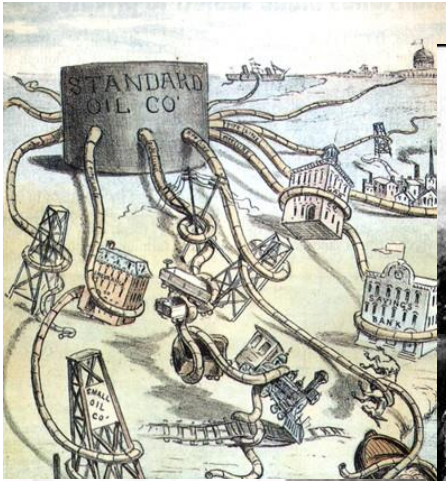


PROGRESSIVISM



What is Progressivism?

- Variety of democratic responses to the economic, social, and political problems rapid industrialization introduced to the United States at the turn of the century (late 1800s and early 1900s)
- Started with social reform efforts on local level and grew to a larger nation-wide political movement



What is Progressivism?

- **WHO** are the Progressives?
 - Many middle-class educated professionals
 - Reformers, activists, and journalists
 - Grass-roots and State/Federal government
- **WHAT** is Progressivism?
 - Collective efforts and ideas of reformers
 - Believed that a more effective government could be part of solution
 - Use expertise and modern efficiency to better manage society



What is Progressivism?

- **WHY** did the Progressive movement start?
 - Response to rapid industrialization and its many effects on American society
 - More educated and informed society had time, energy, and knowledge to reform
 - Many Americans felt the negative consequences of industrialization
- **GOALS** of Progressive Reform
 - Attempt to improve economic instability and stratification, political corruption and power struggles, and social inequalities and concerns
 - Use government intervention to improve lives of Americans

