

# Representing the Progressive Era



# The Progressive Era

- 1900-1919
- Refers to different ways Americans tried to solve the problems caused by industrialization
- Connects to realism and scientific thought
  - Social engineering

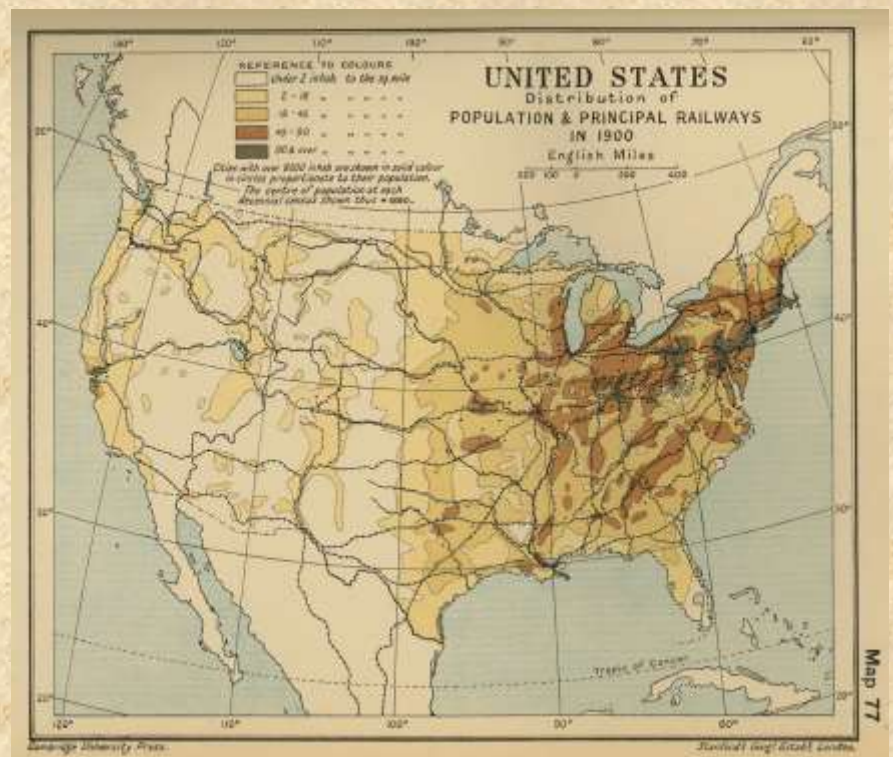
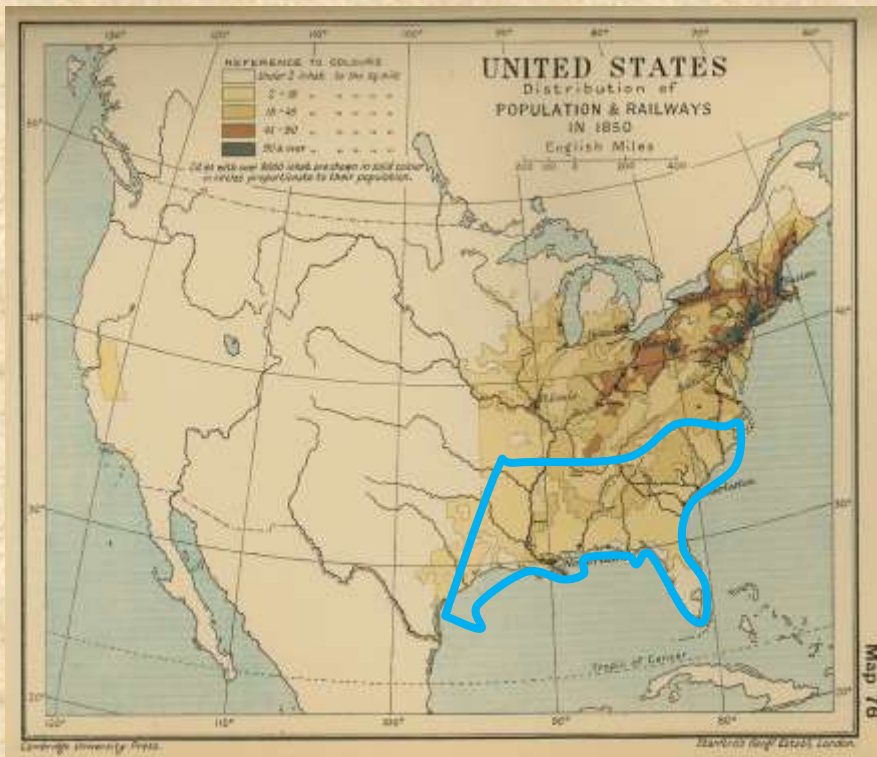
# Prior to the Progressive Era:

