

- Theodore Roosevelt = Progressive POTUS #1
  - Selected to be McKinley's running mate in 1900 election
    - VPOTUS Garret Hobart died in office in 1899
  - Election of 1900 = repeat of 1896
    - GOP = McKinley unanimously nominated
    - Dems = re-nominated William Jennings Byran
    - Issues shifted
    - Like 1896
    - Unlike 1896
    - Results = same
  - McKinley's 2<sup>nd</sup> term = short
    - Sept 6 - Leon Czolgosz
    - NOTE: Robert Todd Lincoln
  - TR = personified progressivism
    - He = master politician
      - Master of "bully pulpit"
    - Principal theme = Square Deal
    - On one hand = trust buster
      - Ordered Attorney General Philander Knox sue Northern Securities
      - *Northern Securities Co. v. US* (1904)
    - On the other = hated big labor
      - Oct 1902, coal miners strike

- Oct 3, TR demands strike be arbitrated
  - John Mitchell of United Mine Workers = leader
- TR threatens to send in army
- Arbitration commission settles
- 1904 Election = TR wins
  - Defeated Dem pick Alton Parker (D-NY)
- 3 broad areas of achievement
  - RR regulation
    - Hepburn Act 1906
  - Consumer Protection
    - Reports by Harvey Wiley & stories by Samuel Hopkins Adams
    - Meat-Inspection Act of 1906
    - Pure Food & Drug Act of 1906
  - Conservation – NOT prohibition
    - Uses Forest Reserve Act of 1891
    - Creation of US Forest Service
    - Gifford Pinchot = 1<sup>st</sup> Chief Forester
- Panic of 1907
  - Panic = 3 week period of Crisis
  - Triggered owners of United Copper Co.
  - Attempt failed, banks = dragged down
    - Ex. Knickerbocker Trust Company

- J. P. Morgan
  - *Quid pro quo* –Tennessee Coal, Iron, & RR Co. acquired by US Steel
- TR compromises
  - News = market stabilization
- Election of 1908
  - TR = no 3<sup>rd</sup> term
  - Namea next candidate - William Howard Taft
    - NOTE: James Sherman (R-NY) = VPOTUS
  - Dems = William Jennings Bryan
    - Bryan = issueless
- William Taft = Progressive POTUS #2
  - Supported Square Deal
  - BUT Taft NOT TR
  - Helped split GOP over tariffs
  - Progressives call for reduction of tariff
    - Taft promised action
    - House adopted– Payne Bill
    - Sen. Nelson Aldrich (R-RI) blocks
    - Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act passed Congress
  - Result = GOP divides between Old Guard & Progressives
    - Battle shifts from Tariffs to operation of House
      - Target = Joseph “Uncle Joe” Cannon, Speaker of House

- 1910 Progressive coup
- Coalition follows up w/ new RR legislation
  - Mann-Elkins Act of 1910
    - » Expands ICC's powers
    - » Creates Commerce Court
    - » Secondary provisions angers Taft
- Taft did please Progressives some
  - 1) Supported proposal of 16<sup>th</sup> Amend
  - 2) Supported proposal of 17<sup>th</sup> Amend)
  - 3) True Trust Buster
    - NOTE: two leading cases = consequences
    - US Steel
    - International Harvester Company
    - Result = TR runs against Taft in 1912
- Election of 1912
  - GOP at war with self
    - Taft build up conservative strength
    - TR initially doesn't criticize
      - NOTE: calls for "New Nationalism"
    - Insurgents established National Progressive Republican League
      - Purpose Sen. Robert La Follete (R-WI)
    - TR pressed to throw hat in ring

- Taft's men controlled convention
- TR forms Progressive Party – aka Bull Moose
- Dems has problems too
  - Bryan won't run for 4<sup>th</sup> time
  - Convention took 46 ballots to select Gov. Woodrow Wilson of NJ
- Socialist Party also runs candidate
  - Eugene Debs ran for 4<sup>th</sup> time
- 4-man race = political showdown for US Progressivism
  - Debs = low man
  - Taft = lagged; conservatives supported
  - Battle narrowed down to Wilson vs. TR
    - Central issue = trusts
    - “New Nationalism” vs “New Freedom”
  - NOTE: Assassination attempt
    - TR shot by John Flammang Schrank
- Results: GOP division = Dem win
- Dems also capture both chambers of Congress
- Woodrow Wilson = Progressive POTUS #3
  - Progressive coalition controls DC
  - 1<sup>st</sup> up = tariff reform
    - Revenue Act of 1913 – AKA Underwood Tariff
      - Act = 2 primary pieces

- 2<sup>nd</sup> = Financial reform
  - Federal Reserve Act
    - Act = 3 primary pieces
  - Consequences of Fed Reserve System
- 3<sup>rd</sup> = Assistance to Farmers
  - Federal Farm Loan Act
    - System patterned on Fed Reserve
- 4<sup>th</sup> = expansion of Gov't regulation of economy
  - 1) Federal Trade Commission Act
  - 2) Clayton Anti-Trust Act
- 5<sup>th</sup> = foundation of welfare state
  - Keating-Owen Child Labor Act
    - NOTE: *Hammer v. Dagenhart* (1918)
  - Seaman's Act
  - Adamson Act
    - NOTE: *Wilson v. New* (1917)