

The Progressive Era: 1900-1920

AREAS OF CONCERN:

1. **Trust-busting**
 - Henry Demarest Lloyd
 - David G. Phillips – “The Treason of the State”
 - Ida Tarbell – History of the Standard Oil Co.
 - Frank Norris – The Octopus
 - Upton Sinclair – The Jungle
 - Thorstein Veblen – Theory of the Leisure Class

2. **Destroy political machines [GOO GOOs]**
 - initiative, referendum, recall
 - reform governors:
 - * Robert LaFollette – WI – “**The Laboratory of Democracy**”
 - * Charles E. Hughes – NY
 - * Hiram Johnson – CA
 - city reform:
 - * commission system – Galveston, TX
 - * city-manager system – Staunton, VA
 - Lincoln Steffens – Shame of the City

3. **Voting reform**
 - “Australian” secret ballot
 - direct primaries

4. **Improve squalid urban living conditions**
 - Settlement House Movement
 - * Jane Addams – Hull House (Chicago)
 - * Lilliam Ward – Henry Street Settlement (NYC)
 - Jacob A. Riis – How the Other Half Lives
 - Social Gospel Movement
 - * Walter Rauschenbusch
 - * Washington Gladden
 - Temperance Movement
 - * Carrie Nation – Anti-Saloon League
 - * Francis Willard
 - Education Reform
 - * John Dewey – “Learning by doing”

SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATION:

1. **Trust-busting**
 - Elkins Act (1903)
 - Hepburn Act (1906)
 - Mann-Elkins Act (1910)
 - Federal Trade Commission Act (1914)
 - Clayton Anti-Trust Act (1914) **

2. **Destroy political machines [GOO GOOs]**
 - 16th Amendment (1913) -- national income tax

3. **Voting reform**
 - 17th Amendment (1913) – direct election of Senators

4. **Improve squalid urban living conditions**
 - 18th Amendment (1919)

SUPREME COURT DURING THE PROGRESSIVE ERA:

- Conservative Court.
- Overturned many progressive gains in Congress and in the states.
- *Northern Securities Co. v. US* (1901)
- *Lochner v. NY* (1905)
- *Hammer v. Dagenhart* (1918)
- *Adkins v. Children's Hospital* (1923)

AREAS OF CONCERN:

5. **Improve working conditions, especially for women and ending child labor**
 - John Spargo – The Bitter Cry of the Children
 - Charlotte Perkins Gilman – Woman and Economics
 - Florence Kelley
 - Margaret Sanger – birth control
6. **Female suffrage**
 - NAWSA
 - Jeannette Rankin
7. **Consumer protection**
 - Upton Sinclair
8. **Conservation**
 - John Muir
 - Gifford Pinchot
 - John Burroughs
9. **Banking reform**
 - Postal Savings Bank system created (1910)
 - Federal Reserve Board created
10. **Some rural reform**
 - sub-treasury plan established (1916) → what the Populists had pushed for earlier.

SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATION:

5. **Improve working conditions, especially for women and ending child labor:**
 - Child Labor Act (1915)
 - Workmen's Compensation Act (1916)
6. **Female suffrage**
 - 19th Amendment (1920)
7. **Consumer protection**
 - Pure Food and Drug Act (1906)
 - Meat Inspection Act (1906)
8. **Conservation**
 - Newlands Reclamation Act (1902)
 - Antiquities Act (1906)
9. **Banking reform**
 - Federal Reserve Act (1913) **
10. **Some rural reform**
 - Federal Farm Loan Act (1916)
 - Federal Highway Act of 1916
 - Warehouse Act of 1916