- Rural America
  - “Manifest Destiny”
  - *Homestead Act* (1862)



# Prior to the Progressive Era:

- Population changes



# The Homestead and Railroad Acts (1862)

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*I can testify to this*

**Nebraska,**  
The Garden of the West.

**50 MILLION ACRES**  
OF  
**GRAIN & GRAZING LAND,**

Offered to actual settlers only, for \$1.25 per acre outside of Railroad Land Grant Limits; or \$2.50 per acre inside of such limits, under the pre-emption law, or a

**Homestead**

Of 80 acres inside of Railroad limits, and of 160 acres outside, for \$18.00 all told.

*Produce of the land*

**UNION**  
AND  
**CENTRAL**  
**PACIFIC**  
RAILROAD LINE

THE  
**GREAT AMERICAN**  
OVER-LAND ROUTE.

AVOID THE DELAYS  
AND  
DANGERS OF NAVIGATION  
BY TAKING THE

**UNION CENTRAL**  
PACIFIC R.R. LINE  
**OMAHA**

SAVE TIME, MONEY

226 MILES IN DISTANCE TO  
**SAN FRANCISCO**  
AND ALL POINTS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

**SPEED! COMFORT! SAFETY!**  
STEEL RAILS,  
Miller Platforms, Air Brakes.

<p><b>THOS. L. KIMBALL,</b> Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Ag't. <b>S. H. H. CLARK,</b> Gen'l Supt. UNION PACIFIC R.R. Omaha, Nebraska. 3-27-79-611-Mp.</p>	<p><b>T. H. GOODMAN,</b> Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Ag't. <b>A. N. TOWNE,</b> Gen'l Supt. CENTRAL PACIFIC R.R. San Francisco, Cal.</p>
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# Indian Wars



# Social Darwinism



# Racial Segregation and the Jim Crow Laws





# The Great Migration



## New immigrants and nativism



MAIN SOURCES OF IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES, 1861–1890

	1861–1870	1871–1880	1881–1890
Europe			
Austria-Hungary	7,800	72,969	353,719
Denmark	17,094	31,771	88,132
France	35,986	72,206	50,464
Germany	787,468	718,182	1,452,970
Great Britain			
England	222,277	437,706	644,680
Scotland	38,769	87,564	149,869
Ireland	435,778	436,871	655,482
Italy	11,725	55,759	307,309
Norway	71,631	95,323	176,586
Sweden	37,667	115,922	391,776
Switzerland	23,286	28,293	81,988
USSR	2,512	39,284	213,282
Asia			
China	64,301	123,201	61,711
America			
Canada and Newfoundland	153,878	383,640	393,304



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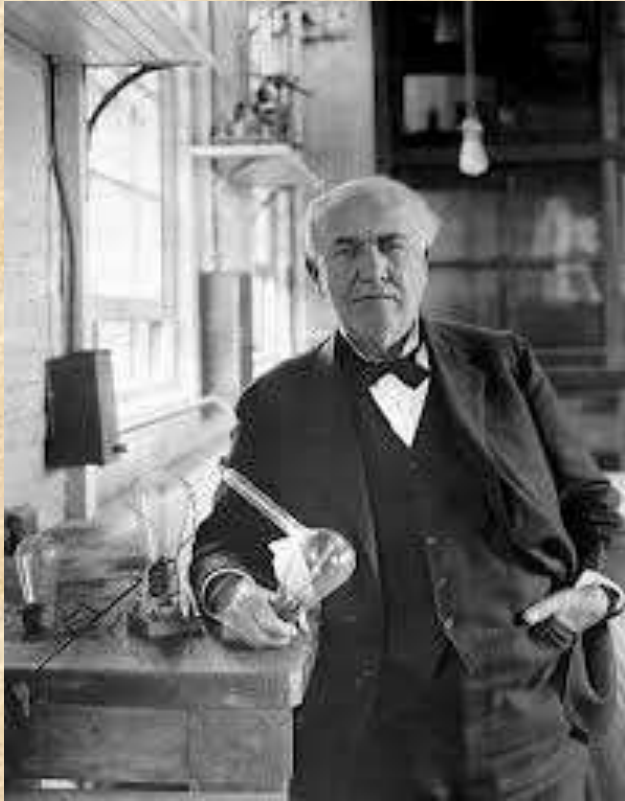




