
Focus Questions 3-3

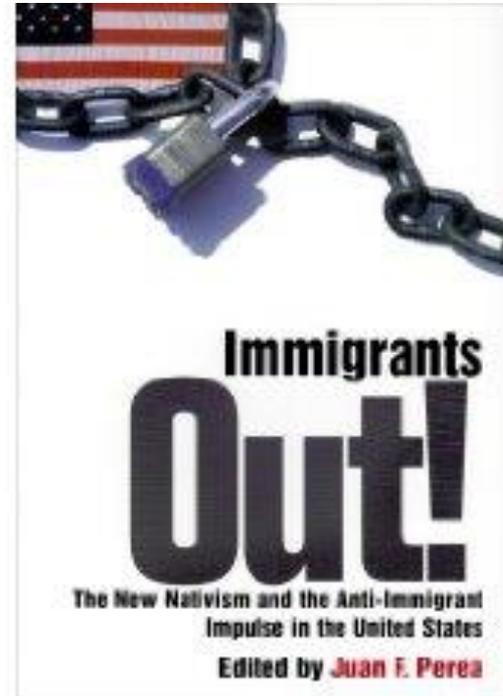
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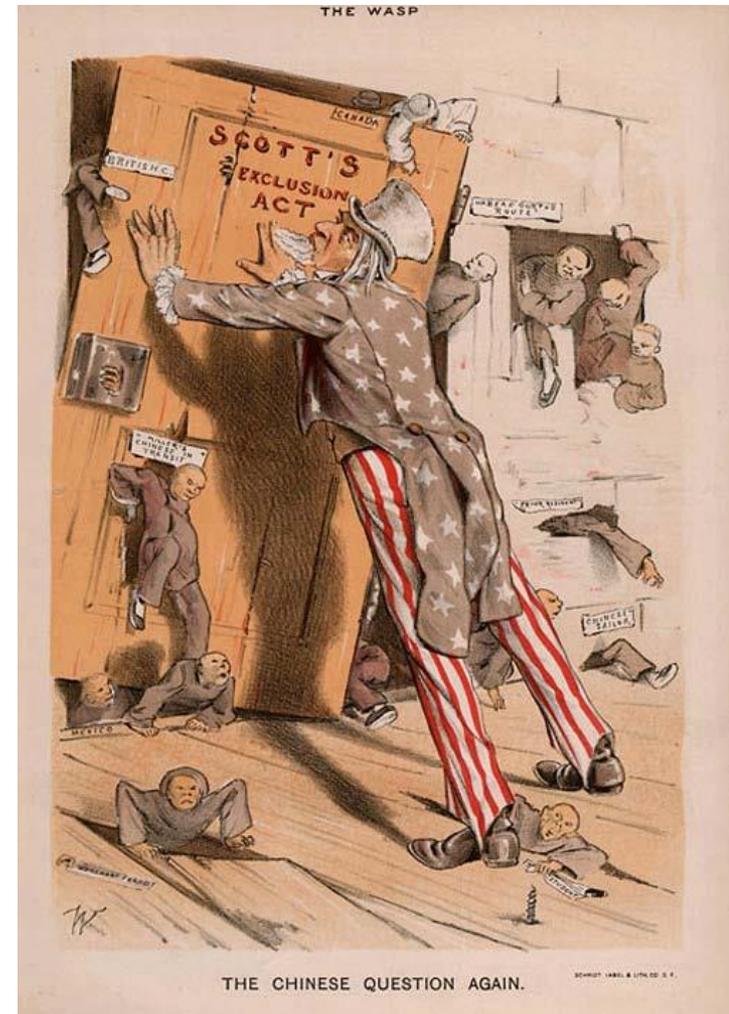
1890's-1900's

- Returns because Americans;
- Fear Catholics gaining control.
- Immigrants would work for less.
- “Strike breakers” who undermined American workers.



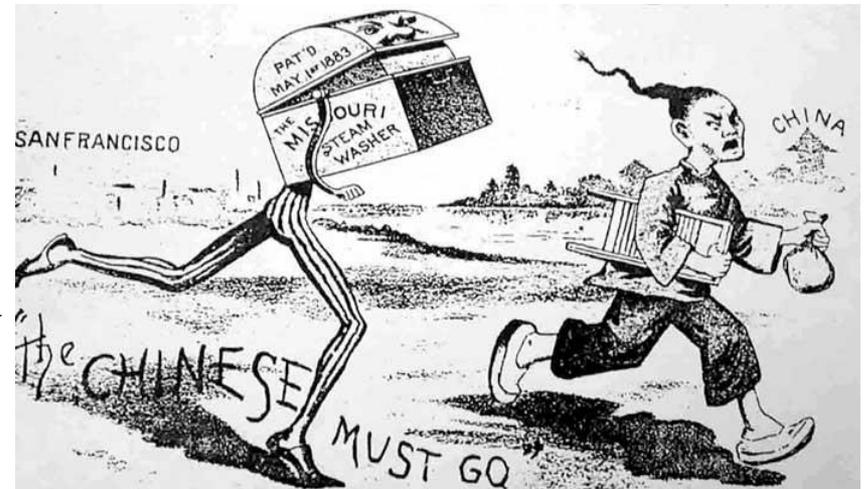
Fighting Immigration

- Formed organizations that opposed immigration.
- The American Protective Association. (Stop Catholics)
- Working Man's Party. (Fought Chinese Immigrants)



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- Passed laws restricting immigration.
- 1882 law prohibit convicts, paupers, and mentally disabled from coming to the U.S
- Charged a 50 cent tax.
- Passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which banned immigration for 10 years.
- The law isn't remove until 1943, after it was renewed several times.



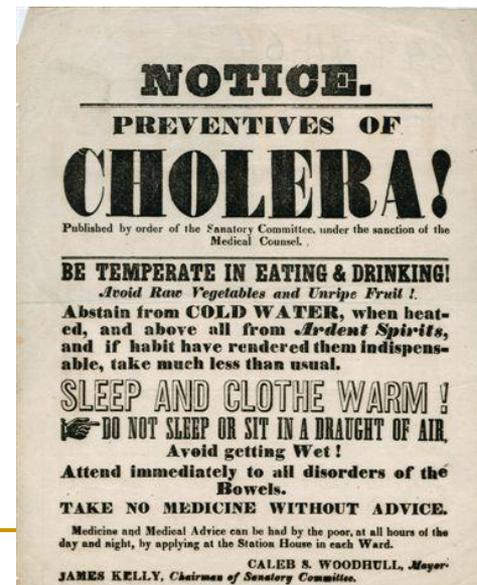
Urbanization

- Huge population growth in cities, brought by industrialization.
- Immigrants could not afford farms.
- Education to obtain higher paying jobs.
- Immigrants faced:
 - Harsh conditions.
 - Long working hours.
- Yet their quality of life was still much better.
- They found social mobility and opportunity.



Problems in the City

- Improper sewage disposal.
- Contaminated city drinking water.
- Disease; fevers, cholera, typhoid.
- Air pollution and horse waste.



Political Machines

- Are created to gain and keep power.
- Their intentions were to help immigrants and citizens in urban cities.
- They provided;
- Housing
- Jobs, police protection.
- Food, heat.
- In return for votes.



Political Machines Fail

- William M. “Boss” Tweed.
- Committed fraud.
- Accepted bribes.
- Controlled police departments.
- Tampered with elections.
- Gave government contracts to friends.
- No fear of arrest.



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