The Progressive Spirit and the Socialist Alternative

Jane Addams

Herbert Croly

Eugene Debs

Daniel DeLeon

The Progressive Spirit

- Urban blight
 - muckrakers
- Spirit of progress
- Herbert Croly: the promise of American life
 - destiny vs. promise
 - Jeffersonians vs. Hamiltonians

Muckrakers





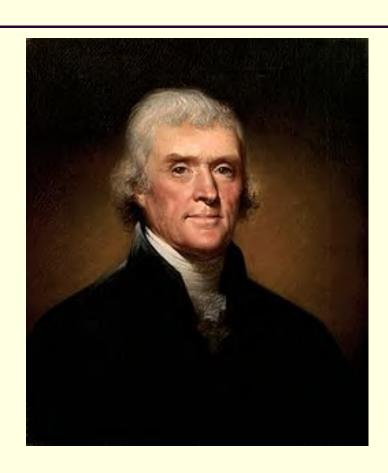
Ida Tarbell

Upton Sinclair

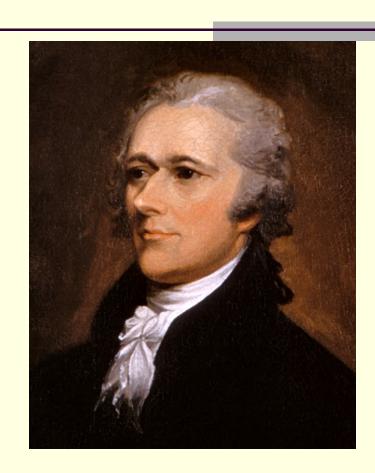
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Jeffersonians vs. Hamiltonians



Thomas Jefferson



Alexander Hamilton

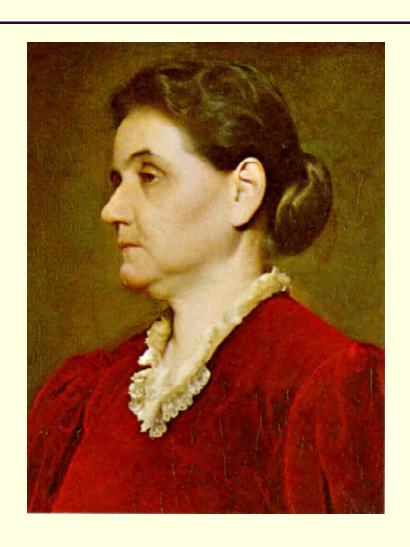
Dissipation & Modern Life

- Dissipation in America
- Modernity as a problem
 - Country-mouse and City-mouse
- Characteristics of modernity
 - Division of labor
 - Differentiation
 - Stratification
 - Alienation
 - Anomie
 - Drift
 - Fear/anxiety

Jane Addams

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- Hull House, 1889

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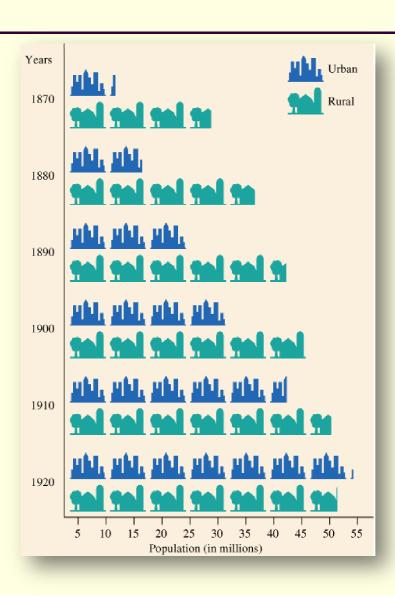
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Hull House and Modern Welfare

