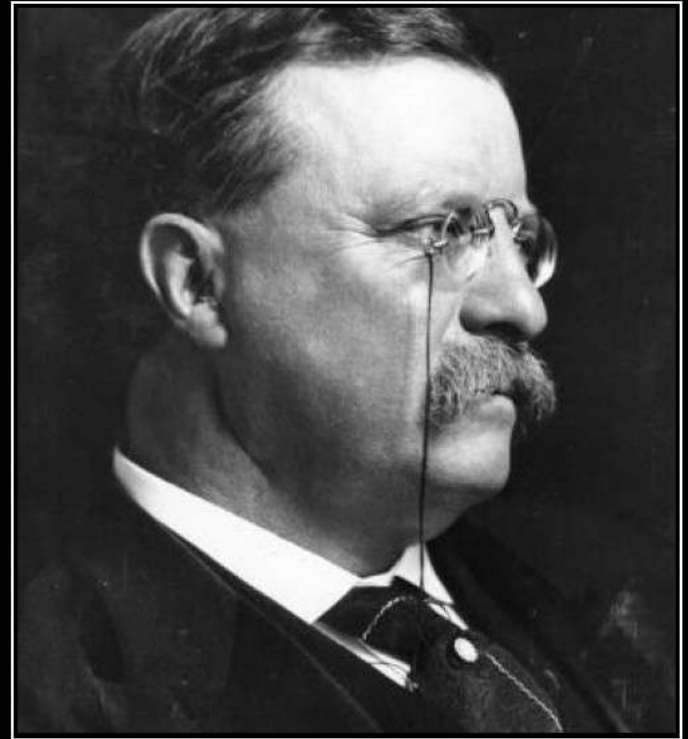


Four Goals of Progressivism



RESOLUTION

"In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

Social Reform

✿ Populism 1890s

- ✿ Political movement seeking to advance the interests of farmers and laborers

✿ Progressivism 1900-1917

- ✿ Seeking to return control of the gov. to the people; supported by middle class city dwellers

1. Protecting Social Welfare

- ✿ Relieving urban problems

- ✿ Social Gospel Movement

- ✿ Christians have a responsibility to help improve working conditions and alleviate poverty
- ✿ Ethical justification for gov. intervention

- ✿ YMCA

- ✿ Opened libraries, swimming pools, sponsored classes

- ✿ Salvation Army

- ✿ Fed the poor, cared for children, temperance

2. Promoting Moral Reform

- ✿ Morality holds the key in improving the lives of poor people, not the work place
- ✿ Prohibition – temperance
- ✿ Women’s Christian Temperance Union

3. Economic Reform



✿ Laissez-faire economics

- ✿ gov. should leave the economy alone

✿ Socialism

✿ Muckrakers

- ✿ Coined by Teddy Roosevelt

- ✿ “raking the muck”

- ✿ Ida M. Tarbell

- ✿ History of the Standard Oil Company – Rockefeller and his monopoly



Socialism

- ✿ Definition: Political and economic theory advocating that land, natural resources, and chief industries should be owned by the community as a whole
- ✿ Collective ownership by all the people of the factories, mills, mines, railroads, land and all other instruments of production
- ✿ *American socialists condemned social and economic inequities, criticized limited government and demanded public ownership of railroads, utilities, and communications. They also campaigned for tax reforms, better housing, factory inspections and recreational facilities for all.*

4. Fostering Efficiency

- ✿ Scientific management: application of scientific principles to increase efficiency in the workplace
- ✿ Example:
 - ✿ Henry's Ford's **assembly line** measures how quickly each workers can perform his job
 - ✿ Line allowed for huge increases in production, but work was exhausting
 - ✿ 8 hour work day, \$5 per day to keep workers happy