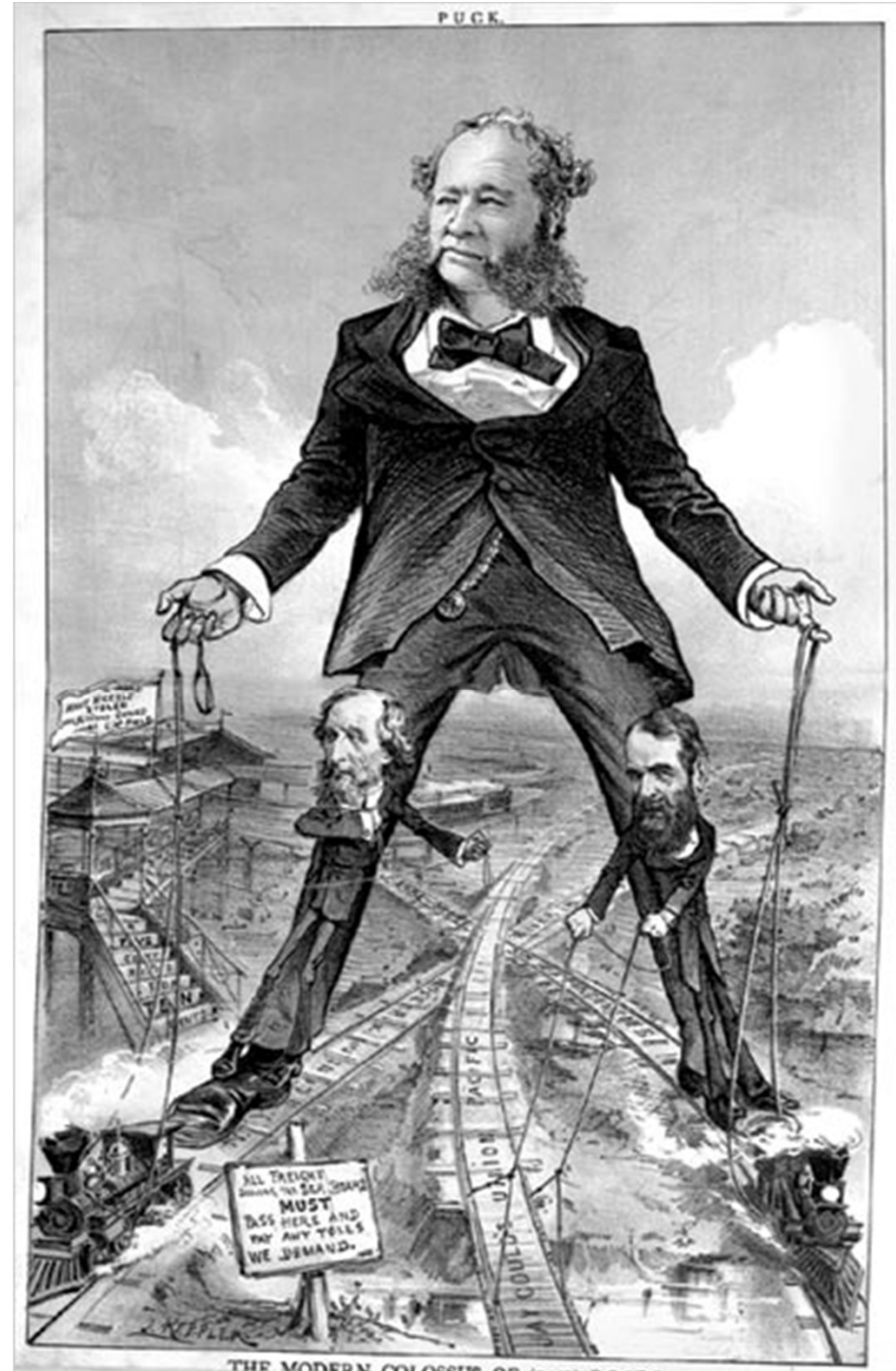


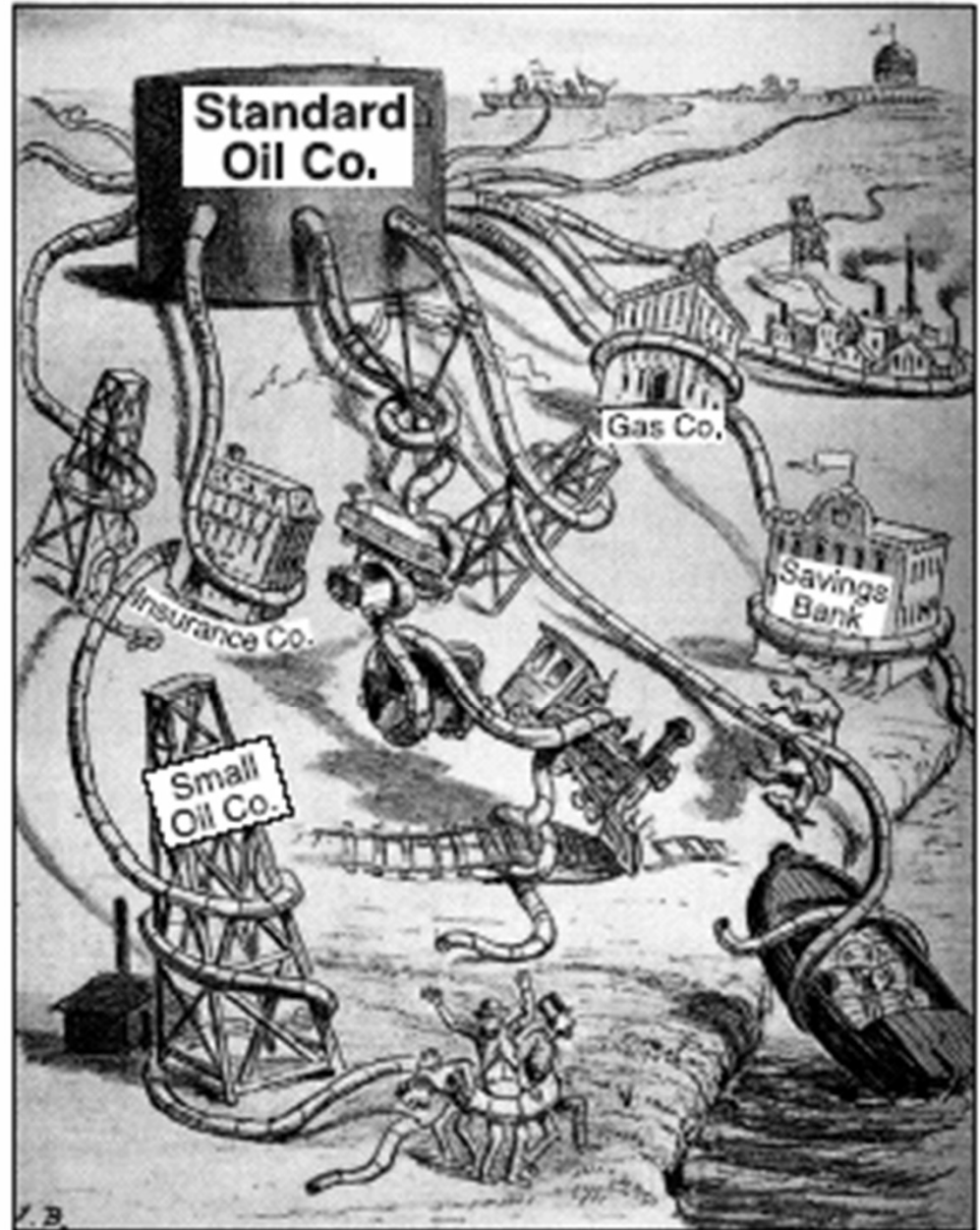
# I. PROGRESSIVISM

= **reform** movement  
to solve problems of  
the late 1800's



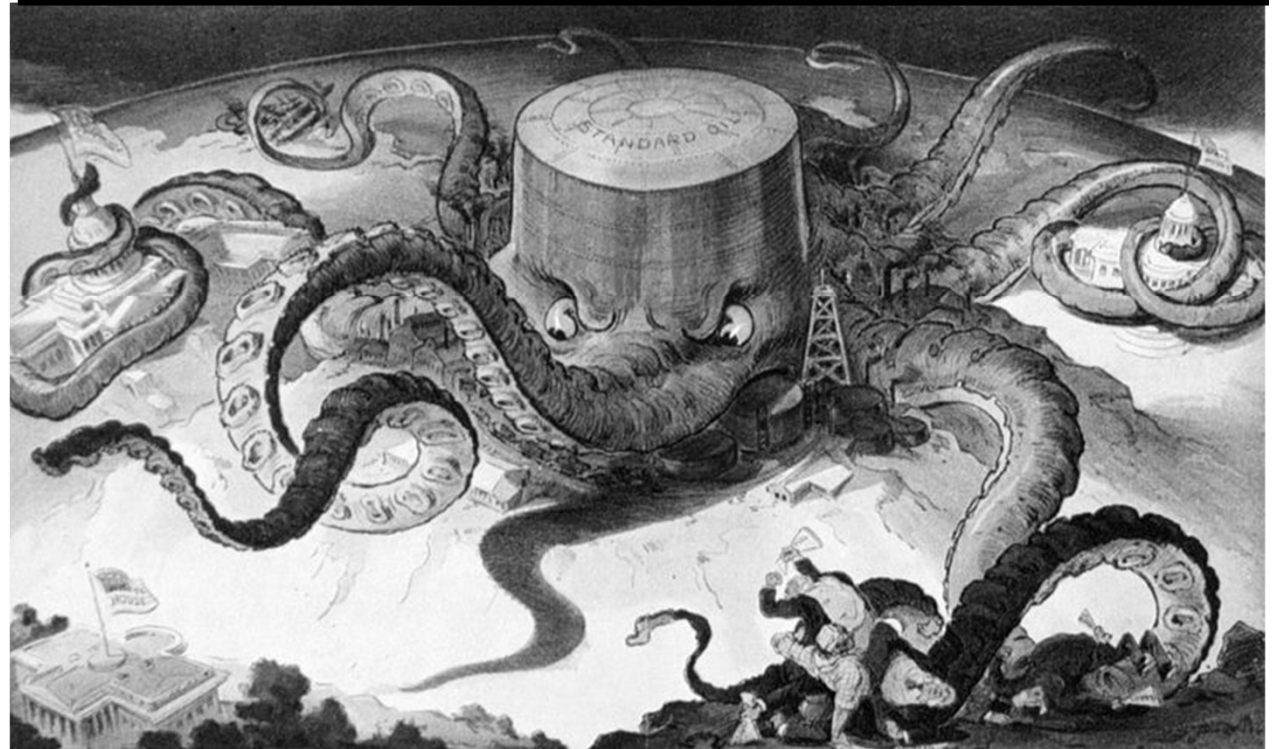
## II. CAUSES OF PROGRESSIVISM

- 1 monopolies restricting competition =  $\uparrow$  prices
- 2 economic depression of 1890's
- 3 corruption in gov't = political bosses (Boss Tweed)
- 4 gap of standard of living = difference between rich & poor



Source: Herman Viola, *Why We Remember: United States History*, Scott Foresman—Addison Wesley Publishing Co. (adapted)

## II. CAUSES OF PROGRESSIVISM



5 abuse of natural resources

6 unsafe working conditions

7 poor sanitation, overcrowding, crime in cities

8 Influence of the muckrakers

### III. POLITICAL BOSSES

1. as cities grew, they needed to expand services such as sewers, garbage collection, and road construction
2. city politicians took bribes and were purposefully overcharged for construction projects





- **Boss William Tweed (Tammany Hall) stole \$75 - \$200 Million from NYC taxpayers during the 1860's-1870's**



WHO STOLE THE PEOPLE'S MONEY? — DO TELL. N.Y. TIMES.

'T WAS HIM



- city bosses were popular with the poor and immigrants – they provided jobs, made loans, gave extra coal in winter, turkeys on Thanksgiving in exchange for their vote

## IV. MUCKRAKERS

= writers & journalists who exposed corruption and injustice in business & politics