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The Urbanization of America



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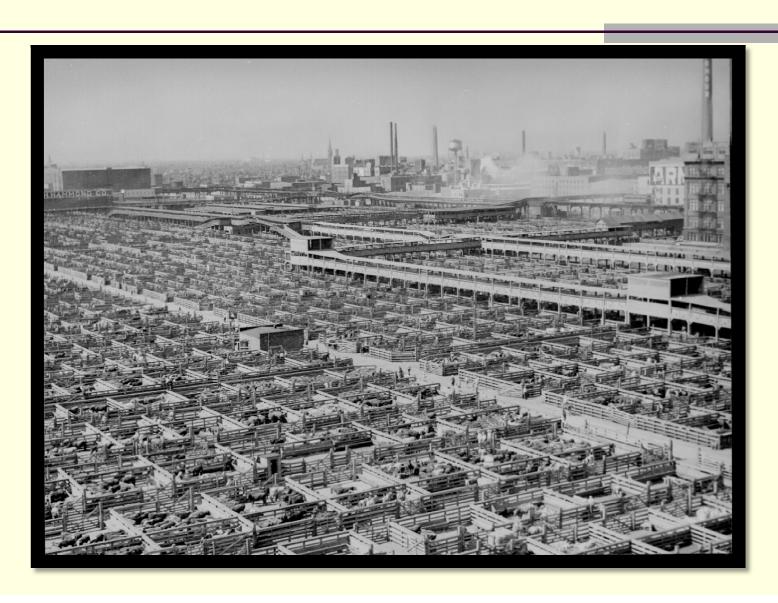
The Chicago Fire of 1871



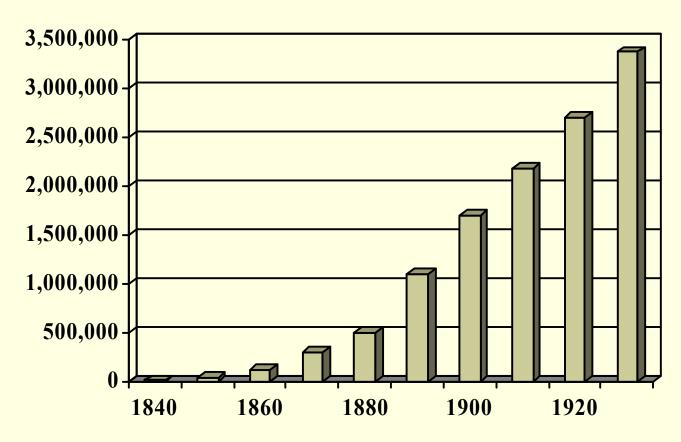
Near total destruction



The Chicago Stockyards



Chicago's population explosion



From 4.5 thousand to 3.5 million

Chicago: Hog Butcher for the World





"Chicago"

Hog Butcher for the World,

Tool Maker, Stacker of Wheat,

Player with Railroads and the Nation's Freight Handler;

Stormy, husky, brawling,

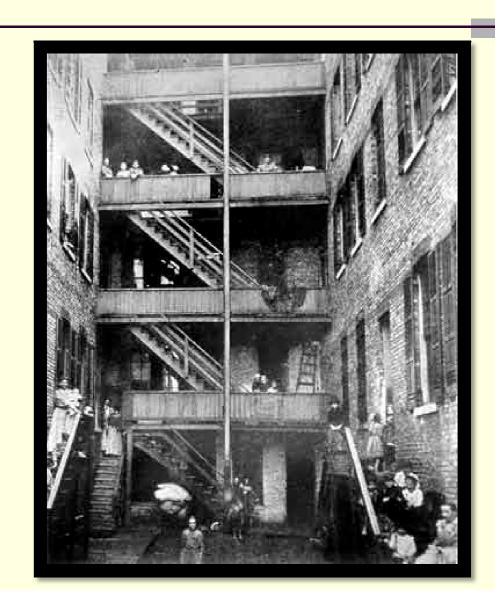
City of the Big Shoulders:

-Carl Sandburg, 1916

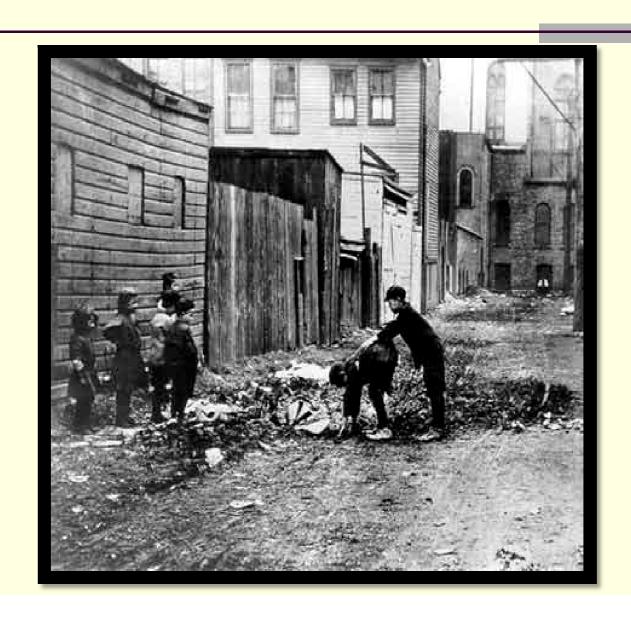
"The streets are inexpressibly dirty..." -Jane Addams



"back tenements flourish..."



Chicago's Children



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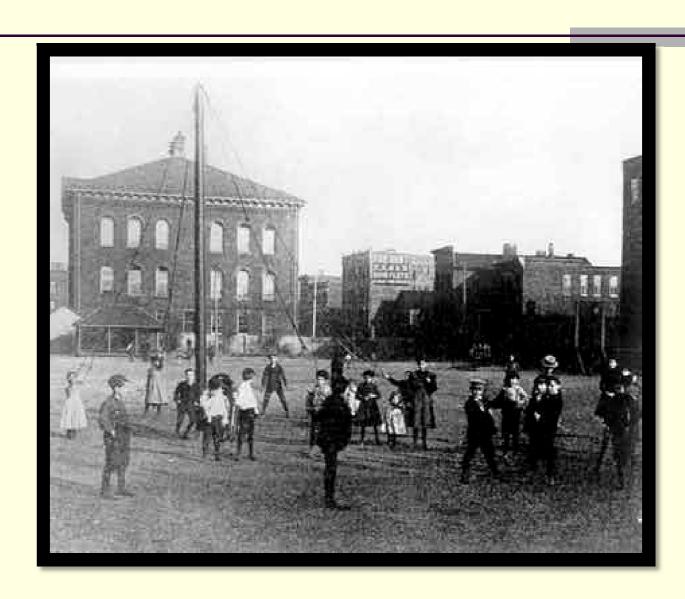
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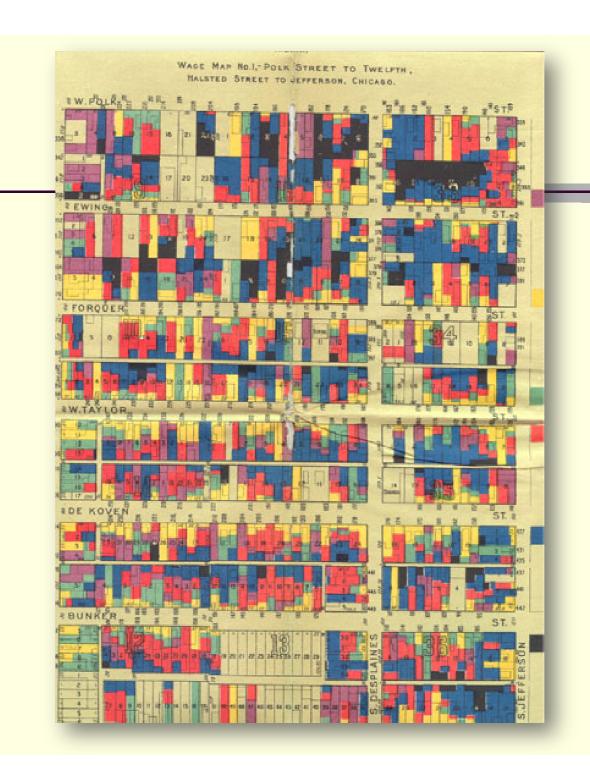
Hull House





