CHAPTER 11-3 Progressivism Under Taft & Wilson

TAFTS Presidency

- HAND Picked by T. Roosevelt to be the republican's Candidate for the 1908 Election.
- TAFT EASily defeats BryAN the democratic nominee
  - FACES many challenges from his party - in Congress - with progressive ideas.
  - Roosevelt fought & won political battles with Congressmen from his own party.
    (TAFT Ø interested in "fighting" for the progressive ideas.)

TAFT & Conflict over Tariffs

- RAN on idea of lower tariffs. (made Prog. happy)
- Made Congress pass a tariff reform Bill.
  Congress amended the Bill beyond what TAFT wanted.
  - Actually increased tariffs on items progressives wanted lowered.
  - Progressives mad @ TAFT!!

- TAFT on Conservation

- LANDS set aside for gout protection. was Sold to big Corportions to take the Coal. (Scandal).
- Progressive Conservationist furious with TAFT.

- Progressive Republicans are fighting their own republican party. 1910
  - Republicans ~~have~~ lose votes in Congress
  - Roosevelt Campaigns against the old republicans

- 1910 T. Roosevelt mad @ TAFT helps get progressives elected & replace old republicans
- New NATIONALism
  - Business Regulation - welfare laws
    workplace protection for Women/Children -
    income tax / inheritance tax -
    Voting reform -
- Democrats win Congress -

Presidental Election 1912
- T. Roosevelt demands that Taft step down & Taft gets mad! Refuses to NOT run again -
- Roosevelt starts his own party = Progressive Party / Bull Moose Party.
- Roosevelt & TAFT split the republican vote

- TAFT'S RECORD
  - reserved more public land than Roosevelt
  - Busted more trust than Roosevelt
  - Supported the childrens Bureau, 16th, 17th Amendment
  - still hated by the progressive republicans

Wilsons New Freedom
- Ran on a platform of reform (change)

- 4 way election
  - Republican party split! Leaves more votes for the Democrats -
  - Democrats WIN !!!

- Wilson's Policies as President
  - Many reforms - Keeps Congress in Session nearly year round.

Tariff & Taxes -
- Tariff reduction - Less $ Comming into Country.
- Income tax Signed into law - replaces Revenue lost by tariff reductions -

Attacking Trusts
- Spelled out Specific things businesses CANNOT do - Closed the "loop holes" that monopolies were using. Very effective.

Federal Reserve System
- Banks are regulated
- Country divided into 12 Banking districts.
- Created a bank that banks could borrow from - Kept banks from closing.

Brandeis to the Supreme Court
- Very progressive justice
- Stuck up for people (progressives).

Wilson wins another term -

Limits of Progressivism
- By 1910 Progressives had already made great changes in Society, govt & business.
- Concentrated mainly on municiple Reforms.
- Did very little to help the immigrants
- African Americans felt ignored.

End of Progressivism
- WWI Americans worry more about war than changes - WAR movement drowns out progressive