

Progressivism

Unit 4

IN 2008

**WE WILL USHER IN A NEW
PROGRESSIVE
ERA**

BUILT UPON A FOUNDATION OF
**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HARMONY**

THAT WILL CREATE AN EQUAL AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY
BASED ON EMPATHY
AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELF AND OTHERS IN A TIME OF UNRIVALED
**FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY
FOR ALL**

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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.



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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)



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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

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.



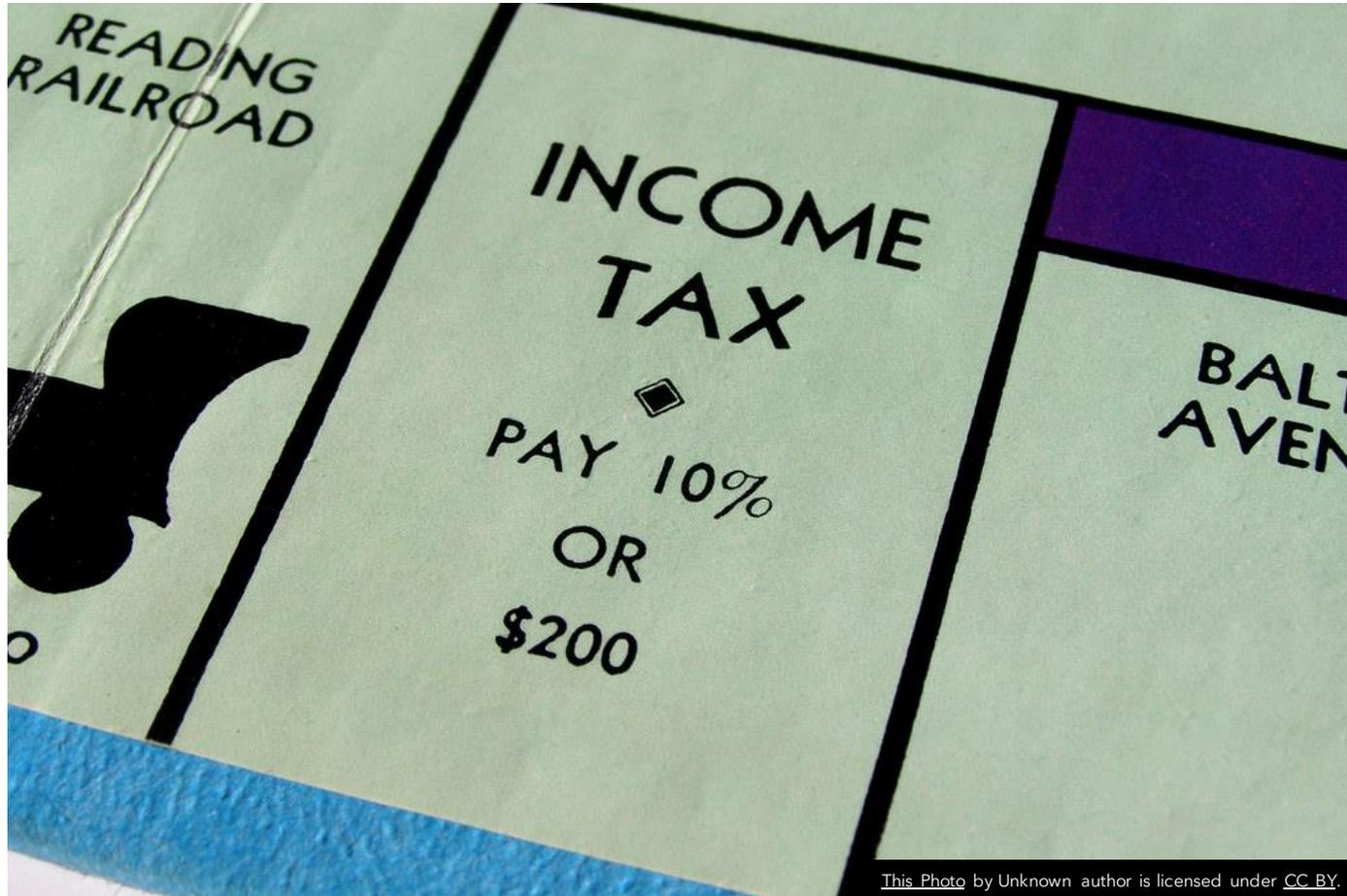
Income Taxes

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).



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