Playgrounds for Chicago's Children

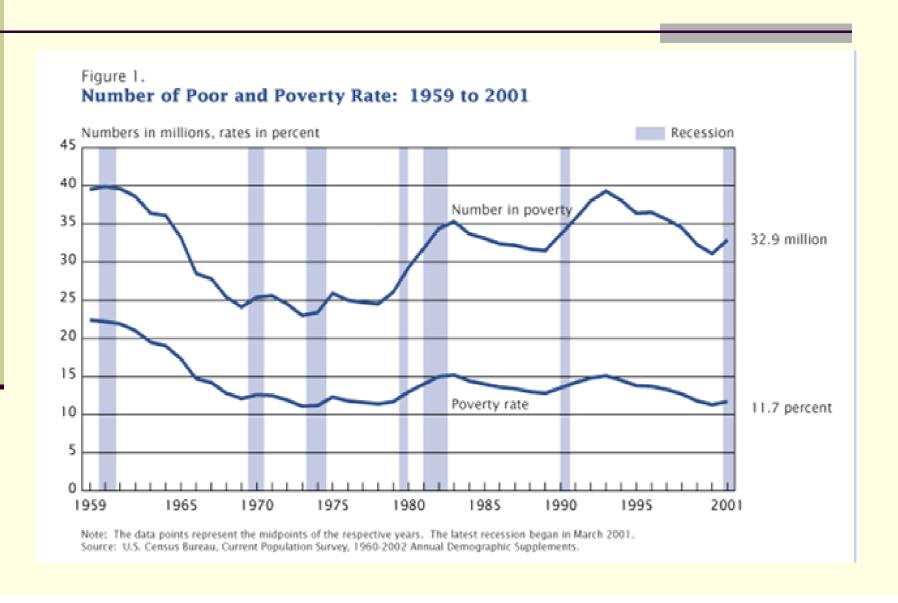




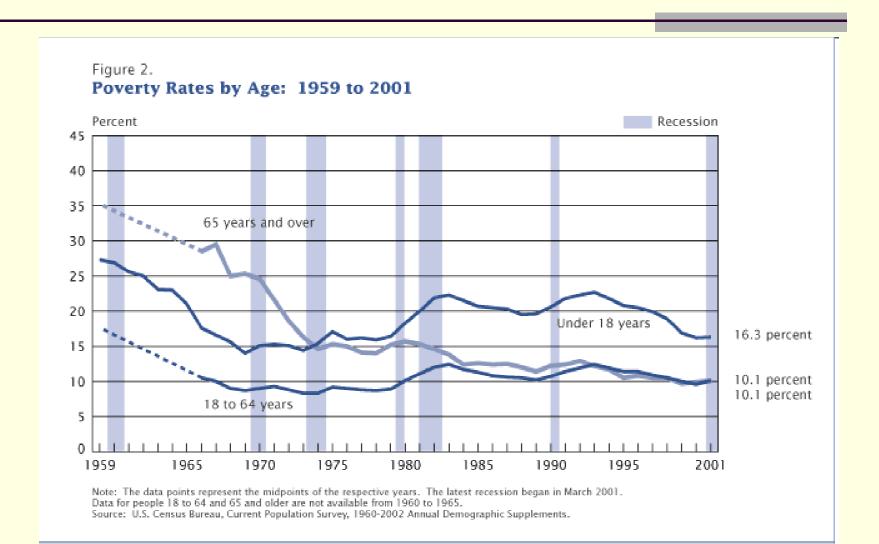
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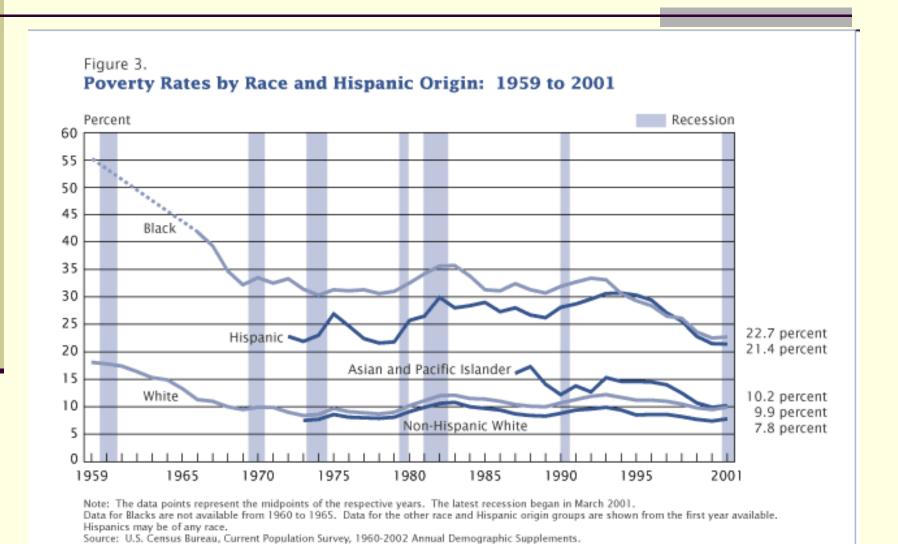
The persistence of poverty



