

America's History (Henretta) Chapter 20, 21

# republicans divide

During Taft's presidency the Republican Party becomes divided — Taft supports Payne-Aldrich

- Tariff (1909) which raised rates • Angered Progressives in the Republican party
- Pinchot-Ballinger Controversy: Taft fires Chief of the Forest Service Gifford Pinchot after he criticized Secretary of the Interior Ballinger
  - Ballinger opened public lands in Alaska for private development



### ELECTION OF 1912 Taft wins the Republican nomination TR forms the Progressive ("Bull Moose" Party) - Program called "New Nationalism"

- active federal government pursuing a wide variety of reforms
   Democrats select Woodrow Wilson who ran on a progressive platform called "New Freedom"
- Tariff lowered, bank reform, antitrust laws

Socialist candidate Eugene Debs running

- Demonstrates growing frustration over slow pace of reform
   Called for more radical reforms
- than Progressive candidates
   Public ownership of major industry such as RR, steel, oil, etc.

Results: Divided Republicans help Wilson win the Presidency



| Progressive Era Reform under Wilson  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Tariff Reform  | Tariff Reform Trusts   |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Underwood<br/>Tariff (1913):<br/>lowered the<br/>rates of tariffs         <ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> major<br/>tariff<br/>reduction in<br/>50 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Federal Trade<br/>Commission (1914)<br/>presidential appointed<br/>commission that<br/>would investigate<br/>monopolies.         <ul> <li>Exempted labor unions<br/>from being prosecuted</li> <li>Clayton Anti-Trust Act<br/>(1914) increased the<br/>power of the Sherman<br/>Anti-Trust Act</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Federal Reserve Act<br/>(1913) would be<br/>responsible for<br/>regulating money<br/>supply         <ul> <li>Previous economic<br/>panics (i.e. Panic of<br/>1907) demonstrated<br/>problem of limited<br/>money supply</li> </ul> </li> <li>16<sup>th</sup> Amendment:<br/>graduated income<br/>tax established</li> </ul> |  |  |  |

## FAILURE OF THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT: AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS

- Most Progressive reformers <u>were not</u> interested in advancing the cause of social justice or extending democracy for African Americans.
- African Americans were ignored by most Progressive politicians
- Very little protests to the rise of lynching or the existence of Jim Crow laws (*REMEMBER Plessy v. Ferguson*)

# **AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS**

### Booker T. Washington

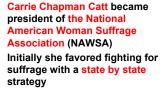
- Atlanta Exposition speech in 1895 outlined his position
- African Americans should acquire vocational skills to gain self-respect and economic security
- Established Tuskegee Institute
- Did not advocate for directly challenging white supremacy
- Accused of being a "accommodationist" by critics

# W.E.B. DuBois • "Souls of Black Folk" (1903)

- "Souls of Black Folk" (190.
   Rejected Booker's gradualism
- Demanded immediate political and social equality for black people
- Niagara Movement (1905) advocated for black rights
   Helped found the National Association for the
- Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909
- Ida B. Wells important in the anti-lynching campaign, woman's suffrage, and civil rights

# WOMEN IN THE MOVEMENT





Alice Paul broke with NAWSA and formed the National Woman's Party in 1916

More militant, demanded a national amendment

Eventually 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (1920)



During the Progressive Era Roosevelt, Taft, and Wilson all sought reform at the national level

# WILSON'S FOREIGN POLICY

- The U.S. had pursued aggressive for Asia and Latin America
  - TR "Big Stick" policy
  - Taft "Dollar Diplomacy"



- Wilson shifts direction with a policy called **"Moral Diplomacy"**
- Pursue less imperialistic policies:
  - Improved relations with the Philippines and Panama

## Wilson Intervenes in Mexico

- Mexican Revolution removes dictator Porfirio Diaz from power
- U.S. had large amount of
- investments in Mexico Rotating leadership in Mexico
- Huerta becomes leader of
- Mexico (military dictator) - Wilson refuses to recognize his
- government • Orders an arms embargo and gives aid to revolutionaries
- Fighting Huerta – American soldiers arrested by Mexican officials at Tampico
- U.S. Navy occupied Veracruz Pancho Villa led raids across the
- border, killing people in Texas & New Mexico 1916 Wilson sends General John J.
- 1916 Wilson sends General John J. Pershing & a expeditionary force to arrest him

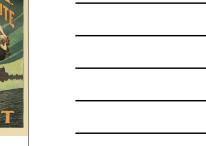


# THE GREAT WAR

- Variety of factors contributed to the outbreak of World War I
  - Militarism
  - Alliances
  - Imperialism
  - Nationalism
- Assassination of Franz Ferdinand becomes the immediate cause of World War I (June 1914)
- Wilson advocates a policy of neutrality



 England used its superior navy to blockade any trade from entering Germany



### THE STRUGGLE IS REAL: U.S. Neutrality



#### Germany resorts to unrestricted submarine warfare using U-boats - Lusitania (British passenger ship) sunk May 1915 killing

- 1,198 (including 128 Americans)
- Germany apologizes and pledges not to sink any more neutral ships
- Germany sinks other ships, including the Sussex (March 1916)
- Wilson threatens to cut off diplomatic relations with Germany (U.S. and Germany are very close to war)
  - Sussex Pledge: Germany wont sink anymore ships without warning

