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The reform movements during the nineteenth century was slightly successful about bringing a social change. The movements were able to convince governments to change the labor laws and restrictions. Furthermore, a political change that was also moderately successful through reform movements were that more people received the right to vote and had a voice in politics.

The spread of technology would further increase the development of the industrial revolution. An example of this would be the invention of the steam engine, which allowed for faster and cheaper transportation for goods and resources. Then, the industrial revolution led to increased urbanization because people moved from their country to these more industrialized states for work. Moreover, the industrial revolution would spread across Europe and America which led to struggles in the political and social structure.

In the nineteenth century, the governments of industrialized states avoided acquiring most of the demands of the things that the political and social reforms advocated for. For instance, labor right movements, like unions, would increase wages and limit working hours for workers. But these labor right laws wouldn’t be enacted until the 20th century in most industrialized countries. Then, the British government would extend suffrage to all males. In addition, child labor laws would be passed only during the 19th century, due to backlash. The British government would adopt very limited demands of the people.

The social and political reforms in the industrial society during the 19th century were only enacted because of the backlash of people and for their own gain. For instance, the government only passed child labor laws, so their country does not plummet in population in the future and so their future generation don’t struggle with health problems from industrial machines. Furthermore, the growth of labor unions would lead to labor reform laws being widely accepted in different places. An example of this would be there being widespread labor unions globally due to the industrial revolution.