Poverty by age



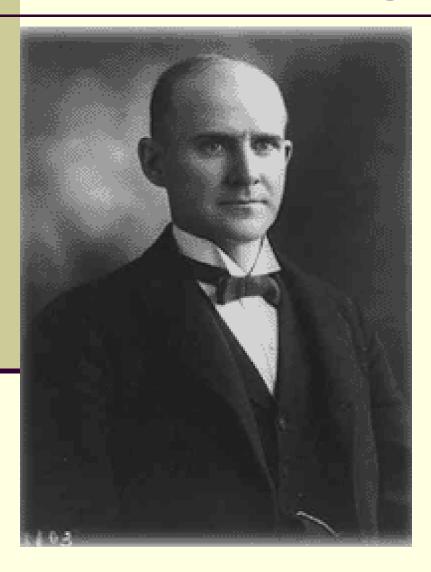
Poverty by race

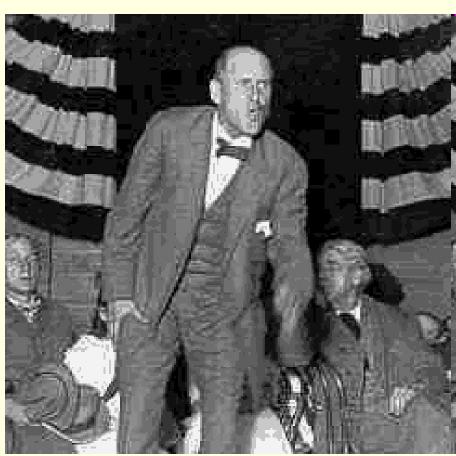


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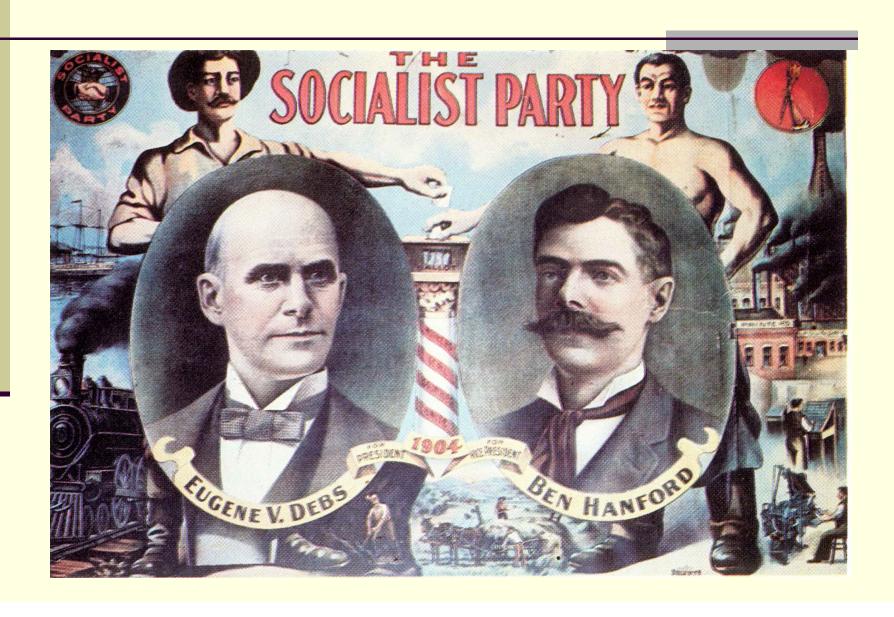
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Debs for President.



