



The Roaring Twenties

Cultural shifts within two Americas

The Roaring '20s: Economic shifts

1. Wartime to peacetime

U.S., richest since 1890, grows further

Factories had been running at capacity for WWI

Switchover:
War production
to consumer
goods

Soldiers re-
enter labor
force with deep
pockets

GDP 1920-1940

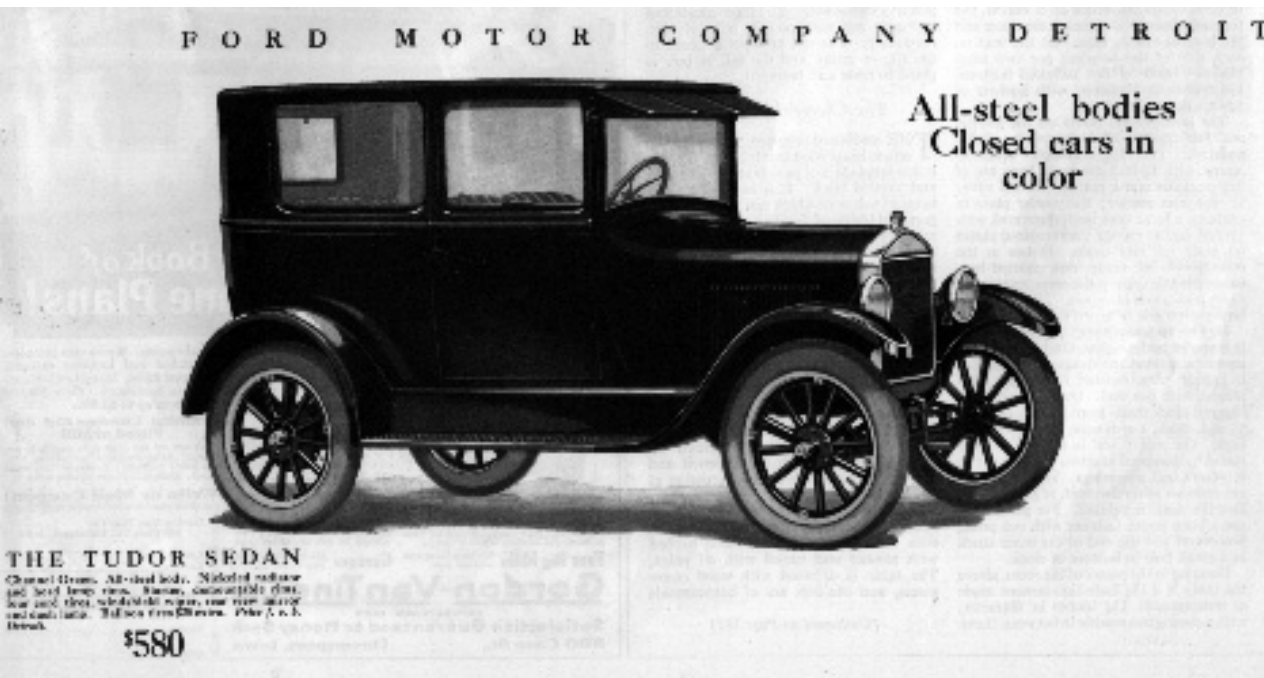


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2. Emerging technology: Automobile

Automobile industry blossoms

Ford masters mass production



Cars are **affordable:**

1924 Model T is just \$8,000 in 2007 dollars

Modern oil industry is born as a result

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3. Emerging technology: Infrastructure

Cars need roads, right?

