

Chapter 22 Notes

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1 Politics (Pages 475-477)

1. The Republican party dominated both the White House and Congress.
2. Republicans did not want laissez-faire economics but rather wanted limited government regulation as an aid to stabilizing business. The regulatory commissions established in the Progressive era were now ran by appointees who were more sympathetic to business than the general public. The main idea was that the nation would benefit if business and the pursuit of profits took the lead in developing the economy.
3.
 - Warren Harding
 - Appointed able men to his cabinet including
 - * Presidential Candidate and Supreme Court justice Charles Evans Hughes to be secretary of state
 - * An admired former mining engineer and Food Administration leader Herbert Hoover to be secretary of commerce
 - * Pittsburgh industrialist and millionaire Andrew Mellon to be secretary of the treasury
 - Domestic Policy
 - * Reduced income tax
 - * Increased tariff rates through Fordney-McCumber Tariff Act of 1922
 - * established the Bureau of the Budget.
 - * Pardoned Eugene Debs
 - Scandals and Death
 - * Appointed incompetent and dishonest men to fill important position including
 - Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall (Accepted bribes for granting oil leases near Teapot Dome, Wyoming)
 - Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty (Accepted bribes for agreeing not to prosecute certain criminal suspects)
 - Calvin Coolidge
 - The Election of 1924
 - * Calvin Coolidge because the Democrats voted for a 3rd party candidate
 - * Surprisingly, the 3rd party did very well
 - Vetoes and Inaction
 - * Calvin Coolidge did little but except keep a close watch on the budget.
 - * Coolidge vetoed even the acts of the Republican majority.
 - * This included bonuses for World War 1 veterans.
 - * This also included an act (the McNary-Haugen Bill of 1928) to help farmers as crop

prices fell.

2 Economics (Pages 477-479)

1. Strengths and Weaknesses of 1920's economy:

- Strengths
 - Unemployment was below 4%
 - The standard of living for Americans improved significantly
 - Indoor plumbing and central heating became commonplace
 - Two-thirds of all homes had electricity
- Weaknesses
 - Prosperity was not universal
 - 40% of families were in the poverty range, struggling to live off of \$1,500 a year
 - Farmers did not participate in the booming economy

2. The most significant cause of business prosperity was increased productivity because it allowed the mass production of many new consumer goods of the 1920's. Without the assembly line, many new goods would take too long to manufacture in order to make a profit.

3. The automobile changed life in

- Social/Cultural changes
 - Affected:
 - * Traveling for pleasure
 - * Commuting to work
 - * dating
 - Created new problems including:
 - * Traffic jams
 - * Injuries and deaths due to accidents
- Economic Impact
 - Other industries such as steel, glass, rubber, gasoline, and highway construction depended on automobile sales.
 - Replaced the railroad industry as the key promoter of economic growth.
- Political Effects
 - In 1929, over 26.5 million automobiles were registered
 - There was an average of one car per family

3 Culture and Society (Pages 479-486)

1. This era was in so much cultural change because there was a huge growth in cities. The culture of cities was based on popular tastes, morals, and habits of mass transportation.

3.1 Entertainment and Arts

2. There were many new forms of entertainment in the 1920's including
 - Jazz music
 - The radio
 - Hollywood movies (sound movies arrived in 1927 and also improved the popularity of movies)
3. Technology allowed people from all across the country to enjoy the same entertainment. This created many public figures such as Jack Dempsey(a boxer), Gertrude Ederle(a swimmer), Jim Thorpe(a football player), and Babe Ruth(a baseball player).
4. Writers like F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Sinclair Lewis, Ezra Pound, T. S. Eliot, and Eugene O'Neil wrote about the disillusionment of ideals and the materialism of business-oriented culture.
5. "Art Deco" has repeating patterns that consist of geometric shapes that are outlined in gold on a blue or black background.

3.2 Gender

6. Women in the 1920's did not vote in a bloc, and instead adopted the party preferences of their husbands or fathers. This caused little change to be made because women did not vote for candidates that had their beliefs or granted them more rights.
7. Women worked in cities as clerks, nurses, teachers, and domestics, but received lower wages than men. Women would dress with the flapper look and took office jobs until they married, when they were expected to quit their jobs and settle down as a woman. Housework did not change, even though it became easier with new consumer goods.

3.3 Harlem Renaissance

8. The leading figures of the Harlem Renaissance were Countee Cullen, Langston Hughes, James Weldon Johnson, and Claude McKay.
9. The Harlem Renaissance allowed African Americans to speak out about their African American heritage.
10. Marcus Garvey advocated individual and racial pride for African Americans and developed Black nationalism. I think many African American leaders disagreed with his goals because he wanted to further separate African Americans from Whites.

4 Values in Conflict

1. People were divided between
 - young and old
 - urban modernist and rural fundamentalist
 - prohibitionist and antiprohibitionist
 - nativist and foreign-born
2. Issues that fueled these division were
 - Religion (Modernism, Fundamentalism, or Revivalist)
 - Prohibition
 - Nativism
3. Nativism is the policy of protecting the interests of native-born or established inhabitants against those of immigrants.
4. It caused the United States to set quotas on how many immigrants could come from specific nations. For example it was used to reduce the number of immigrants from southern and eastern Europe.

5 Ku Klux Klan

1. The Klan attracted new members because of the popular silent film, *Birth of a Nation*. It also used modern advertising techniques to grow to 5 million members by 1925.
2. They were hostile to Blacks, Catholics, Jews, foreigners, and suspected Communists. They dressed in white hoods, burned crosses, and applied vigilante justice, using whips, tar and feathers, and the hangman's noose. They also had a strong political influence. In Indiana and Texas, its support was necessary to winning elections to state and local offices.
3. My image of Klan didn't have the same level of political influence as the real one did. I didn't imagine that the Klan's support would be a requirement to getting elected in several states. I also didn't realize that the Klan targeted Catholics, Jews, foreigners, and Communists.

6 Summary Questions

1. The 1920's was a decade of change for many reasons. First, the invention of the automobile drastically changed the way people dressed and travelled in the city. It also transformed our cities and the effects are still noticeable today. Second, there was the rise of Jazz, radio, and movies. These revolutionized the entertainment industry by allowing people from across the country to consume the same media. Finally, expectations for women changed dramatically. Unlike before, women had jobs and were allowed to divorce their husbands.
2. The quote applies to the 1920's because politically, the nation changed little. During the presidency of Calvin Coolidge, the government focused on keeping an eye on the budget and

little else.

3. What was the reasoning behind the few actions of Calvin Coolidge? Why didn't any focus on the farmers' economic struggle.