

US History 2023 Q:5, Discuss in detail. the
mainstream agenda of Theodore
Roosevelt's domestic-level Square Deal
program.

Introduction

In twentieth century, America was at crossroads. President with most power were facing significant external and internal problems, especially by business industries. America was at the stage of seek leaders, who can progress the country towards better through making significant reforms. Thus, Theodore Roosevelt's took a seat of President and earned popularity with the reforms for the progression of America. During 1904 campaign for the presidency, he introduced a Square Deal for everyone. His deal address his primary concerns for the era of monopolies, over control of cooperation, consumer protection and conservation.

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Mainstream agenda of Square Deal Program

1. Control of Corporations

Republican Theodore Roosevelt introduced reforms for control of corporation as ownership of cooperations and the relationship between owners and laborers, as well as governments role in the relationship were crucial at that time.

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Control of Corporations

- ↳ Sherman Antitrust Act
- ↳ Department of Commerce and Labor
- ↳ Elkins Act
- ↳ Hepburn Act

a) Suit Against Northern Securities Company in 1902

This company practically monopolized the railway operations in the North Western quarter of the country. Thus, Theodore Roosevelt issued order to sue against the company

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Under Sherman Antitrust Act 1902.

b) Proceeded attacks on Trusts

Workers of the companies, such as American Tobacco Company, Du Pont Corporation, the New Haven Railroad, and the Standard Oil Company, were demanding greater rights of protection as companies expected them to work at lower wages. Thus, Square Deal proceeded against those companies for the rights of workers.

c) Negotiations to increase pay for miners

Roosevelt prolonged coal strikes in Pennsylvania, using negotiations tactics to gain a modest pay increase for the miners.

d) Creation of Corporation to ensure fair business practices. (DOCL)

In 1903, department of Commerce and Labor (DOCL) was created in order to ensure that cooperation are engaging in fair business practices.

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e) Creation of corporation to benefit consumers (Bureau of corporations)

The Bureau of corporation was created to benefit consumers by monitoring interstate commerce, helping dissolve monopolies, and promoting fair competition between companies.

2. Consumer Protection

Square Deal of Theodore Roosevelt introduced reforms for the protection of consumer rights and their health:

Consumer Protection

- Pure Food and Drug Act
- Ellims Act
- Hepburn Act
- Rise of wages of miners

a) Improve sanitary conditions of food

The square deal sought to correct the incredibly unsanitary conditions in the manufacture of processed foods, drugs and patent medicines. It introduced:

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Pure Food and Drug Act 1906 in order to ensure that America were buying safe and healthy products.

b) End practices of giving rebates to favored customers

To strengthened government control over railroads which forbade the practice of giving rebates to favored customers, Elkin Act 1903 were introduced to protect equality among customers.

c) Ended the bribery of free passes

Hepbur Act 1906 was passed to strengthen the Interstate Commerce Commission to ensure railroads are giving reasonable rates for consumers.

3. Policy of conservation of Natural Resources

Roosevelt used his power for conservationism.

Conservation

- New Lands Reforms Act
- Roosevelt Dam
- Forest Reserve Act

Square Deal of Roosevelt
introduce some reforms for the
conservation of Natural resources.

a) Introduce large scale irrigation
projects

He introduced National Reclam-
ation Act 1902 which allowed federal
government to sell public lands in the
western states and devote the proceeds of
irrigation projects

b) creation of Dams for irrigation

Dozens of Dams were created
in the desert including massive
Roosevelt Dam on Arizona Salt River
for the irrigation in those deserty areas.

c) Setting aside land for National
forests, reserves and wildlife
refugees.

To preserve America natural
resources Forest Reserve Act 1891 were
passed so that 150mm acres of
federal land as national reserve that

could not be sold to private interests.

Conclusion

The political presidency beginning with President Theodore Roosevelt introduced a new era of progressive with the reform of Square Deal. The deal save America from business monopolies in which corporations were taking advantage of cooperative Presidents and innocent workers and consumers. Theodore Roosevelt's deal preserved America's natural resources and make realise for the need of conservation. The reforms of deal; Elkin act, Antitrust Sherman act, and Land Reclamation act made America to enter into new era of progressivism and that is the greatest achievement for Roosevelt as a President.