Intro Video

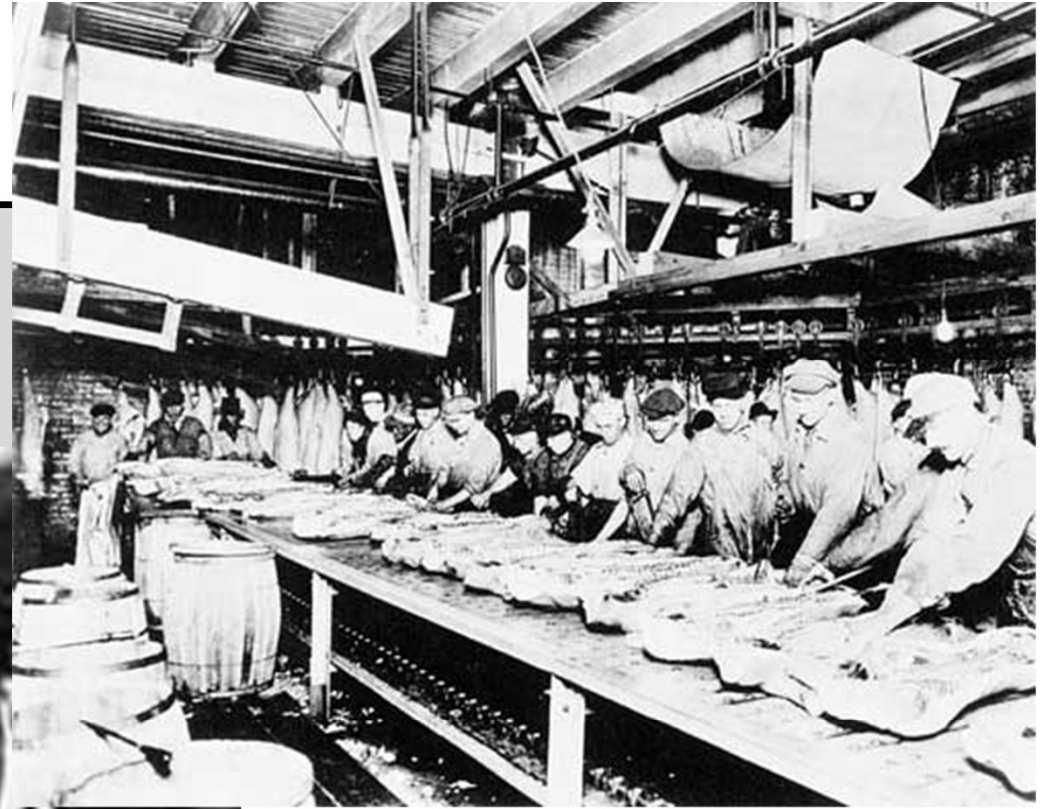


# Upton Sinclair =The Jungle 1906

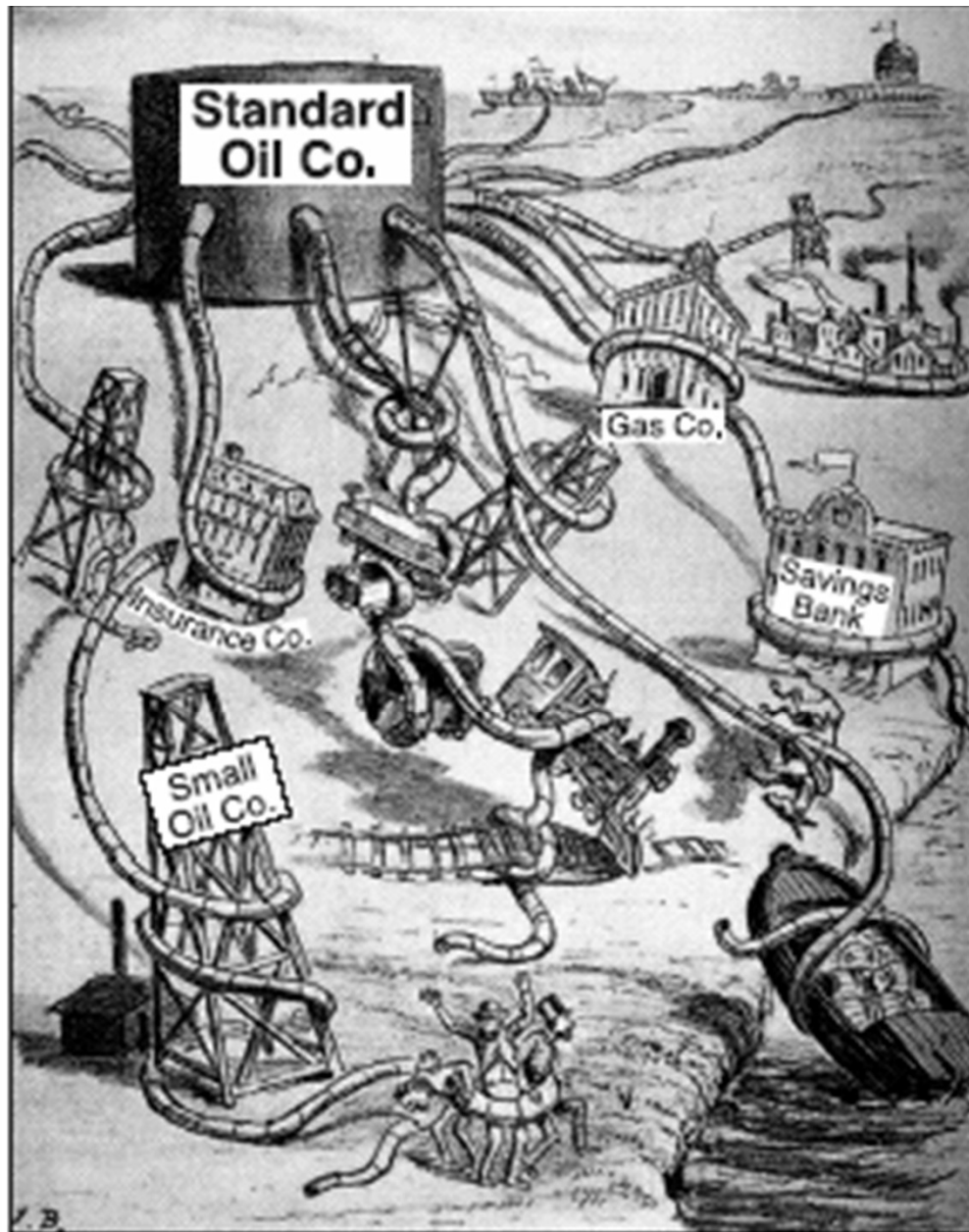




# VIDEO MUCKRAKERS



- described the unhealthy working conditions of the meat industry



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=also wrote  
Oil! –  
described the  
greed  
involved in  
the American  
Oil Industry





## 2 Ida Tarbell

= History of the Standard Oil Co. 1890

= described the ruthless practices of the Standard Oil Co. under Rockefeller



U.S. Capitol

shipping industries

STANDARD OIL

State House

1904

Library of Congress



White House

litho-  
graph  
by Udo  
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Keppler