Route 66 finished in 1926



U.S. is now linked coast-to-coast as never before

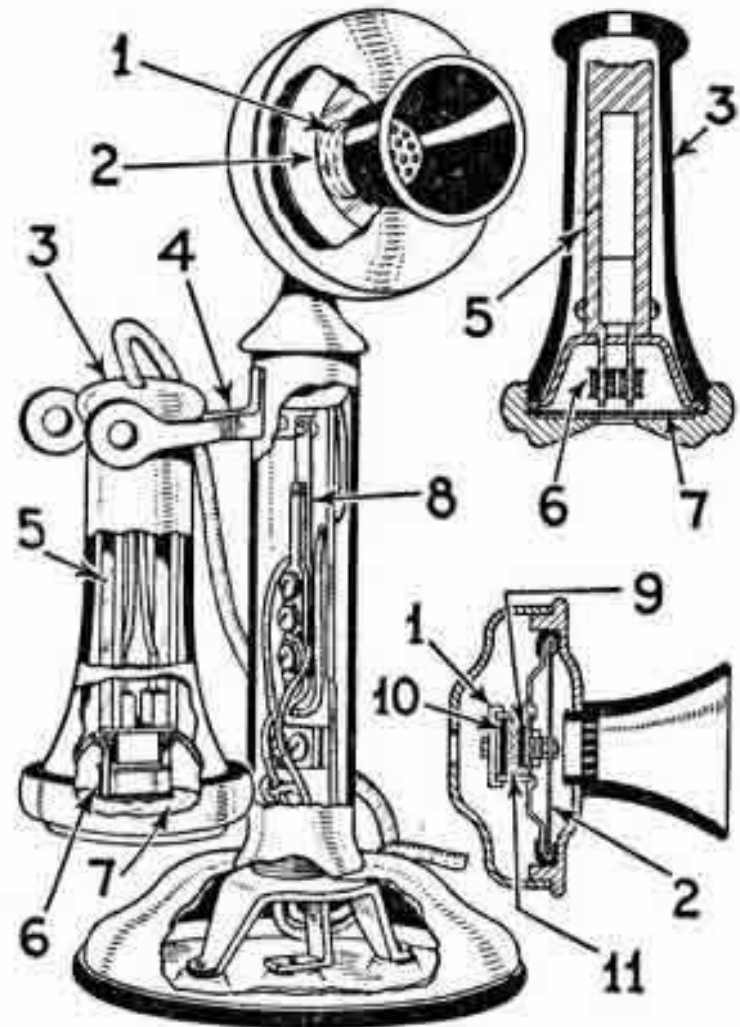
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3. Emerging technology: Infrastructure

Telephone lines

Sewer lines

Electric grids



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4. Emerging technology: Radio

The mass media are born in Pittsburgh, 1920

Radio was true cutting edge technology



Entertainment, status, lifestyle

Cheaper than most personal computers today

Radio programming as varied as modern cable TV

The source for news, music... even "togetherness"



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5. Urbanization

1910: Urban settlement eclipses rural

Birth of skyscrapers, urban centers

"White collar" workers

Service industry grows exponentially:
finance, insurance,

Emergence of class-based
society

A hold on immigration



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1. Prohibition

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
BUREAU OF PROHIBITION

PRESCRIPTION FORM FOR MEDICINAL LIQUOR

F93879 Supply: 10 days.

R *Hydrocodone Bitartrate 30mg*
KIND OF LIQUOR QUANTITY DIRECTIONS

Dr. J. H. Langley 6/10/33
FULL NAME OF PATIENT DATE PRESCRIBED

116 Clay Park Road
PATIENTS ADDRESS
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Thos. J. Langley 7252
PRESCRIBERS SIGNATURE PRESCRIBERS PERMIT NUMBER

209 1/2 Colman Street
PRESCRIBERS ADDRESS
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

CANCELED *Market Pharmacy* 43138
DRUG STORE NAME AS ON PERMIT PERMIT NUMBER

W. H. Langley 6/10/33
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STORE ADDRESS
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS
DO NOT REFILL OR TRANSFER UNDER PENALTY
ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE **88**

NATIONAL BUREAU OF PROHIBITION



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2. Women's rights

Changes in wartime workforce

Changes in the household

Changes in gender ideals

Women's suffrage, 1920

The flapper movement:
Seismic shift in fashion,
entertainment, and how
women spent their time





We Men Must Grow A Mustache

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That's One Thing That The Girls Can't Do!



