

# The Progressive Era

## 1890-1920



# How was the Progressive Era a reaction to industrialization?

## **Problems with industrialization:**

- unemployment**

- unsafe working conditions**

- child labor**

- political corruption,etc.**

- many argued that gov't had to become more involved

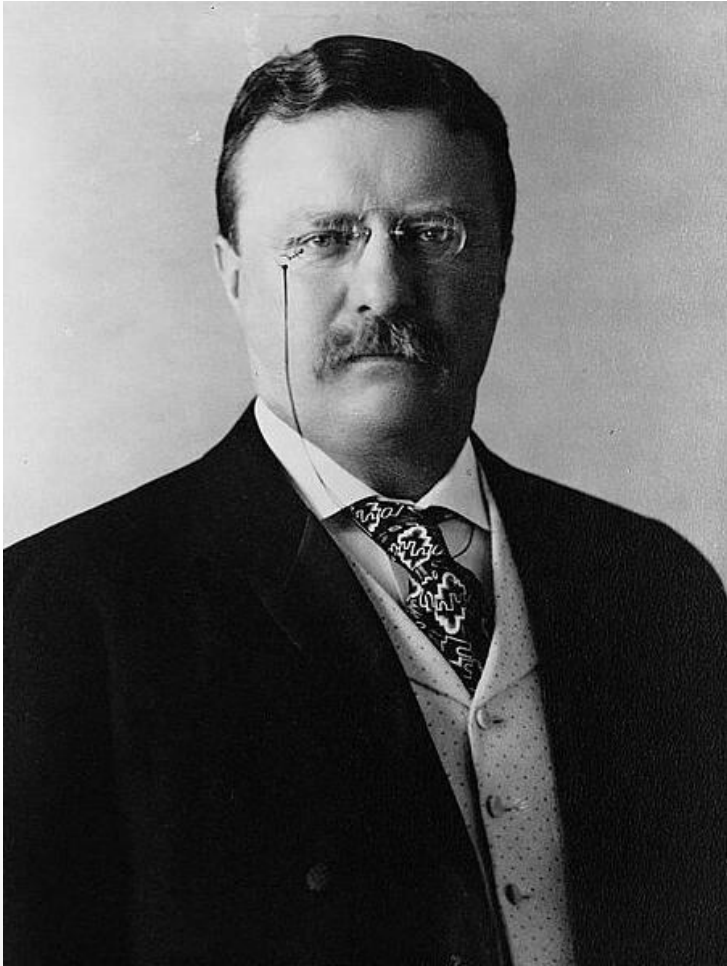
- reformers wanted social welfare programs

- muckrakers: journalists who investigated issues of public concern & publicized their findings

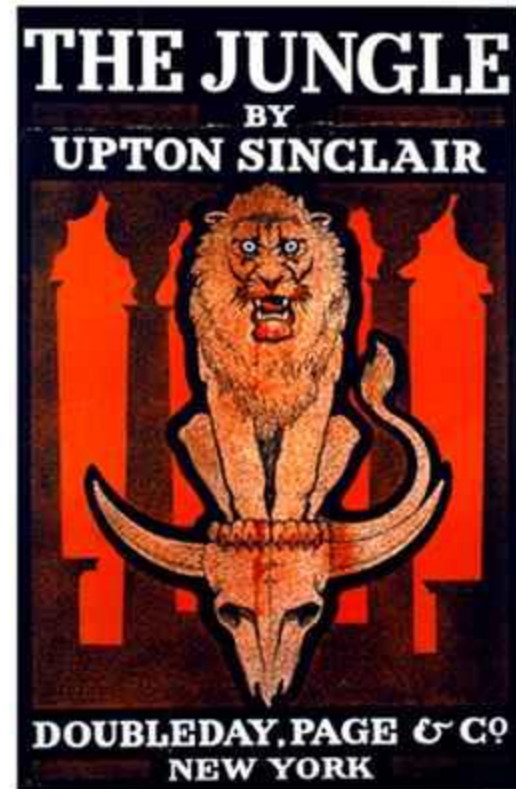
# Muckrakers

- Journalists/news reporters who made Americans aware of society's ills
  - Exposed corruption in business & politics
  - Rarely offered solutions

# Theodore Roosevelt



# Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*



# Legislation passed

## **Meat Inspection Act (1906)**

-established sanitation regulations for meat packing industry & federal inspection of meat sold across state lines

## **Pure Food and Drug Act (1906)**

-prohibited the “manufacture, sale, or transportation of adulterated or misbranded or poisonous or deleterious (harmful) foods, drugs, medicines & liquors”  
-also forbade misleading advertising

# Four Goals of Progressivism

- Protecting social welfare
- Promoting moral improvement
- Creating economic reform
- Fostering efficiency

# Women in the Progressive Era

- **Working women at the Turn of the Century**
  - Farm women
  - Domestic workers
  - Factory workers
  - White-collar workers
- \*Women played a large role in reform movements**



# Women's Suffrage

- Women faced constant opposition in their fight for voting rights... Why?
- Susan B. Anthony & Carrie Chapman Catt
- Three-part strategy
  - State legislatures
  - Court cases to test 14<sup>th</sup> Am.
  - National Constit. Am.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (1920)

# The Dark Side of the Progressive Era