Udo J. Keppler, *Next!*, illustration, *Puck*, 7 September 1904

steel and copper industries

### 3 Jacob Riis

= How the Other Half Lives 1890

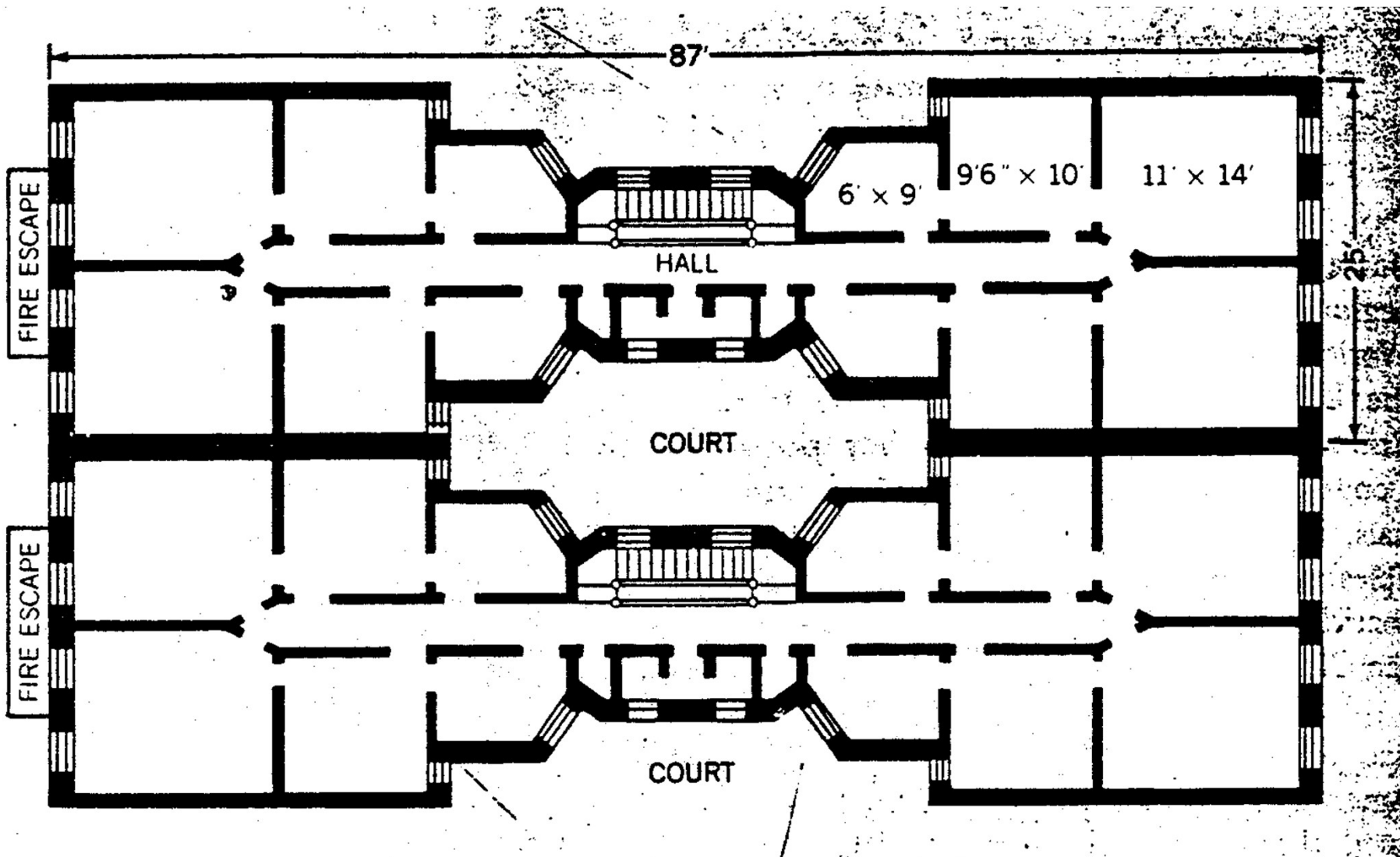
=discussed the lifestyles of the wealthy class compared to the lower class

