


Chapter 6 The Progressives

6.4 Taft and Wilson

Main Idea:

- Progressive reforms continued during the Taft and Wilson presidencies, focusing on business, banking, and women's suffrage.




A. PROGRESSIVISM UNDER TAFT




TAFT Becomes PRESIDENT

- Roosevelt crowns his successor, believing Taft will carry on his work.





The onetime friends were to become bitter foes.



A. Progressivism Under Taft

1. What was the main provision of the **Sixteenth Amendment**?


- It allowed Congress to tax individual's income.
- Progressives had supported a nationwide income tax as a way to pay for government programs more fairly.


A. Progressivism Under Taft

2. Why do you think Pinchot reacted so strongly to Richard Ballinger's sale of the Alaskan timberland?

- Pinchot had devoted his life to forest preservation.
- Theodore Roosevelt, who had put forth Taft for the presidency, refused to support Taft after the Ballinger-Pinchot affair.



THE BALLINGER-PINCHOT AFFAIR: "WELL, I THINK I AM GOING TO BRING A WHOLE CRIBBAGE!"



A. Progressivism Under Taft
3. How did Taft's approach to progressivism split the Republican Party?

- He tried to consolidate reforms, but limited progressivism. He also signed a high tariff bill (taxes charged on imports or exports) and lacked a commitment to the environment.

Candidate	Political Affiliation	Electoral Votes	Popular Votes
Woodrow Wilson	Democratic	435	6,293,454
Theodore Roosevelt	Progressive	88	4,119,538
William Howard Taft	Republican	8	3,484,980

B. WILSON'S NEW FREEDOM

B. Wilson's New Freedom
4. What was the Underwood Tariff Act?

- This law reduced tariffs to their lowest levels in more than 50 years.
- It also introduced a graduated income tax.

1913 US cartoon showing Woodrow Wilson priming the pump, representing prosperity, with buckets representing legislation.

B. Wilson's New Freedom
5. Briefly explain the three-tier system created by the Federal Reserve Act.

The Federal Reserve was create in 1913 in response to the nation's recurring banking panics; its mission has since expanded into fostering a healthy economy.

- (a) The Federal Reserve Board given power to run banking system.
- (b) The 12 reserve banks serve other banks.
- (c) Private banks can borrow from Federal Reserve Banks.

B. Wilson's New Freedom
Federal Reserve Act

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6. In what ways was the FTC a continuation of reforms like the Meat Inspection and Pure Food and Drug Acts?

- **Answer:** It protected consumers and allowed the government to investigate businesses.


The FTC enforced antitrust laws and got tough on companies that used deceptive advertising. It also had the power to undertake special investigations of businesses.

B. Wilson's New Freedom

7. What was Wilson's New Freedom reform plan?




- Answer: The New Freedom platform called for:
- **tariff reductions,**
- **banking reform,**
- and **stronger antitrust legislation**—all causes dear to the hearts of Progressives.



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C. WOMEN GAIN THE VOTE





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8. What new strategy did Carrie Chapman Catt use in the hope of gaining women the right to vote?


- Answer: NAWSA launched a new strategy in 1916 to **campaign** for suffrage on both the **state and federal levels.**

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C. Women Gain the Vote

9. What helped to weaken the opposition to suffrage?




- Answer: When the United States entered World War I in 1917, millions of American **women—lent strong support to the war effort.** Women's **patriotism helped weaken opposition to suffrage.**

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C. Women Gain the Vote


10. Suffragists finally gained the support of what groups in order to get the 19th amendment ratified?

- The **House, Senate** and **President Wilson** supported a constitutional amendment to give women the right to vote.



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D. PROGRESSIVISM AND THE RIGHTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

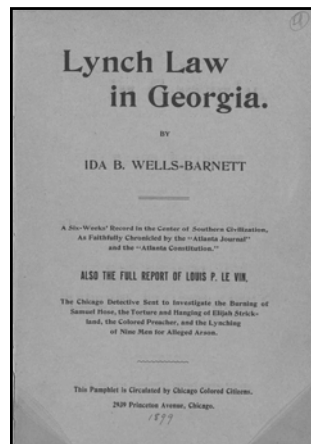


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D. Progressivism and the Rights of African Americans

11. What was the Brownsville incident?

- **Answer:** African-Americans soldiers were dishonorably discharged after they were falsely accused of a shooting spree.



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12. What was President Wilson's record on Civil Rights?

- **Answer:** He opposed anti-lynching laws.
- He renewed segregation in executive offices,
- and passed a law prohibiting interracial marriages in Washington, D.C.

D. Progressivism and the Rights of African Americans

13. How did Progressivism affect African-Americans?

- **Answer:** They benefited very little from the Progressive movement.

