

AP United States History

Political Machines and Corruption

- Mass Transit and Improvements to Transport and Infrastructure
 - Subways — First invented in 1897 in Boston
 - These improvements allowed people to live outside of the city
- Political Machines (Party Machines)
 - Smooth running local politicians who provided education, housing for immigrants
 - Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed in NYC — Democratic party
 - Often participated in corrupt activities like buying land that would have public services put there in the future (political version of inside trading)
- Women Reformers
 - Many women sought greater equality with men by joining organizations, going to college, and promoting social + political reform
 - Jane Addams — Worked in settlement houses to help immigrants adapt
- The Social Gospel
 - Critics challenge dominant corporate ethic in the US and sometimes capitalism
 - The Social Gospel offered alternate versions of society
 - Importance of applying Christian (Protestant) principles to solve problems
 - Used organized religion to take up social causes