Jacob Riis Video







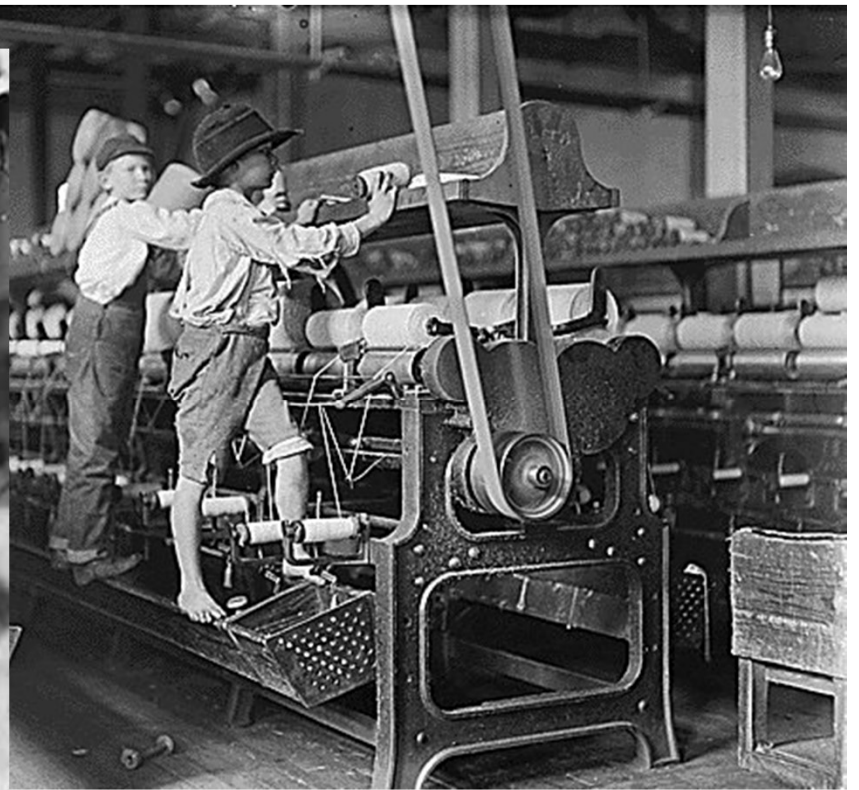


Sometimes a whole family was crowded into a single room.

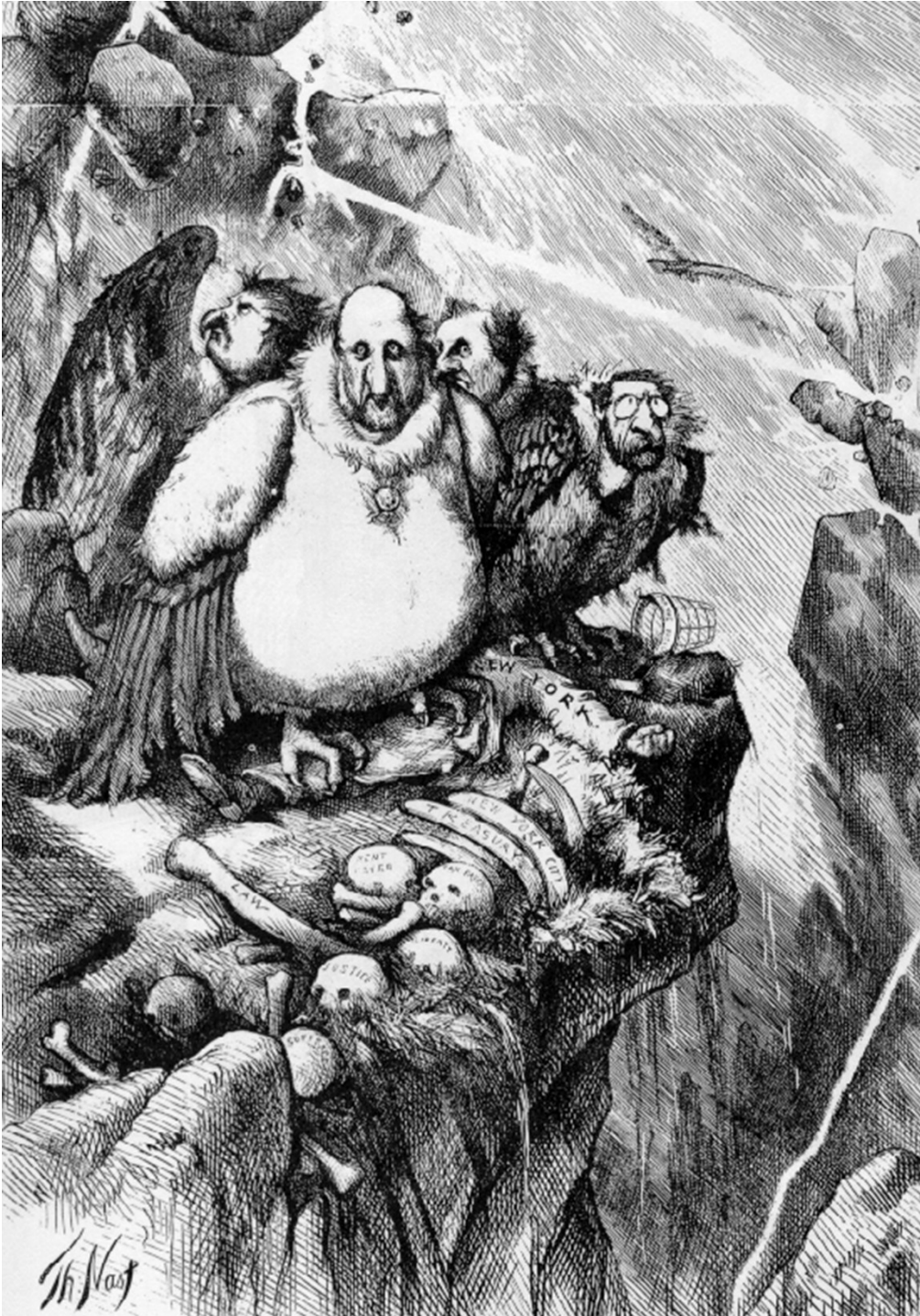
#### 4. Lewis Hine

= Exposed the evils of child labor

= Snuck into factories to photograph and interview children







- 5. Thomas Nast
- = Cartoonist that exposed Boss Tweed's corruption
- = Portrayed Tweed as a vulture feeding off the people of NYC



