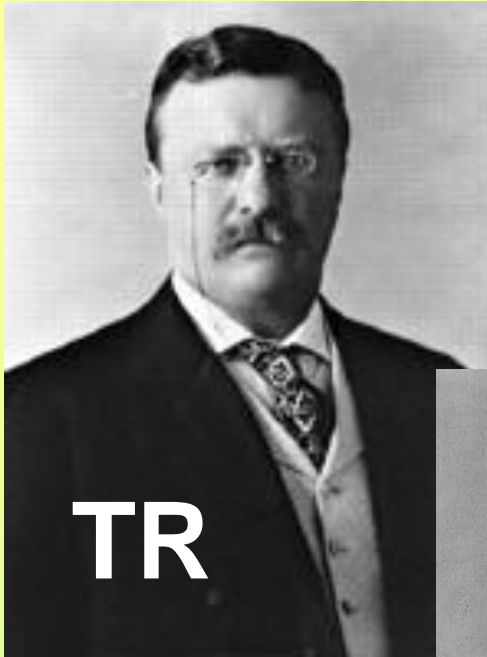
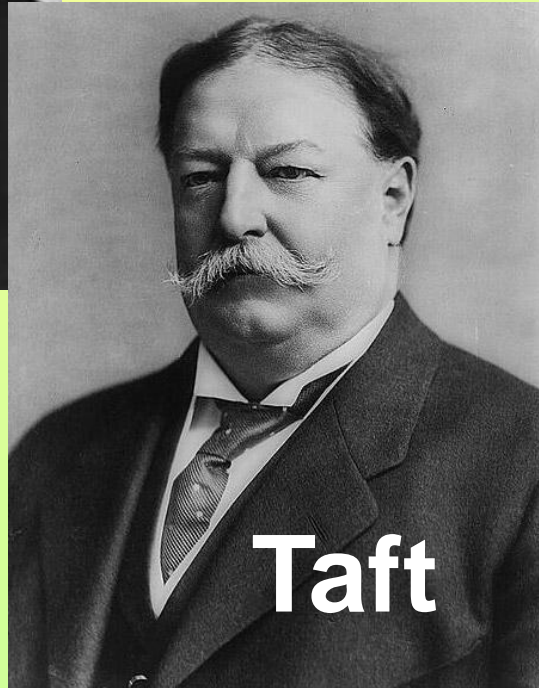


# Progressivism under Taft

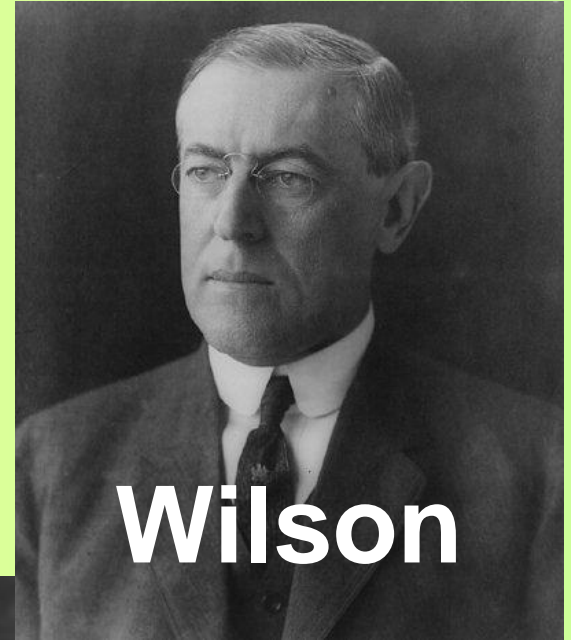
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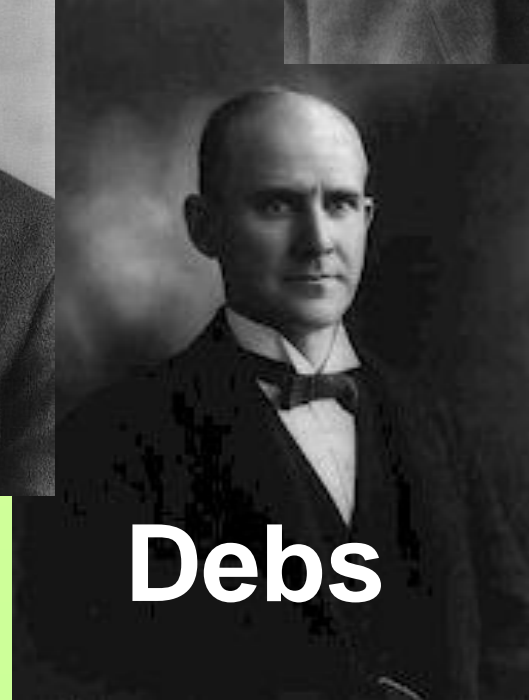
**TR**



**Taft**



**Wilson**



**Debs**

**Roosevelt picked Taft to succeed him in the 1908 elections**

**William Jennings Bryan ran for the Democrats (3<sup>rd</sup> time)**

**Taft won the election**

**TR had busted 44 Trusts when president**

**Taft busted 90 trusts in 4 years**

**Taft got very little credit**

**Taft did not have the confidence of his own party**

**Taft promised lower tariffs**

**Congress passed Payne-Aldrich  
but eliminated most of the tariff  
cuts**

**Taft signed the bill and was  
criticized by the Rep.**

**Progressives**

**(bad PR for Taft)**

**Taft appointed Richard Ballinger as Secretary of Interior**

**Made conservationists angry because Ballinger was against public lands**

**Ballinger allowed 1 million acres of land to be sold to businessmen**

**The businessmen then sold the land to New York Bankers**

**Pinchot testified against Ballinger and was fired**

**Pinchot then wrote a book “the Fight for Conservation”**

**Taft was seen as anti-environment**

**Republican conservatives and progressives split over support for boss Joseph Cannon**

**Cannon was Speaker of the House**

**Boss Cannon undermined progressive laws**

**The fight between Progressives and Conservatives in the Republican party allowed the Democrats to win control of the House of Representatives**

**Republican party was fighting with itself and weak**

**TR was in Africa when his supporters asked him to run for president again**

**TR tried to run but his delegates were blocked at the Republican Convention by Taft**

**TR took his people and formed a new party of Progressives called the Bull Moose Party**

**This meant that the Republican party was split between the Taft people and the TR people**

**The Democrats nominated Woodrow Wilson**

**Because the Republicans were split between TR and Taft, Wilson won easily**

**T. Roosevelt – Bull Moose**

**Taft – Republican**

**Wilson - Democrat**

**Wilson ran on a platform called  
the New Freedoms**

**(anti-trust)**

**Pro Progressive**

**Wilson's New Freedom**

**Taft's Conservatism**

**Roosevelt's Progressivism**

**Eugene Deb's Socialism**

## History Election Results

**Wilson got 42% of popular vote**

**Debs got 6% of popular vote**




**TR got more votes than Taft**

**Taft only got 25% of the Vote**

**Victory for Progressivism????**

## Election of 1912

### ELECTORAL AND POPULAR VOTES

Party	Candidate	Electoral votes	Popular vote
 Democratic	Woodrow Wilson	435	6,296,547
 Progressive	Theodore Roosevelt	88	4,118,571
 Republican	William H. Taft	8	3,486,720
Socialist	Eugene V. Debs	0	900,672