

The background of the slide is a blue-tinted photograph of a vast ocean under a cloudy sky. The water is a deep blue with subtle ripples, and the sky is a lighter blue with wispy white clouds. The horizon line is visible in the middle of the frame.

# The Progressive Movement

## The Women Take the Lead

Who monopolized the oil industry, what was his companies name, and what percentage of the oil did he control?

Answer: John D. Rockefeller owned Standard Oil which controlled 95% of America's Oil.

Why did it seem that industrialization threatened the future of America?

Answer: Big Business owners worked together to keep prices high and wages low, poverty was rampant, and crime in the cities was high.

Who was Jane Adams and what did she do?

Answer: She founded Hall House which provided English lessons to immigrants, employment advice, and child care.

What was municipal housekeeping?

Answer: Expanded government services sponsored by women.

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What was another name for this municipal housekeeping?

Answer: Progressivism or the progressive movement.

How did progressivism effect children?

Answer: Major restriction were placed on child labor, children were provided with mandatory well checks, water purification, and milk was to be inspected for quality.

What did the Department of Housing do?

Answer: It set regulations for fire codes and overcrowding violations.

## A Clash of Cultures

In what ways did immigrants resist the progressive movement?

Answer: 1) The immigrants preferred baseball fields over the parks that were built by the progressives. 2) The immigrants resented the mandatory medical check ups of their children. 3) They worried that progressives wanted to destroy their cultures by setting “Americanizing” standards of education.

## Muckrakers and Bosses

What were Muckrakers?

Answer: Journalists who exposed the corruptness of the modern United States.

What was the Treason of the Senate?

Answer: A journalistic investigation of the Senate favoring the political powers over the interest of the people, saying their behavior was treasonous to the country.

How did President Roosevelt respond to this article?

Answer: He made a speech in which he said that the reporters were just raking up mud for mud's sake.

## Muckrakers and Bosses

What were bosses?

Answer: Powerful men who controlled communities and gave business contracts to their friends. The bosses gave privileges and goods to new immigrants in exchange for votes.

How did the progressives feel about the bosses?

Answer: The progressives felt that the bosses were corrupt.

What was done to reduce the influence of the bosses?

Answer: The secret ballot was introduced insure confidentially in voting.

What new voting standards were put in place to reform voting?

Answer: Voter registration was implemented to stop the use of fictitious names and voting multiple times.

## Fighting the Trusts

What were trusts?

Answer: Big businesses that had the tendency to dominate certain areas of the economy.

What was the chief complaint against the trusts?

Answer: They would try to control all aspects of a particular area and unfairly raise prices.

What strategy was used to curtail control by the trusts?

Answer: They were broken up into “smaller pieces” to encourage “price-reducing” competition.

What was The Jungle and who published it?

Answer: It was a book that exposed the gruesome filth of the meat factories. It was written by Upton Sinclair.

## Fighting the Trusts

What was a reform by the progressive movement that helped the worker class?

Answer: Workman's Compensation which offered medical and financial benefits to those injured "on the job."

What did Theodore Roosevelt do to address the problems with trusts?

Answer: He tried, unsuccessfully, to regulate the trusts instead breaking them up. He passed the Meat Inspection Act which required refrigeration and other measures to insure proper food processing. He passed the Pure Food and Drug Act which prevented mislabeling.

What agency was created to enforce these food and drug protection laws?

Answer: The Food and Drug Administration

What agency was created to regulate overuse of the forests?

Answer: The Department of Forestry

## Roosevelt and Wilson

Who did Roosevelt choose to succeed him?

Answer: William Taft

What was president Taft successful with that Roosevelt had difficulties?

Answer: He did a better job of actually breaking up trusts.

What did President Taft do that hurt his relations with the progressives?

Answer: He opposed several other progressive programs.

What did Roosevelt do after Taft perceived betrayal of the progressive party?

Answer: He decided to run for president again.

## Roosevelt and Wilson

What three candidates ran for president in 1912 and which parties were they from?

Answer: William Taft from the Republican Party, Roosevelt from the new Progressive Party, and Woodrow Wilson from the Democrat Party.

What platform did Wilson use to attack Roosevelt?

Answer: He claimed Roosevelt did not stop big business and that he would destroy all trusts. His platform was called The New Freedom.

What is a platform?

Answer: It is the set of views and objectives a person presents as who they are and what they will do once elected into office.

What was the Clayton Anti-trust Act?

Answer: It was an act that banned some practices that limited competition.

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What was the Federal Reserve Act?

Answer: It was legislation that set up a national system of banks that links big banks into the central government instead of breaking them up.

## Freedom, Whose Freedom?

What issues did African Americans of the early 1900's face?

Answer: They faced segregation and violence in forms such as lynching.

What approach to the mistreatment of blacks was taken by Booker T. Washington?

Answer: He believed that blacks should develop vocational skills that promote gradual integration, patience, and peaceful relations between races.

What approach to the mistreatment of blacks was taken by W. E. B. Dubois ?

Answer: He believed that there must be immediate change especially in areas such as education, housing, and employment.

## Women Suffragists

What was women's suffrage?

Answer: The right for women to vote.

What stopped the "trust busting?"

Answer: The need for big businesses to build the massive machines needed to fight World War I

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