

# Welcome!

Today's Agenda

Lecture 17: The Progressive Impulse

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"We've stumbled along for awhile, trying to run a new civilization in old ways, but we've got to start to make this world over." Thomas Edison

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Gilded Age responses to industrialization:

- laissez-faire capitalism and social Darwinism
- socialism and anarchism
- Populism
- Unionism

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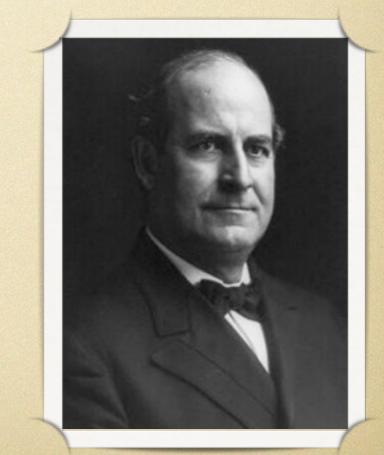


Gilded Age responses to industrialization:

- Populism--rural discontent with industrialization
  - ▶ too much power in the hands of corporations
  - government should intervene to protect the public good
    - -control of the railroads
    - -monetary policy

Populist Party = Presidential Election of 1896

William Jennings Bryan



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Gilded Age responses to industrialization:

- Unionism
  - ▶ Cooperative action
  - b"bread and butter" unionism

American Federation of Labor (1886)

Samuel Gompers



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#### Progressive reform movement (1900-1920)

### Key Progressive Ideas:

- rejection of social Darwinism
  - cooperation not competition is natural
  - human agency can produce progress
  - civic activism required when power is too concentrated
- Social Gospel
  - morality requires social justice
  - religion should work to solve society's problems
- scientific government
  - collect data and analyze it rationally
  - legislate change

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#### Progressive reform movement (1900-1920)

Key Progressive Reforms:

- political reform
  - direct election
  - recall and referendum
  - women's suffrage
- economic reform
  - regulate competition
  - regulate worker safety
  - regulate consumer safety
  - conservation of natural resources

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### Key Progressive Reforms:

- social reform
  - > settlement houses
  - housing and public health
  - birth control
- moral reform
  - prohibition