

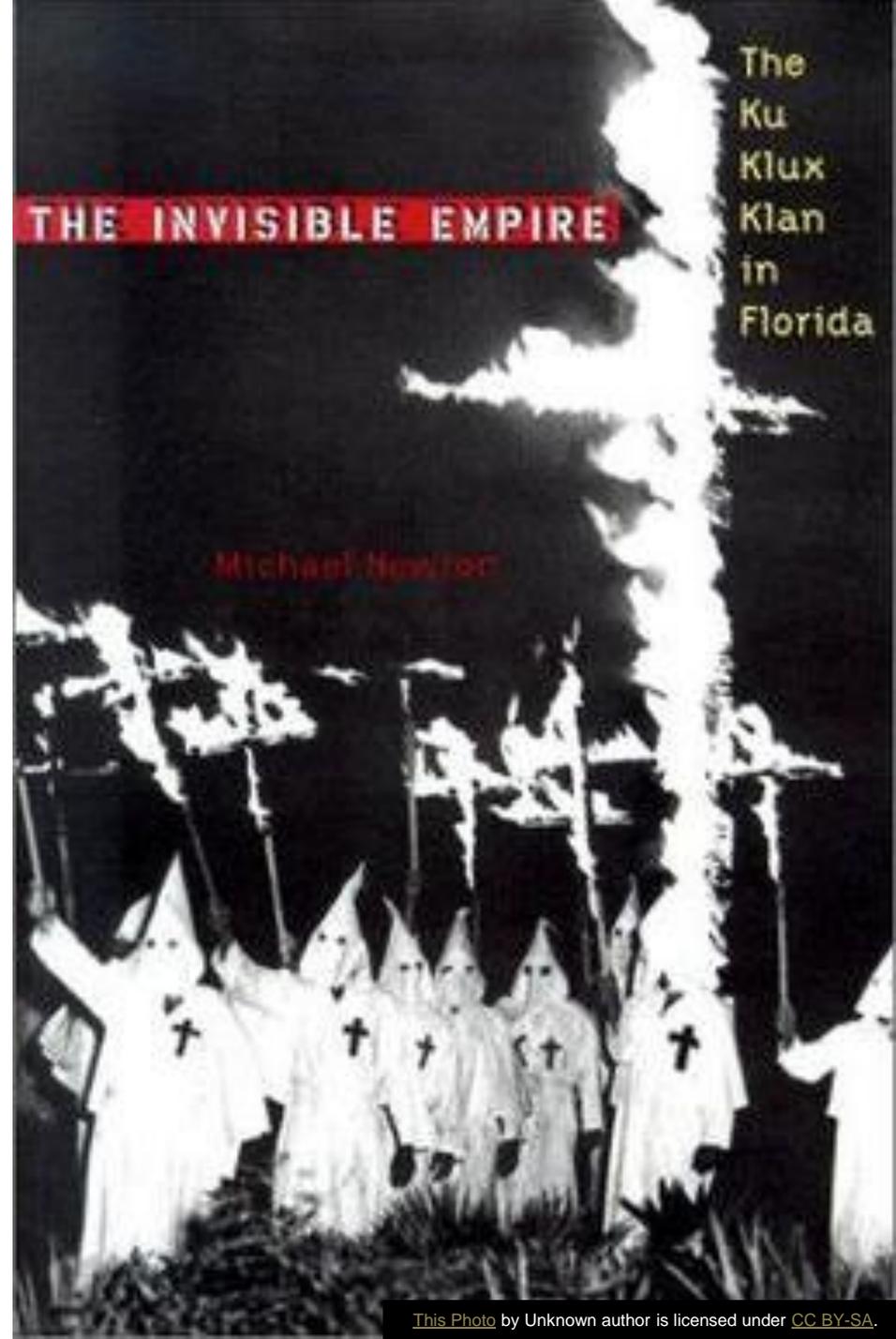


The Jazz Age

Unit 5: Lessons 3-4
A Class of Cultures and
Cultural Innovations

Nativism and the Klan

The "new" Klan targeted African Americans, Catholics, Jews, Immigrants, and any other group deemed "un-American."





Immigration Quotas

Emergency Quota Act: restricted annual admission to the US by ethnic group.

National Origins Act: made immigration restrictions a permanent policy.

- Quota of 2% of each national group represented in the US Census of 1890.
- Before a large wave of Catholic and Jewish immigration from southern and eastern Europe.
- These quotas heavily favored immigrants from northwestern Europe.



Increasing Mexican Immigration

- Employers still wanted cheap labor for agriculture, mining, and railroad work.

The National Origins Act exempted peoples from the Western Hemisphere so,

By the end of the 1920s, nearly 700,000 Mexicans had migrated to the United States.

Women

Changes in the 1920s
opened doors for women in:

- Workplace Opportunity
- Financial Independence
- Fashion
- Sexuality



Professional Women

Women made major contributions in science, medicine, law, and literature.

Margaret Sanger believed families could improve their standard of living by limiting the # of children they had

The American Birth Control League promoted knowledge about birth control.