The American city after 1900—The Ethnic Neighborhood



Winslow Homer painting, "Morning Bell".  
Rural America leaving to find work in the city



New Industries

# Progressive Era Social Problems

- Monopolies



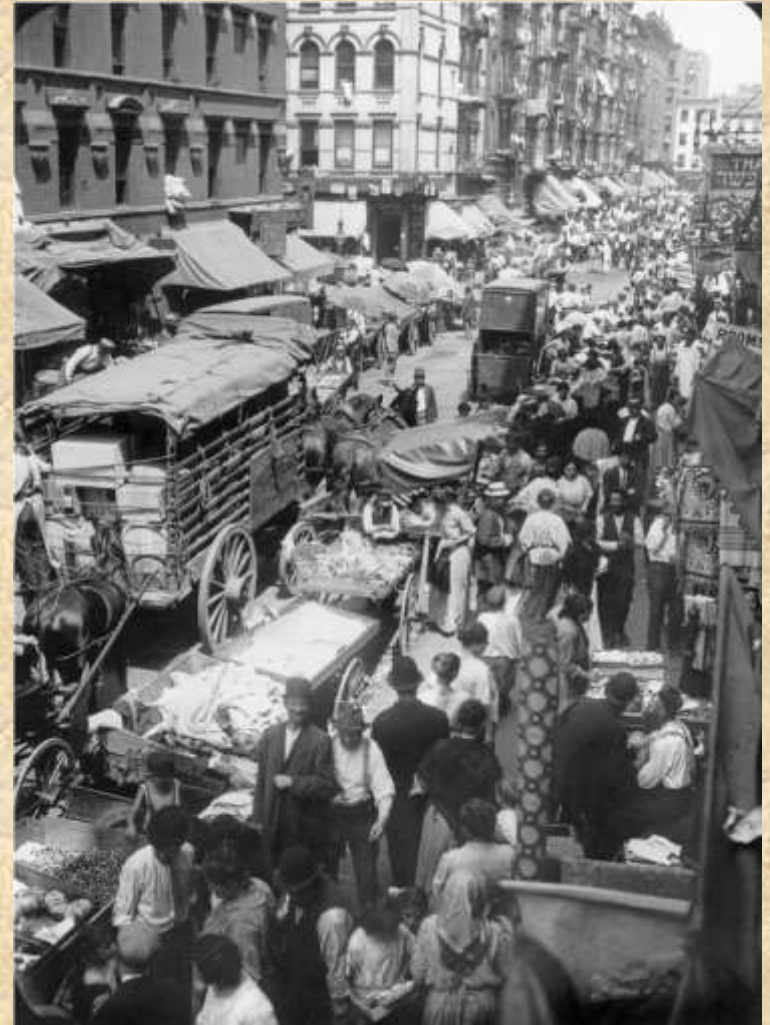


# Progressive Era Social Problems

- Rapid growth in cities



The American city after 1900



Crowded NYC Street Circa 1900

# Progressive Era Social Problems

- Overcrowded/poor housing



American Cities



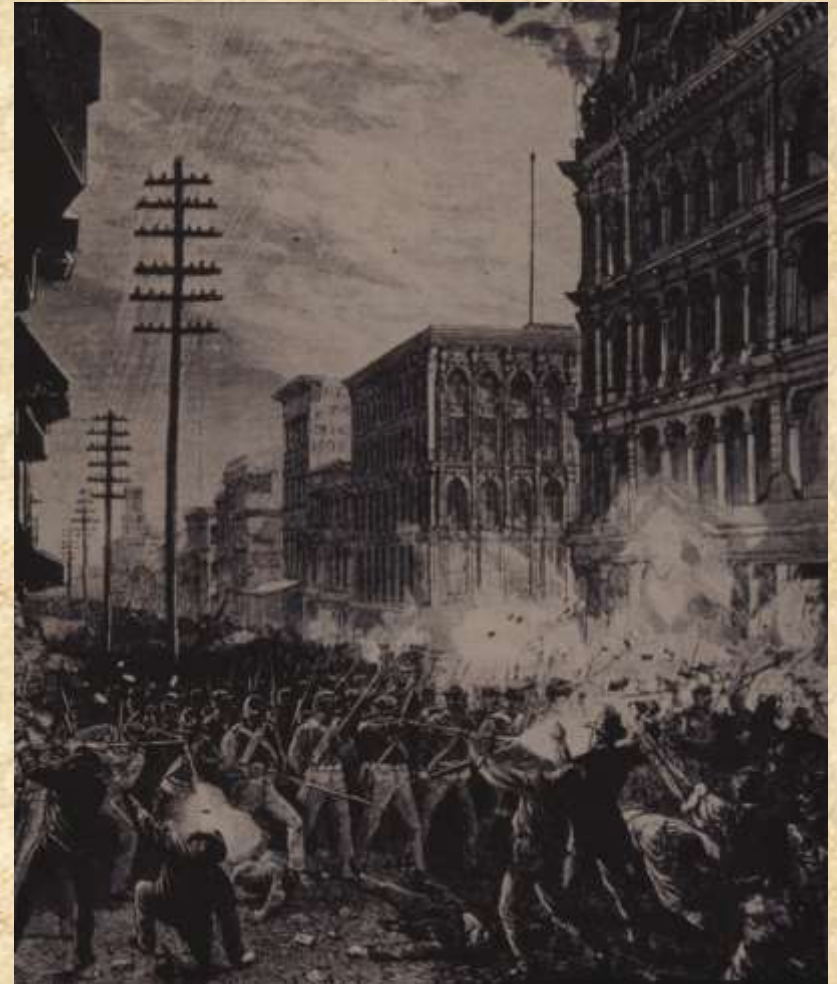
Jacob A. Riis, Peddler Who Slept in the Cellar of 11 Ludlow Street Rear

# Progressive Era Social Problems

- Labor/working conditions



Factory Production



National Guard against rioting workers

# Progressive Era Social Problems

- Contamination in food industries



Splitting backbones, Swift & Co 1906

# Progressive Era Social Problems

- Human Rights



Paul Thompson, Suffrage Movement

# Progressive Era Reformers

- Muckrakers
- Women's organizations
- Social workers
- Scientific professionals/experts



Women take to the streets of New York City to march in the Suffrage Parade in 1912.

# Important Muckrakers

- Jacob Riis
  - *How the Other Half Lives*



Men's Lodging Room in the West 47th Street Station



In Sleeping Quarters, Rivington Street Dump

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The Slide That Was the Children's Only Playground



It Costs a Dollar a Month to Sleep in These Sheds



# Important Muckrakers

- Lewis Hine
  - Child Labor



Doffers in Cherryville, Manufacturing Company, Cherryville, NC, 1909

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Breaker boys in coal mine, Pittston, PA, 1911

# Important Muckrakers/Photojournalists

- Upton Sinclair
  - *The Jungle*



Meat Packing Industry, dropping hides and splitting chucks, beef dept., Swift & Co.'s Packing House 1906

# Social Workers

- Jane Addams
  - Hull House



Hull House Dining Room



Hull-House Nursery, ca. 1890s

# Social Workers

- Margaret Sanger



Women and men sitting with baby carriages in front of the Sanger Clinic in Brooklyn, N.Y., October 1916.