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Words
and
Music
by
Speed
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3. Cinema



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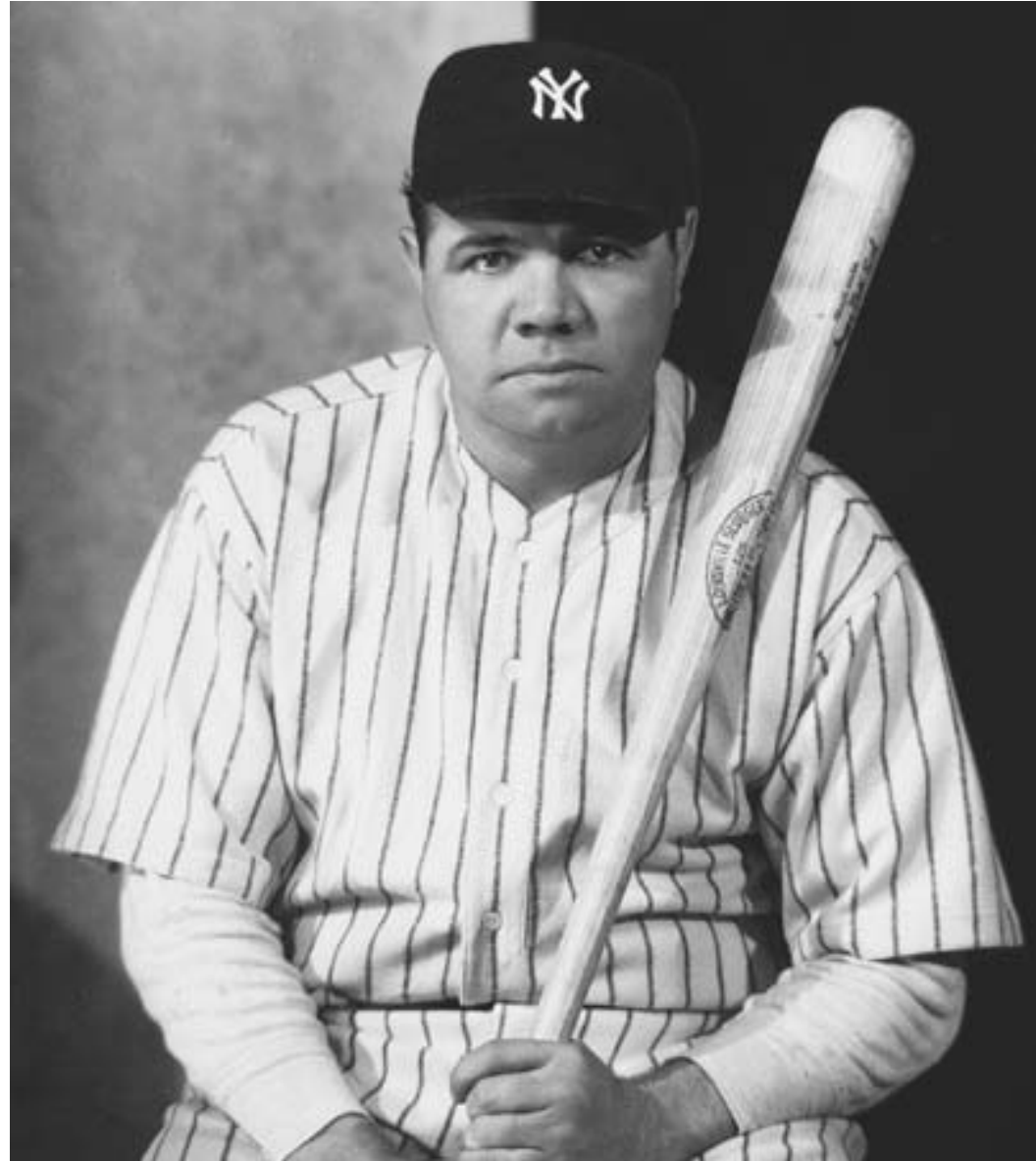
4. Sports

First golden age of
baseball

Pro football born
in 1926

Tennis, basketball,
golf now mainstream

Sports (esp. baseball)
begin to democratize
America



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5. Science vs. Fundamentalism

