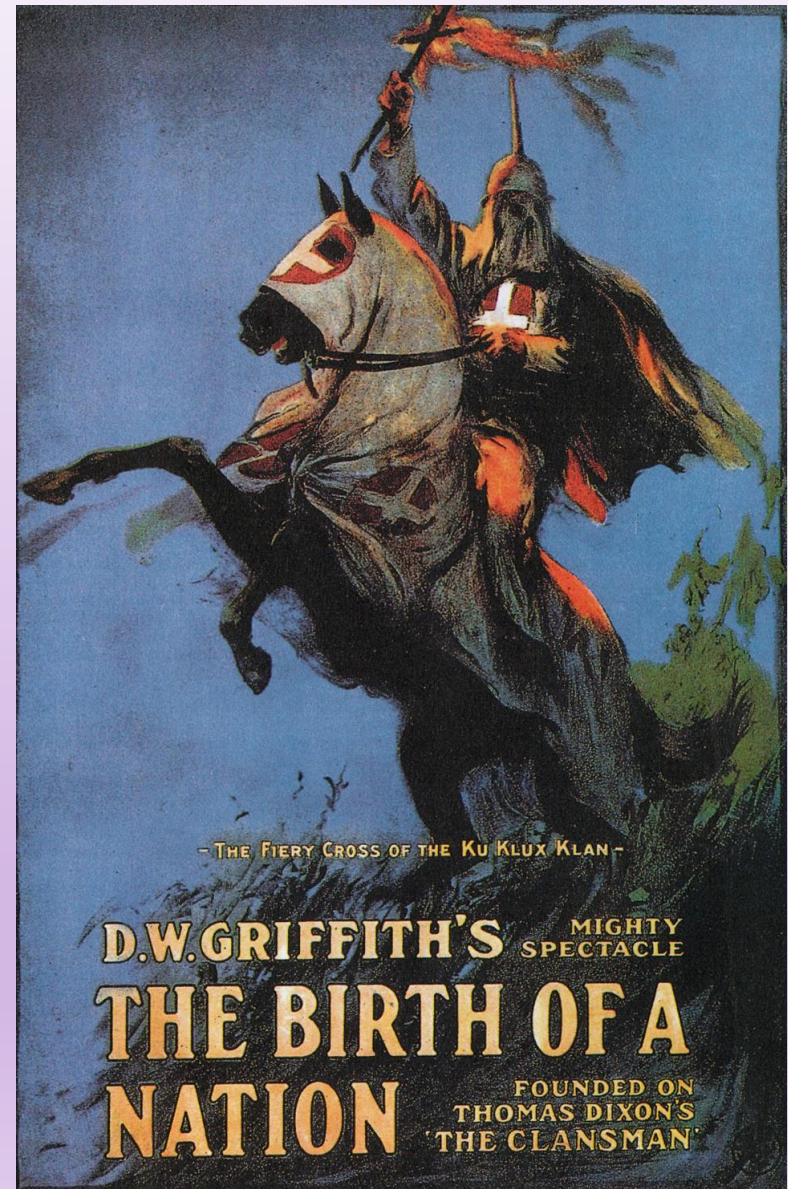
Louis Brandeis

- First Jewish Supreme Court justice
- Appointed by Wilson



Wilson & African Americans

- Segregation of federal offices
- Discouraged African Americans from applying for federal employment
- Praise for the Confederacy & KKK
- *The Birth of a Nation*
 - 1st film screened at the White House



Wilson's Foreign Policy

- “Missionary (Moral) Diplomacy”
- Meddling in Mexican Revolution
- World War I
 - Neutrality
 - Aid to Allies
 - Declaration of War
- Making Peace after WWI
 - 14 Points
 - Treaty of Versailles
 - League of Nations



Edith Wilson

- Woodrow Wilson's stroke, 1919
 - Harmed efforts in support of Treaty of Versailles and League of Nations
- First Lady assumed many of the president's responsibilities