## **People must be given more power**

- 1. Australian (secret) ballot 1890**
- 2. Direct primary (nominate candidates) 1902**
- 3. Initiative (propose laws)**
- 4. Referendum (vote yes or no on laws)**
- 5. Recall (call for re-election)**
- 6. Direct election of Senators (17<sup>th</sup>)**
- 7. Women's suffrage (19<sup>th</sup>)**
- 8. Political parties corrupt and Undemocratic - Power must be diminished**

## V. CHANGES IN THE CITY

I End of corruption and political machines

A. City Commissioners = run utilities

B. City Council = makes laws

C. City Manager = direct / guide city

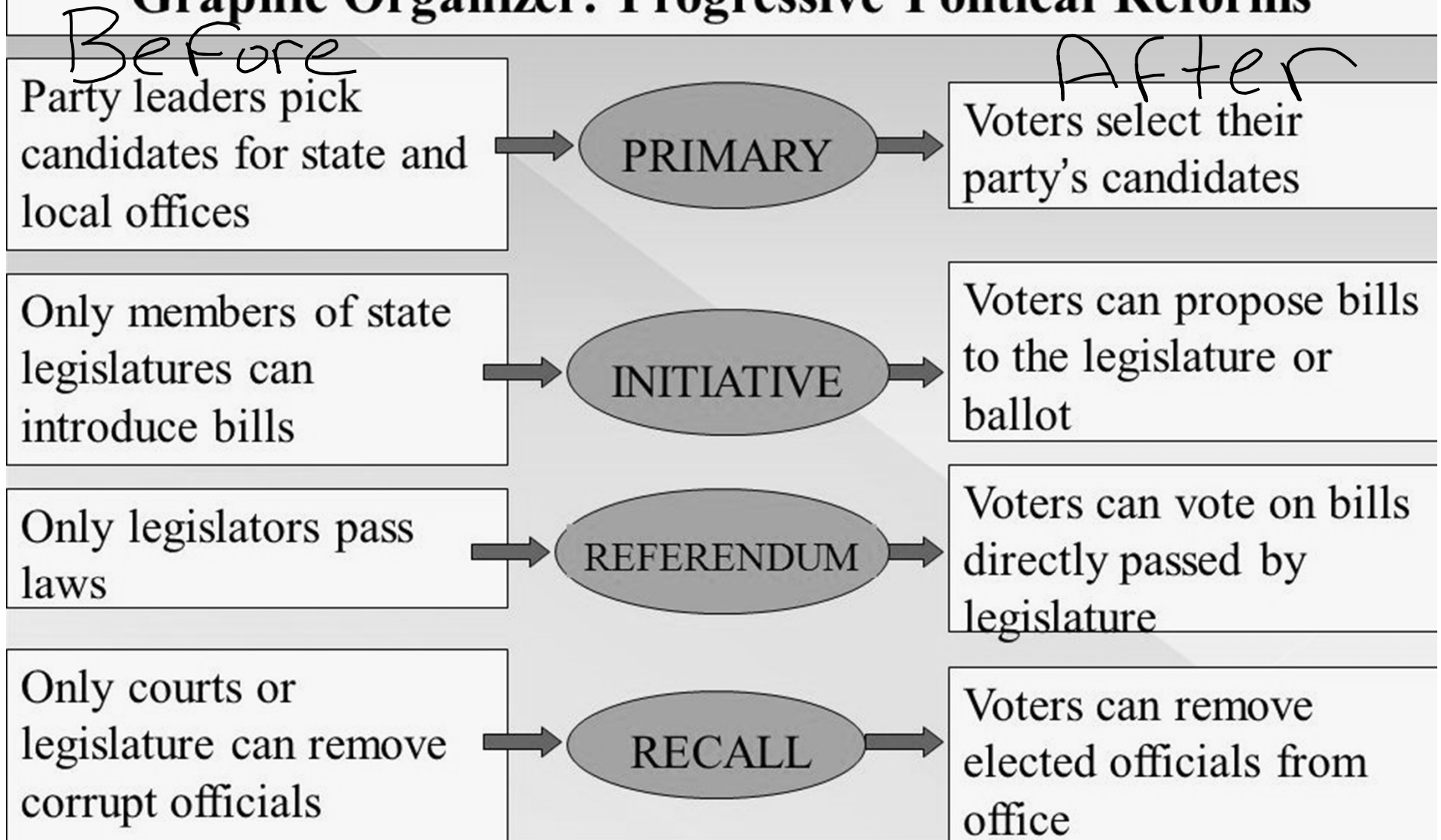
## VI. CHANGES IN THE COURT

1. Sherman Antitrust Act = broke up monopolies
2. Interstate Commerce Act (ICC) = regulated RR rates



