

<b>Time of Presidency:</b> 1909-1913	<b>Party:</b> Republican	<b>President #:</b> 27	<b>William Howard Taft</b>
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**America at this time**

- Election of 1908 revolved around who would best follow Teddy Roosevelt
- Taft was Teddy's choice
- Bryan called Teddy a Democrat, calling for his own election
- Bryan favored publicly owned railroads, undermining support
- Taft calls Federal Deposit Insurance program unsound

**Domestic Policy**

- Pinchot is removed from his post after calling for the preservation of natural resources under Federal jurisdiction
- Mann-Elkins act extends ICC control by regulating railroad prices, regulating telegraph and telephone industries under supervision

**Foreign Policy**

- Payne Aldrich Tariff act brings tariff to 41%
- "Dollar Diplomacy"

**Aides and Advisors**

No Key Advisors

**Various Facts**

- Progressive Party founded in 1912 by TR
- After presidency, Taft became first person to serve in all three branches of the Federal government (became Justice)

<b>Vice Presidents:</b> James Schoolcraft Sherman	<b>Election Opponents:</b> W.J. Bryan, Eugene Debs
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