# Women's Organizations

- “Municipal Housekeeping”
- WCTU
- Women's suffrage



Suffragists protest President Woodrow Wilson's opposition to Women's Suffrage

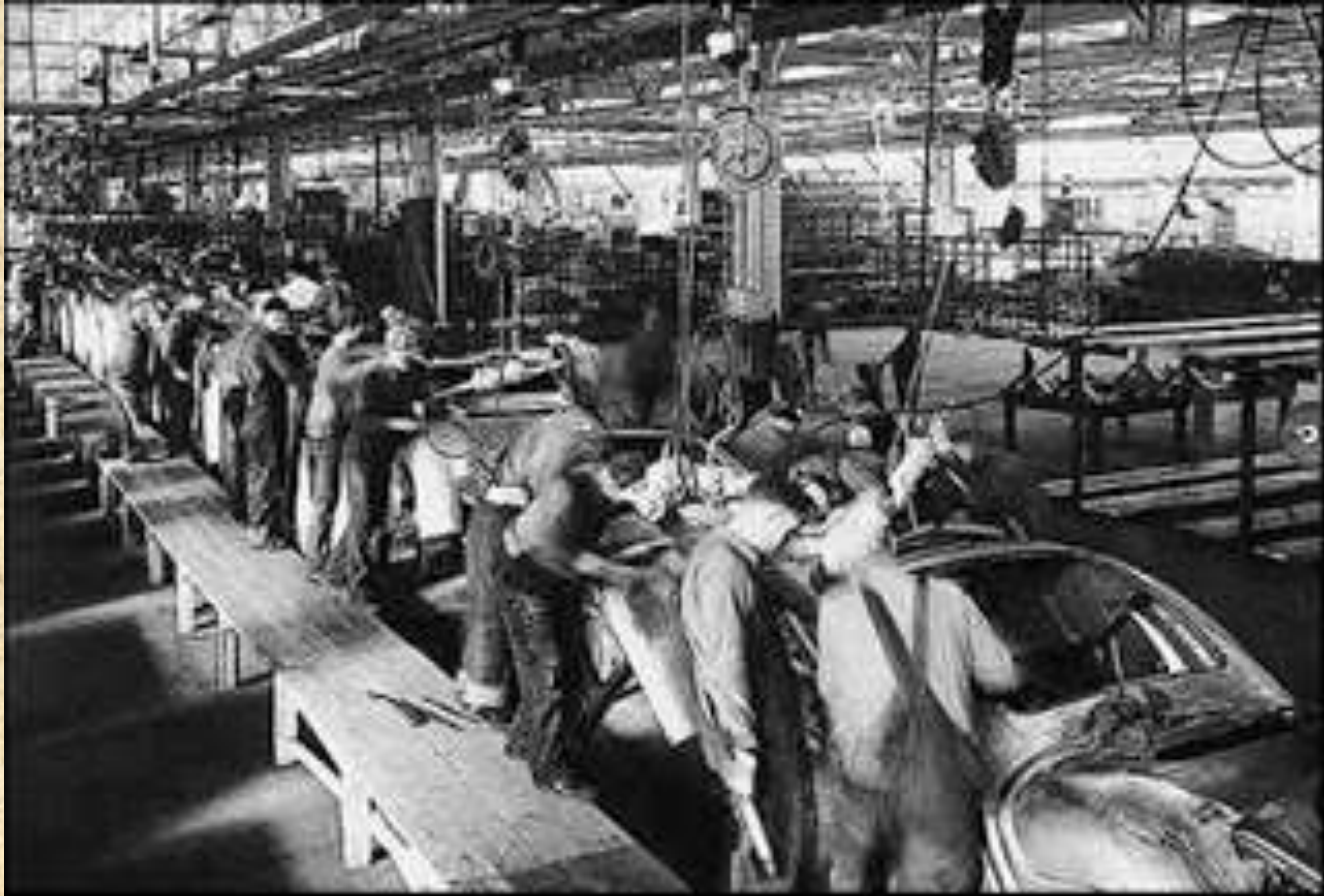


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# Scientific Professionals/Experts

- “Fordism”
- “Taylorism”
  - “Scientific Management”





Ford assembly line





Factory Production



The assembly line at the Ford Motor Company factory in Highland Park, Michigan, around 1915.