Religious Fundamentalism

- The new "morality" of the 1920s was embraced by some but others feared that the country was losing its traditional values.
- Moral Decline



READ YOUR BIBLE

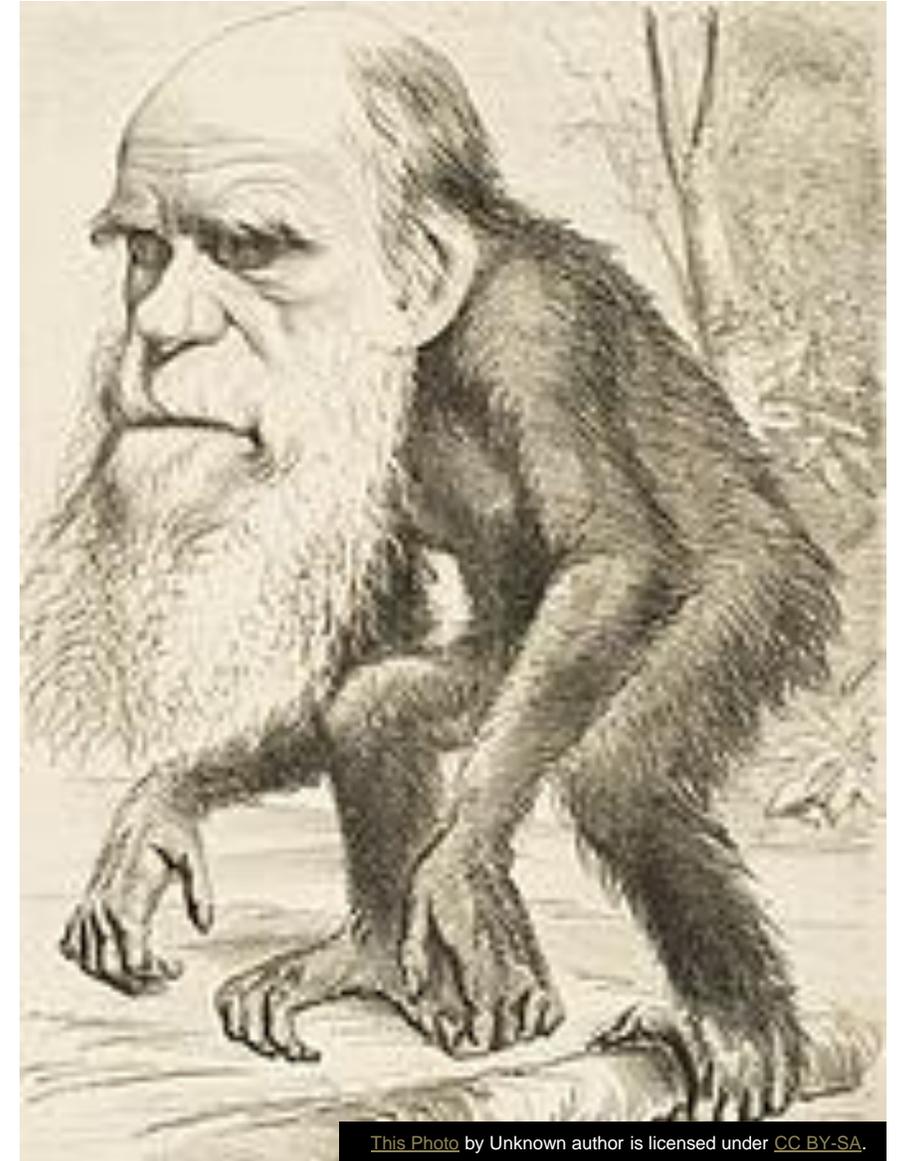
Fundamentalists & Evolution

Fundamentalists believed the bible was literally true and without error.

REJECTED Darwin's theory of Evolution

- Human beings developed from lower forms of life over millions of years.

Creationism: belief that God created the world as described in the Bible.



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The Scopes Trial

Tennessee (1925) outlawed any teaching that

1. Denied "the story of the Divine Creation of man as taught in the Bible." OR
2. Promoted the idea that man descended from a lower form of animals.





Scopes Trial

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) looked for a teacher to test the validity of this Act.

John T. Scopes, biology teacher in Dayton, Tennessee.

William Jennings Bryan,
Prosecution

Clarence Darrow, Defense



Monkey Trial

- Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100.
- Trial broadcast over the radio.
- Darrow's cross-examination of William Jennings Bryan hurt the Fundamentalist cause.



Clarence Darrow

"You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom.

You can only be free if I am free."

Art and Literature



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The Bohemian Lifestyle

- Unconventional; not bound by the rules of society.
- New forms of writing and art.
 - Realism
 - Cubism
 - Urban Landscapes

Poets and Writers

- Willa Cather (midwest)
- Sinclair Lewis (small town life)
- Eugene O'Neill (realism)
- Gertrude Stein (Lost Generation)
- F. Scott Fitzgerald (The Jazz Age)

Popular Culture: fueled by prosperity

Movies and Radio Shows

- Silent films hired musicians to provide music during the movie; subtitles explained the plot.
- First "talking" film was "The Jazz Singer."

Radio offered every kind of programming: music, comedy, drama, sermons, news, celebrity gossip.



Popular Culture: SPORTS

Baseball (Babe Ruth)

Boxing (Jack Dempsey)

College Football

- Red Grange, "the galloping ghost"

Tennis

Swimming

- Gertrude Ederle swam the English Channel in a little over 14 hours in 1927.



Great Migration and African American Politics

The sheer numbers of African Americans moving northward impacted politics in the North – voting in numbers.

NAACP battled lynchings and violence.

Marcus Garvey and Black Nationalism

- Separatist – Black Nationalism
- *Black is Beautiful* – sense of pride in their heritage