**Objective:** To examine the major political reforms of the Progressive Era.

## Graphic Organizer: Progressive Political Reforms



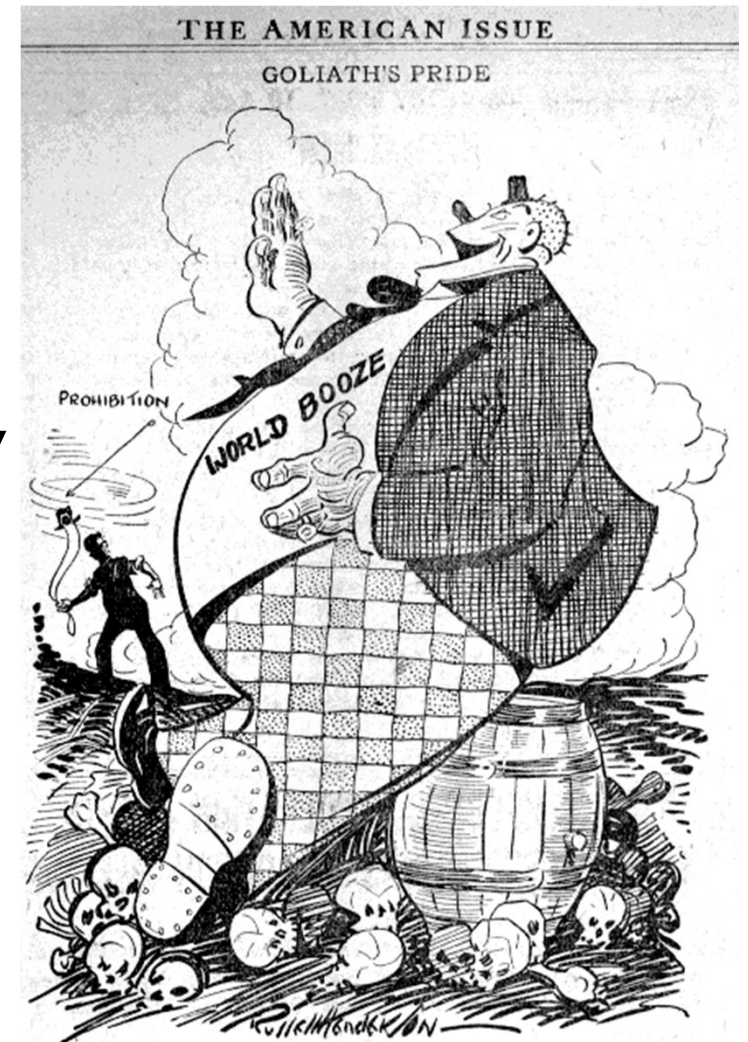
# I. PROGRESSIVES AND AMENDMENTS

## A. 16TH AMENDMENT

=Progressive Income Tax (1913)

=tax people heavier with ↑  
incomes

result = tax \$ from the wealthy  
was spent to benefit all people



## B. 17TH AMENDMENT

=Direct Election of Senators (1913)

reason

- = cut down on corruption
- = state legislatures were taking bribes
- = give the people more power



## C. 18TH AMENDMENT

= Prohibition (1919)

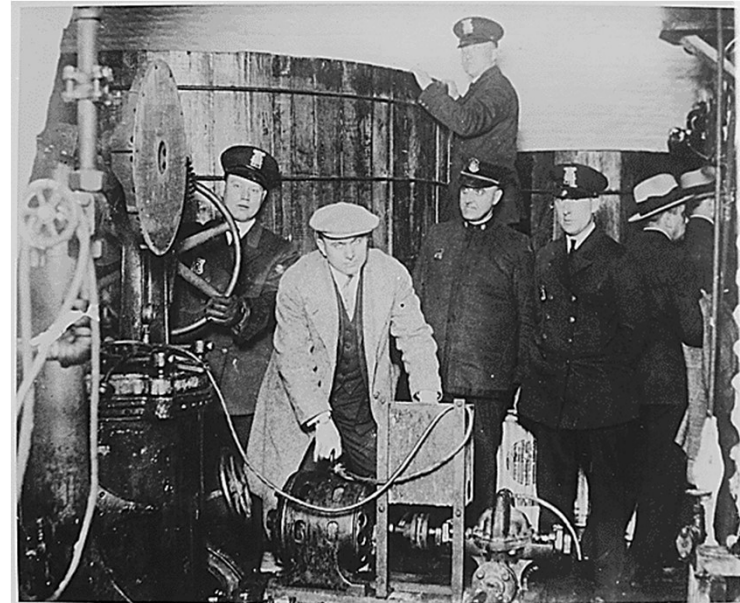
= made the sale of alcohol illegal

reason

= workers were less productive

= factories lose \$

= families have to deal with drunk behavior



## D. 19TH AMENDMENT

=Women's Suffrage (1920)

= equal rights

= began when Women's  
National Rights Convention  
was formed in Seneca Falls, NY

