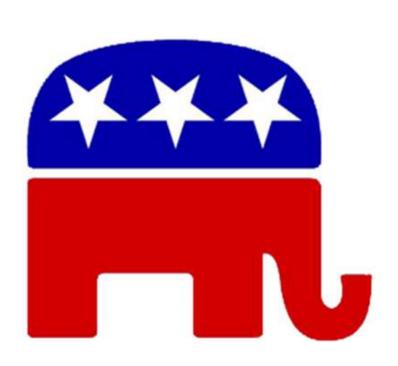
# Presidents of the 1920's

The Roaring 20's

### The Main Idea

 The 1920's would be an era marked by Republican control of government, rapid business growth, changing societal values, and consumerism.

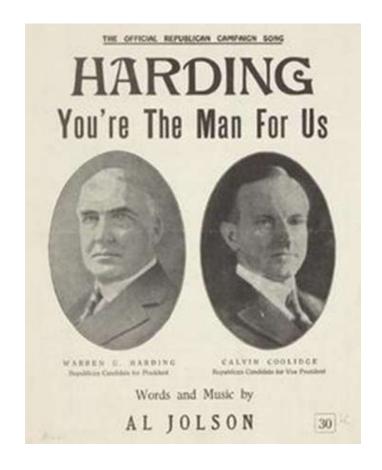
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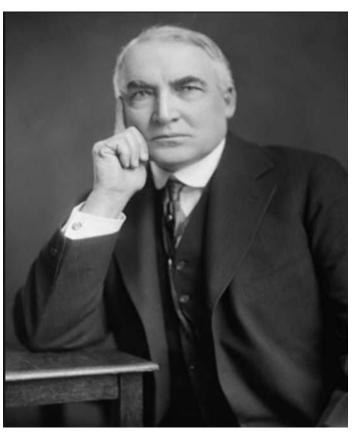
- The Republican
   Party controlled
   federal politics in
   the 1920s.
- Business boomed.
- Farmers & Labor Unions struggled.

## Republican Control

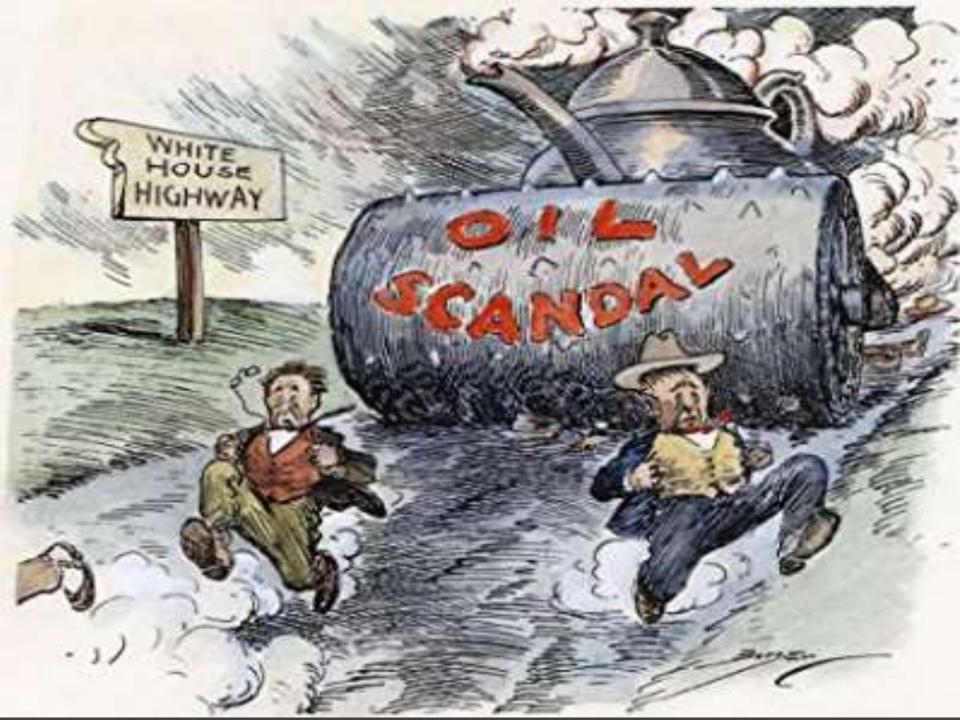
- The Republicans
   of the 1920's
   believed in
   limited
   government
   involvement to
   help business.
- Opposite of the Progressive Era.



# Warren G. Harding Presidency



- "A return to normalcy"
- Domestic Agenda
  - 1. Reduced income taxes
  - 2. Increased tariffs
- Teapot Dome Scandal
- Did not accomplish much.



# Harding Dies

 Warren G. Harding died before the end of his term and Calvin Coolidge became President.



# Coolidge Presidency



- "Silent Cal"
- Believed in limited government.
- Little was accomplished with the exception of cutting spending.
- Vetoed bills
  - Including one to help farmers as crop prices fell.

### Mixed Economic Growth

- The focus of the 1920's was the economy.
- Standard of living increased.
  - -Indoor plumbing & electricity were now common in most urban areas.

### Reasons for Growth

- 1. Increased Productivity
  - 1. <u>Improved manufacturing procedures</u> (Assembly Line)
- 2. Energy Technologies
  - 1. Oil, Gasoline, & Electricity
- 3. Government Policy
  - 1. Relaxed business policies and tax cuts.

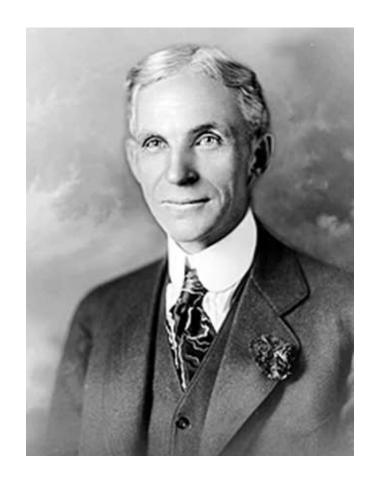
#### Consumerism

- Increased purchasing of goods by Americans.
- Due to the improvements in manufacturing, more goods were available for purchase.
- More people could afford these goods.



## The Automobile

- Transformed American Society
- By the end of the 1920s, almost every household had a car.
- Helped steel, glass, rubber, gas, and road industries grow.





#### Farm & Labor Problems

#### Farm Problems

- Did not share in the wealth.
- Heavy debt
   because of low
   crop prices and
   could not afford
   new machines to
   keep up.

#### **Labor Problems**

- Wages rose which slowed down the labor union movement.
- Companies began treating employees better (benefits & working conditions).

# The Jazz Age

- The 1920's is referred to as the Jazz Age after the growth of dancing and listening to Jazz.
- African American created music that symbolized the new modern culture.

# Societal Roles Change

- Women → Begin working in the workforce, seek divorces.
- Education → Support for education grew and having a high school education became the new goal.
- Moral Revolution → Dancing, Music, & Clothing all changed in the 20's.

### 1928 Election

- Coolidge did not run for President.
- Herbert
   Hoover was
   elected
   President.



# The Hoover Presidency

- Implemented a series of reforms to help America.
- Targeted organized crime related to prohibition.
- He created a Farm Board to assist the nations farmers.
- He had doubts about the stability of the nation's economy.

# Order of Operations

1. Harding Presidency Assignment