

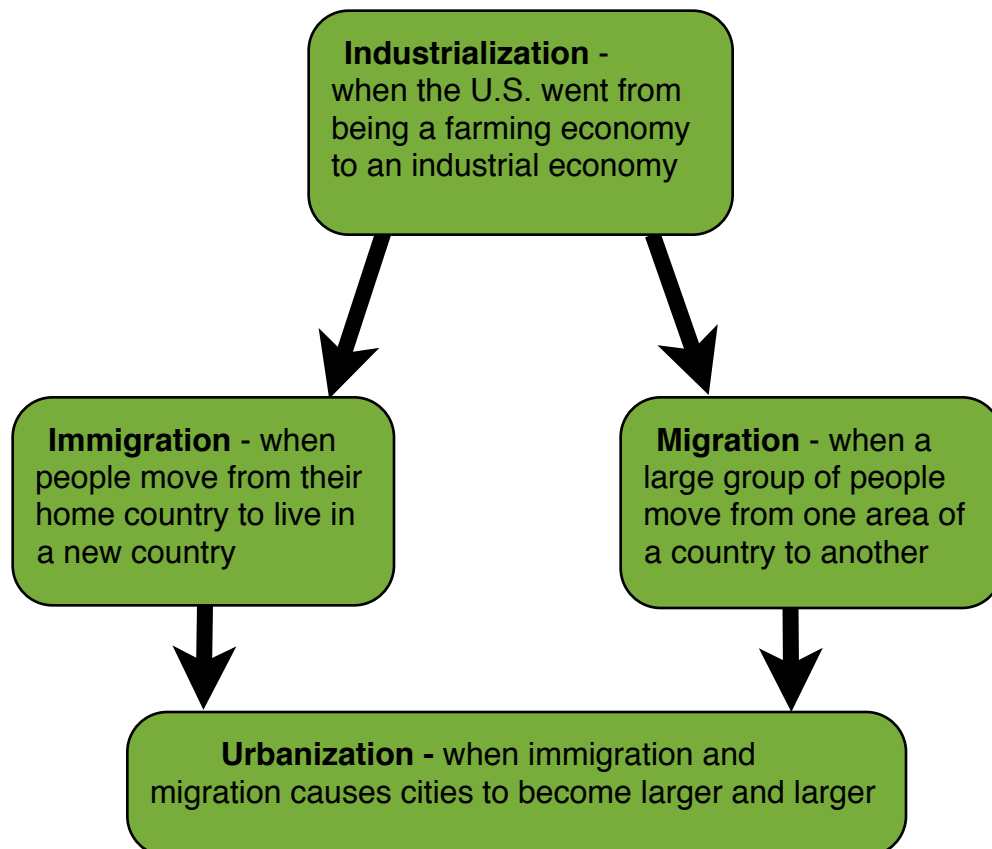
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The Progressive

- ➔ helped the **oppressed**
 - people treated unfairly or cruelly
- ➔ addressed the problems of the Gilded Age
 - **government corruption** - dishonesty in the government
 - **political machines** - people who provided a place to live and a job for immigrants and the poor in exchange for their vote - usually a criminal
 - unfair treatment
 - rights of the poor
 - the right to the truth
 - protection of the consumer
 - protection of the environment
- ➔ believed problems could be solved by providing an education and safe working and living conditions.
- ➔ we enjoy fairness and equal treatment today because of them

The Tenant

- ➔ a person who rents their home or apartment from a landlord
- ➔ Chain reaction



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- ➔ Problems with Urbanization
 - caused over crowding of poor neighborhoods
 - **tenement** - poorly built apartment buildings in the poor section of a city
 - poor living conditions
 - **slum landlords** - owners of tenement buildings that did nothing to correct the poor conditions of their buildings
 - **slum neighborhoods** - poor, run down, and overcrowded neighborhoods with high crime rates
 - problem with political machines

The Worker

- ➔ poor working conditions
- ➔ long hours
- ➔ manual labor
- ➔ low pay
- ➔ no sick time off
- ➔ easily replaced
- ➔ no **compensation** for on the job injuries
 - giving something to make up for an injury, damage, or trouble
- ➔ no safety regulations
- ➔ child labor
- ➔ unequal pay for women

The Consumer

- ➔ a person who buys and uses goods and services
- ➔ Problems for the consumer
 - unsafe working conditions led to unsafe food processing conditions
 - **processed food** - food that is packaged in a special way to keep it from spoiling quickly
 - improper food handling caused people to get sick, even die
 - no federal organization to hold manufacturers responsible for causing illnesses and death

The Woman

- ➔ did not have **suffrage** (the right to vote)
- ➔ did not have **inheritance** rights if she was married
 - (the right to gain money, property, or anything with value upon a loved ones death)
- ➔ could not go to college
- ➔ could not sign contracts

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The African American

- ➔ **15th amendment** gave African American men the right to vote after the Civil War
- ➔ **Jim Crow Laws**
 - state laws prevented them from practicing that right
 - laws created in the south that allowed discrimination of African Americans
 - **Poll tax** - a tax to vote at a poll; most blacks were poor and could not afford it
 - kept them from voting and gaining any **political power**
 - the power of a group or person to influence the way the government works

The Immigrant

- ➔ **racism**: poor treatment or violence against people because of their race (color) or the belief that some races are better than others
- ➔ **discrimination**: unfairly treating a person or group of people
- ➔ immigrants faced racism and discrimination in the North
- ➔ blamed for urbanization problems and the economy
- ➔ hated for “stealing” jobs
- ➔ blamed for unsuccessful strikes
 - **strikes**: a period of time when workers stop work to force an employer to agree to demands
- ➔ scared other people with different faiths
 - Catholics and Jews

The Robber Baron

- ➔ greedy
- ➔ did not care about employees
- ➔ destroyed natural resources for profit
- ➔ dishonest
- ➔ hated by the struggling poor

The Stand

- ➔ **protest**: when people gather together to show they are very upset about something
- ➔ We're not gonna take it!