

AP United States History

Progressivism Introduction

- Positive impacts of the Economy: New Technologies and Manufacturing Techniques
 - Helped to focus the US economy on the production of consumer goods
 - This contributed to improved standards of living and greater personal mobility
- Responses to Negative Aspects of Economic Growth
 - Progressives of the early 20th century respond to political corruption, economic instability, and social concerns
 - They did this by calling for greater government action and other political and social measures
- Journalist muckrakers
 - Muckrakers are those who worked to uncover corruption and calling out laissez faire economics
 - Jacob Riis, Upton Sinclair
 - *The Jungle* exposed the meat packing industry and led to the Food and Drug Act of 1905, increasing food safety and leads to the FDA
- Taylorism and efficiency
 - Progressives believe that Taylor's efficiency could be installed in American government, school, factory, everyday life
 - Led to monotony and unions did not like it
- Triangle Shirtwaist Fire
 - 1911 fire in which factory design led to dozens of deaths of factory workers
 - Convinced many progressivists for reforms in health and safety of factories
- Consequences (Protective Paternalism)
 - Municipal regulation of safer factories, states "protect" women from long hours
 - Muller v. Oregon: Upholds Oregon law limiting hours women can work
 - Women are in turn kept out of more dangerous, but more high paying jobs