

The Progressive Era



1901-1917

The Main Idea

- The ideas of reform from the Gilded Age (1870-1900) became known as progressivism and brought changed to American society.

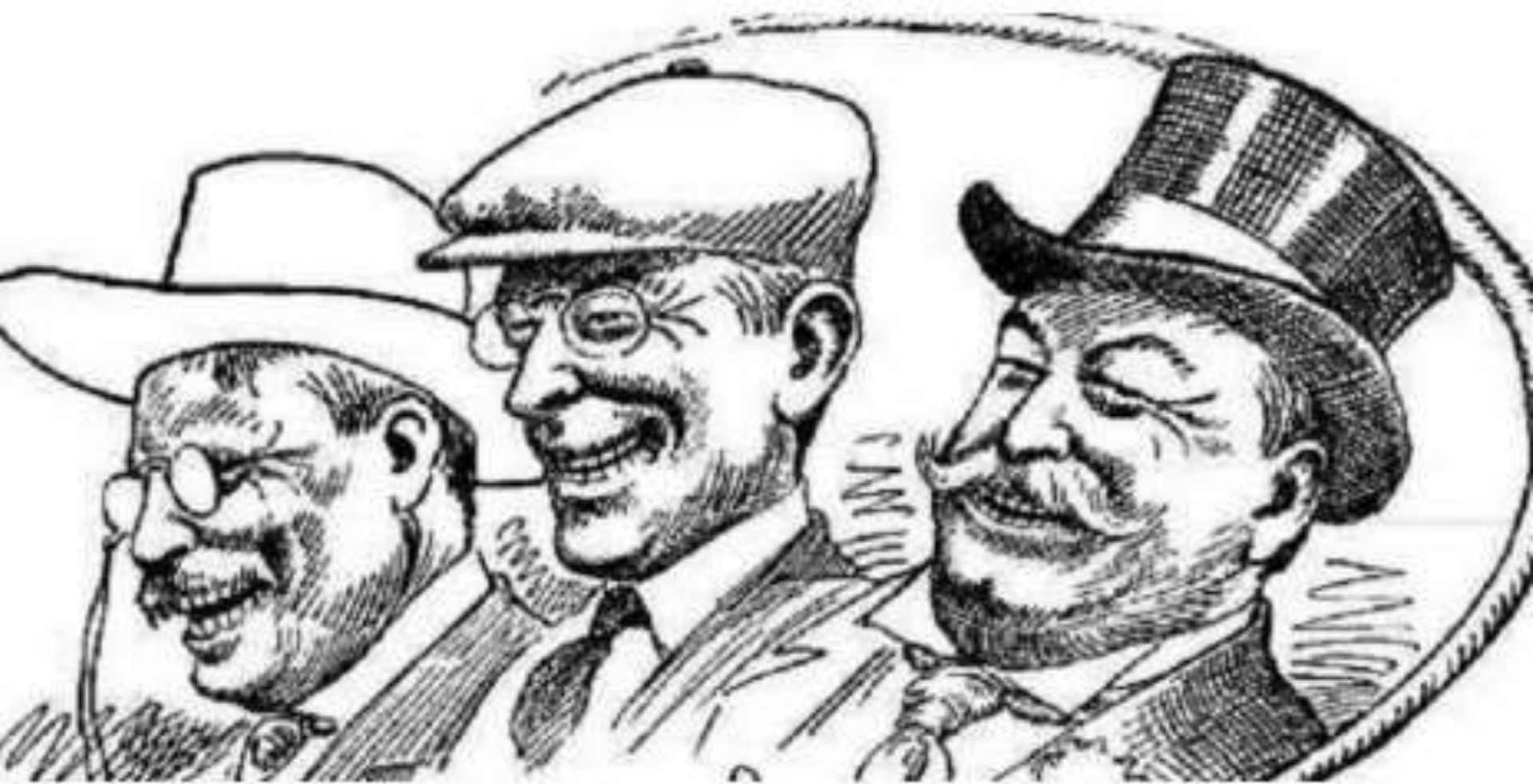
Two Key Terms

- Progressive → Belonging to or associated with a political party that advocates for social reform (change).
- Reform → To change or improve something by changing its faults.

The Cause of Problems

- Progressives believed that industrialization and urbanization had caused significant problems in U.S. society.

Roosevelt, Taft, and Wilson: Progressive Presidents and Government Reform



Who Were the Progressives?

- Extremely Diverse Group
 - Church Leaders
 - African Americans
 - Labor Union Leaders
 - Feminists
 - Urban Middle Class
 - White Collar Middle Class

Goals of Progressives

1. Democracy – government accountable to the people
2. Regulation of corporations & monopolies
3. Social justice – workers, poor, minorities
4. Environmental protection

Anti-Gilded Age & Big Business

- ❑ Progressives rejected the idea of laissez-faire, which stated government should remain outside of direct economic and social action.
- ❑ Progressives believed that government should take an active role in U.S. society.

Politicians in the Progressive Era

- Progressive politicians
helped bring the reforms
supported by women,
intellectuals, and others
to life.

Order of Operations

- Complete the Intro to the Progressive Era Assignment