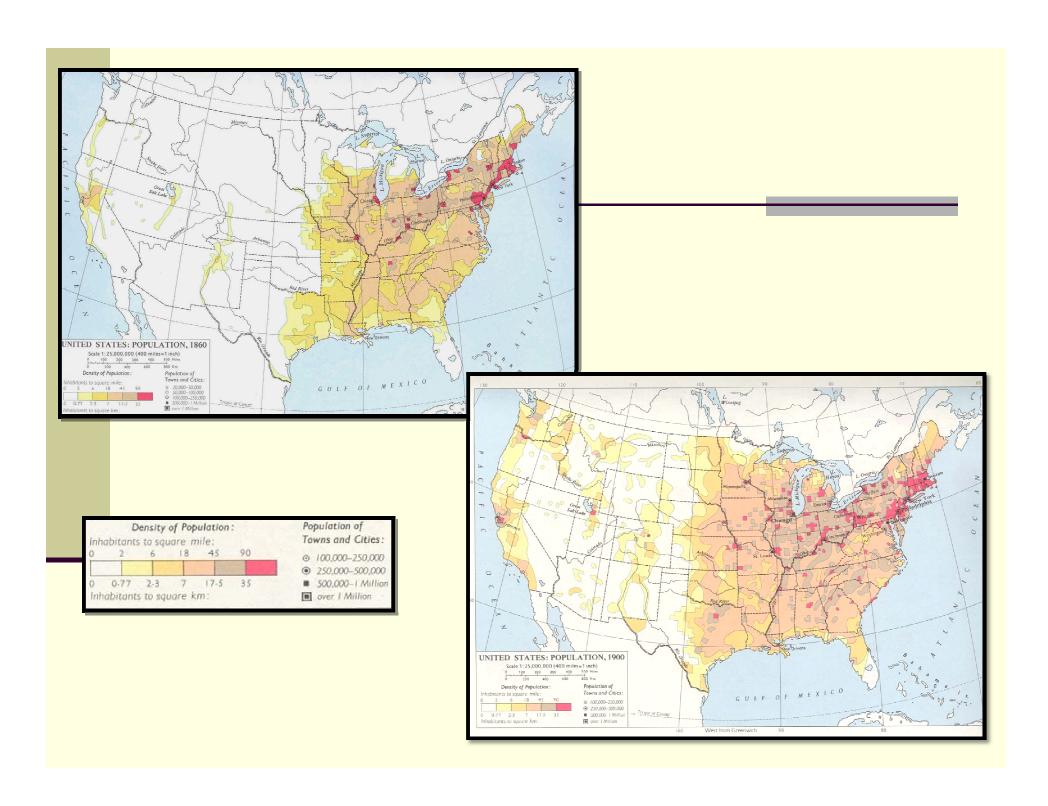
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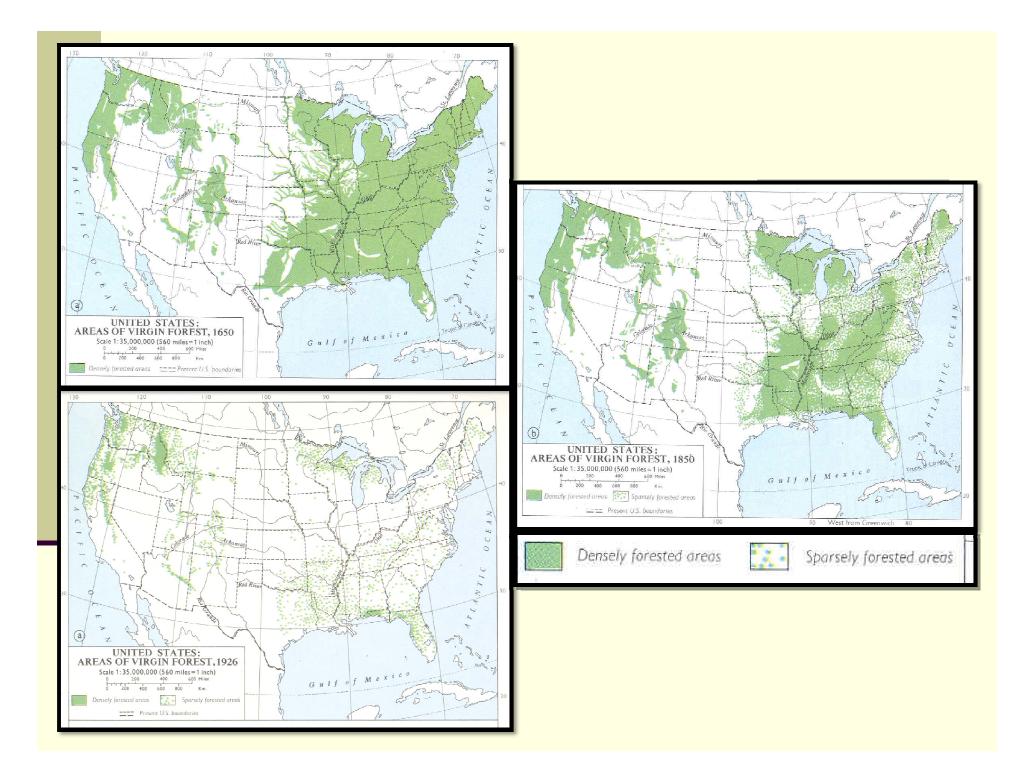
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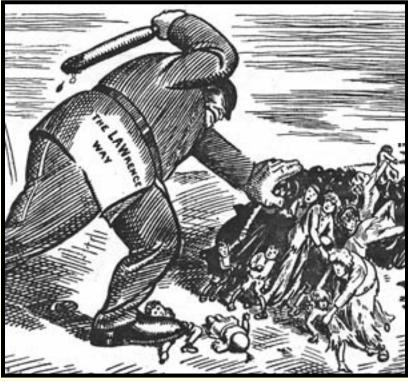