Fundamentalist movement begins in earnest

Literal interpretation of the bible

Born also of distrust of industry, modern science

1925: Tennessee makes it illegal to teach evolution

John Scopes teaches it anyway

Trial brings ACLU, international attention

Jury convicts Scopes, fines him \$100



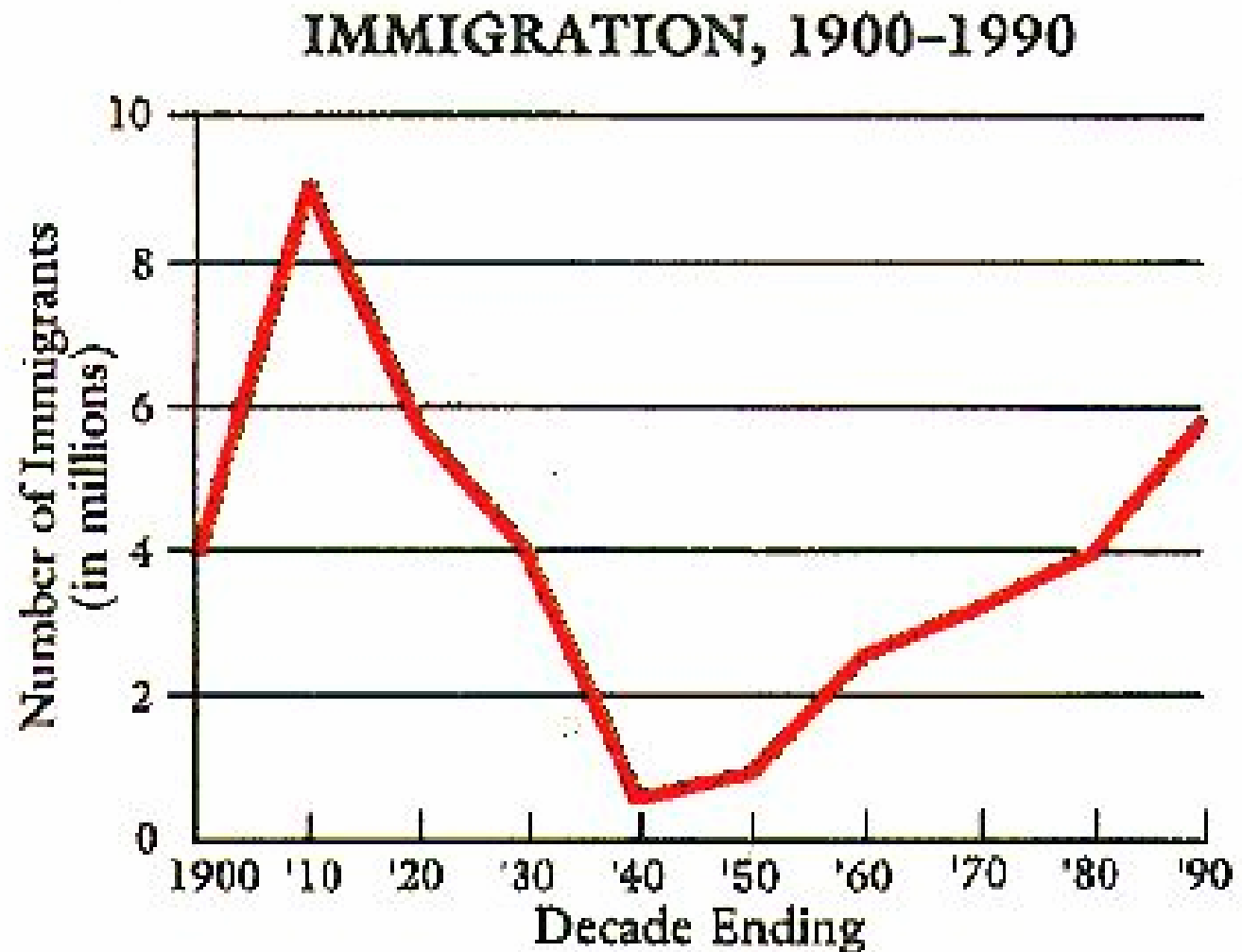
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1. Immigration reform

Major drop in immigration

Xenophobia:
Fear/mistrust
of foreigners

Return to
isolationism?



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Nativist movement

Demobilization, two "great migrations" filled factories

Poor Europeans immigrate

African-American migrate from the South

Rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan

Re-forms in Georgia, 1915

Also anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-immigrant

Race riots, racial violence in many cities

NAACP vs. UNIA

Marcus Garvey and Pan-Africanism

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1921: Emergency Quota Act

Limited **all** immigration to 357,000 a year

Limited immigration country-by-country

Number of immigrants may not exceed 3% of US population

Did **not** limit immigration within Western Hemisphere

Immigration Act of 1924

Modified the 3% rule to favor Northern, Western Europe

