

# Helping the Needy

- Conditions in the slums shocked many middle class people.
- Moved by social conscience or religious idealism, thousands of people joined groups to improve society.
- **The New York Charity Organization Society - Founded in 1882 by Josephine Shaw Lowell helped the needy with advice and assistance to help their situation.**
- **Social Gospel Movement - A social reform movement that developed within religious institutions and sought to apply the teachings of Jesus directly to society.**
- Thousands of educated young men and women put the social gospel into practice using an innovative reform program called the settlement movement.
- **Reformers believed that prosperous Americans should lead reform efforts.**

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# The Settlement Movement

- Settlement House - A community center organized to provide various services to the urban poor.
- In 1889, Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr turned a run-down mansion into a place for immigrants to come and stay.
- Over the decades Addams and Starr turned the mansion into a center of community activity.
- People of the settlement movement believed that social workers should live in poor neighborhoods.





# The Development of Sociology

- Scholars in Europe and America were trying to develop a scientific way of looking at how people lived.
- Philosopher Auguste Comte coined the term sociology.
- **Sociology - The Study of how people interact with one another in a society.**





# Controlling Immigration and Behavior

- Many Americans linked the problems of the cities to the new immigrants.
  - In 1859 the Know-Nothing Party had gained many followers by vowing to restrict immigration.
  - Nativism - The favoring of native-born Americans over immigrants.
  - Nativists also believed in teaching only American culture in schools
  - In the late 1800's the Temperance Movement began a campaign to eliminate alcohol consumption.
  - They supported prohibition - a ban on the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.
  - They saw a link between drinking and lower public morals.
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- Know-Nothing Party*



# Purity Crusaders

- As cities grew, drugs, gambling, prostitution, and other forms of vice became big business.
- Vice - immoral or corrupt activity, was not unique to the cities
- Large urban cities made vice highly visible and very profitable.
- Purity crusaders wanted to rid the cities of Vice.
- This started in 1873 with the founding of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice.
- The following year a law was passed that outlawed obscene materials to be sent through the mail.
- Purity crusaders were also known for attacking political machines and corruption.