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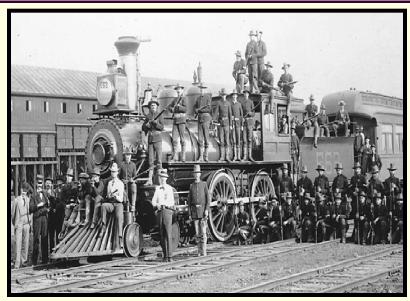
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Lawrence Textile Strike, 1882 & 1912

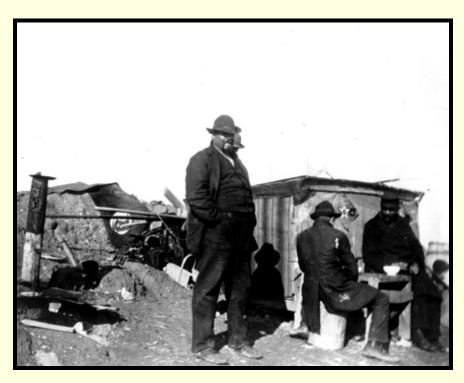




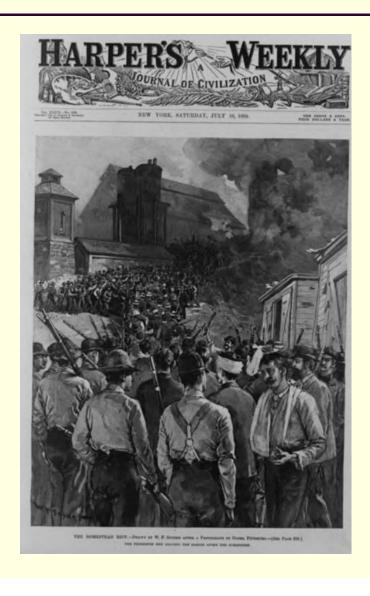
Haymarket Riot, 1886







Homestead Riot, 1892



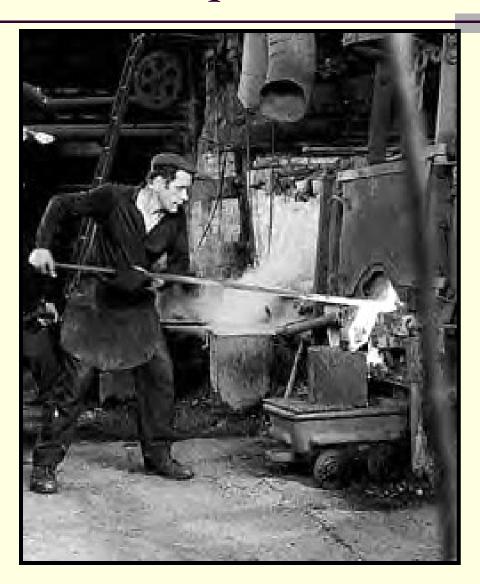
Reflections on Pullman

Workers: "About the only difference between slavery at Pullman and what it was down South before the war, is that there the owners took care of the slaves when they were sick and here they don't."

