

Time of Presidency: **1913-1921** Party: **Democratic** President #: **28** **Woodrow Wilson**

**America at this time**

- 1912 Election called for New Freedom: no monopolies, greater competition economically, labor bargaining
- Roosevelt had major popularity with New Nationalism
- October assassination attempt on TR delayed campaign
- Wilson wins narrowly against Hughes
- 1916 campaign deals with the Great War in Europe
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**Domestic Policy**

- 16th Amendment passed - income tax
- 17th Amendment passed - Senatorial elections by the people
- Federal Reserve Act of 1913 creates "the Fed"
- Smith-Lever Act works between state and federal governments to fund educational systems
- Clayton Anti-Trust act legalizes strikes, boycotts, pickets, while labor organizations, agricultural industries were free from trust laws
- Keating-Own Act regulates child labor
- Espionage Act of 1917 makes recruitment, drafting impediments, as well as things detrimental to military morale, illegal
- Schenck v. US brings "clear and present danger" to freedom of speech cases
- 19th Amendment (1920) passed - Women can vote

**Foreign Policy**

- Wilson fails to recognize Huerta's Mexican government
- Underwood Tariff drops import rates to 27%, graduated income tax
- World War I breaks out with US remaining neutral for a while
- Panama Canal is finished
- Sussex pledge ends unrestricted submarine warfare temporarily
- Zimmerman note pushes America to war
- War declared - April '17
- Selective Service Board created for draft
- Literacy test instituted for immigrants in 1917
- 1918 Wilson lays down his 14 points
- Paris Peace Conference, Treaty of Versailles conclude WWI, attempts creation of League of Nations, which was not approved by Congress

**Aides and Advisors**

No Key Advisors

**Various Facts**

- Birth Control Clinic founded in 1914 by Margaret Sanger
- 18th Amendment begins Prohibition

Vice Presidents: Thomas R. Marshall Election Opponents: Taft, Roosevelt, Hughes

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