

The Presidency in Eclipse: 1870-1900

- ISSUES:**
1. Monetary policy.
 2. Government reform.
 3. Tariff policy.
 4. Railroad regulations.
 5. Trade unionism.
 6. Women's suffrage.
 7. American imperialism.

Rutherford B. Hayes [R] 1877-1881

- "Compromise of 1877"
- end of Reconstruction
- 1876 --> *US v. Reese*
- Great RR Strike [1877]
- 1877 --> *Munn v. IL*
- 1878 --> Bland-Allison Act

James A. Garfield [R] 1881

- compromise candidate
- assassinated

Chester A. Arthur [R] 1881-1884

- 1882 --> Tariff Commission
- 1883 --> Pendleton Act ["Magna Carta" of civil service reform!]

Grover Cleveland [D] 1885-1888

- M** ▪ *Ma, Ma, where's my Pa?*
- U** ▪ laissez-faire Democrat
- G** ▪ attacked tariffs
- W** ▪ 1886 --> *Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific RR Co. v. IL*
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- P** ▪ 1886 --> Haymarket Riot
- S** ▪ 1887 --> Interstate Commerce Act

Benjamin Harrison [R] 1889-1892

- 1889 --> Farmers Alliance
- curbs on big business (1890):
 1. Sherman Anti-Trust Act
 2. McKinley Tariff Act
 3. Sherman Silver Purchase Act
- 1892 --> Homestead Strike

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Grover Cleveland [D] 1893-1896

- Panic of 1893 [BIG depression!]
- 1894 --> Pullman Strike
- 1894 --> Wilson-Gorman Tariff
- 1895 --> *E. C. Knight Co. v. US*

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William McKinley [R] 1897-1901

- 1898 --> Spanish-American War
- 1899 --> Gold Standard Act
- 1899 --> Open Door Policy
- 1900 --> Boxer Rebellion in China
- 1901 --> assassinated