



Revision Guides

US History Progressive Era Part - 1



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Introduction

The Progressive Era was the period in the history of the United States that was dominated by reform ideals from 1890 - 1920.

What caused the Progressive Movement?

The Progressives believed that the government should take a more active role in solving the problems of society, restoring order and protecting the welfare of Americans by conservation and environmental reforms.

The causes of Progressive Movement were extremely wide ranging.

Progressives

Who were the Progressives?

The Progressive Movement was led by male and female Progressives from all walks of society including:

Members of the Republican and Democrat political parties

Well educated middle-class Americans
Poorer Americans, often union activists

Crusading Journalists, photographers and authors, also known as

Muckrakers

Teachers and Educators

Progressivism

Progressivism

was the response of various groups to problems raised by the rapid industrialization and urbanization that followed the Civil War.

These problems included the spread of slums and poverty; the exploitation of labour; the breakdown of democratic government in the cities and states, and a rapid movement toward financial and industrial concentration.

Aims and Goals

The Progressive Movement covered social reform issues relating to female suffrage, education, working conditions, unionization, the problems of urbanization, industrialization and child labor.

The Goals of the Progressive Movement were aimed to

- To curb power of the Trusts, Big Business and Corporations and regulate business
- To eliminate the bribery and corruption
- To address the issues of social injustice
- To raise awareness of social injustices such as child labor, illiteracy, alcohol abuse and crime
- To improve the lifestyles, living and working conditions of Americans, and to establish Health



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