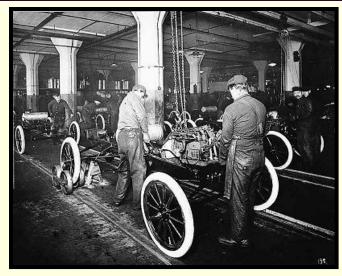
Knowledge and Power

- "Knowledge is power" (Francis Bacon)
- Debs: "a thousand hands to one brain"
 - the "old" system
 - the "new" system
- Scientific management

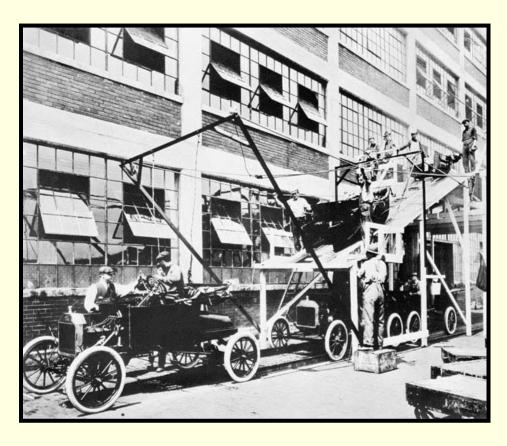
Iron puddler



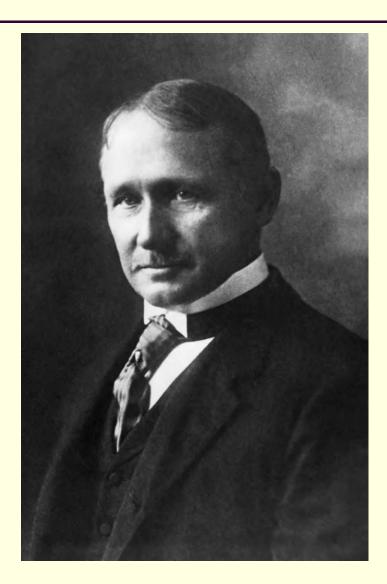
Ford assembly line, 1913



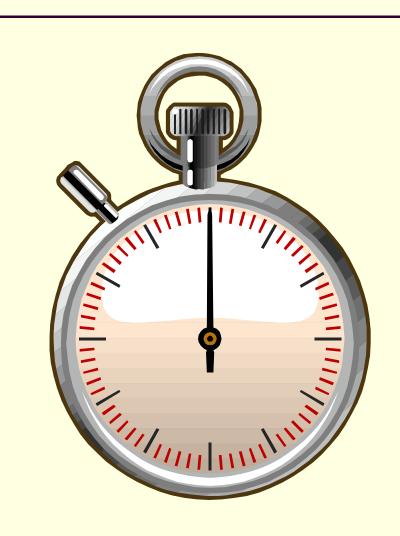




Frederick Winslow Taylor



"time and motion studies"



Socialism

- Modern paradox: poverty amidst plenty
 - production?
 - distribution?
- Capitalism
 - capitalists
 - workers
 - false consciousness

The End (for now)

