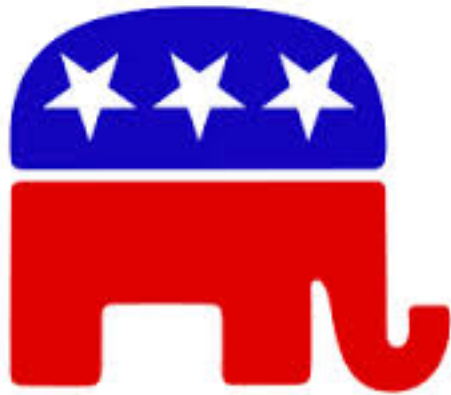


Chapter 11 Section 1

A Republican Decade



- **Warren G. Harding** won the election in 1920 by promising to bring **America** out of war mode and back to regular everyday life.



A Return to “Normalcy”

- **Czar Nicholas II of Russia was overthrown** because he led Russia into WWI which caused millions of deaths and severe food shortages.



Russian Revolution

- A **civil war broke out in Russia** between Lenin's forces called the Bolsheviks (**The Reds**) and the former business owners (**The Whites**) whose property had been seized by the Bolsheviks.
- **We supported the Whites** because our investments had also been seized.



“Reds” and “Whites”

- **The Reds became the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) or the Soviet Union.**



A New Nation

- The **Soviet Union's ideology** said this:
- **Government owned all land and property.**
- **A single party** controlled the government.
- **Individuals had no rights** that the govt. had to respect.
- The govt. vowed to stir up revolutions in other countries and **spread Communism throughout the world.**



Communism

- An intense fear of **Communism** that arose in **America** because it was directly **against the American beliefs** of Capitalism, private ownership of land and business, and first amendment freedoms.



The Red Scare

- As the Red Scare got worse the **government identified and rooted out any groups** whose activities posed “**a clear and present danger**” to the country.



Government Reaction

- Anyone accused of trying to subvert or **overthrow the government**.
- Anyone who claimed to be a **Communist, Socialist, or Anarchist** (against any government).



Subversives

- The Justice Department, headed by the Attorney General, A. Mitchell Palmer, set up a special force to rid the country of anyone even suspected of being subversive
- Their homes were raided & thousands were **thrown in jail**.
- Many Subversives were immigrants so more than 500 were **deported** (sent back to their homelands) even though they had **not been convicted of any crime**.



The Palmer Raids

- Two Italian immigrants (A shoemaker and a fish seller) arrested for an armed robbery because one happened to own the same model gun used in the crime.
- Despite international uproar the two were **sentenced and electrocuted just for being immigrants at the height of the Red Scare.**



Sacco and Vanzetti

- Boston police hadn't received a raise since before the war (only 25 cents/hour working avg. 90 hour weeks).
- **After going on strike riots broke out with no cops.**
- Governor stepped in and **forced police back to work.**



Boston Police Strike

- America's postwar foreign policy of isolationism was to **avoid political or economic alliances with other countries.**



Isolationism

- The nations of the world attempted to prevent future wars by **voluntarily giving up their weapons and limiting the size of their militaries.**



Disarmament

- As Americans became more isolationist, they also became more *nativist*
- Many believed people from other countries could never be fully loyal to the United States
- Often blamed problems of cities, such as slums and corruption, on the immigrants who lived in them
- Workers feared immigrants might take their jobs from them
- Immigrants from most unstable parts of Europe (where WWI started) might hold or adopt dangerous political ideas

Revival of Nativism



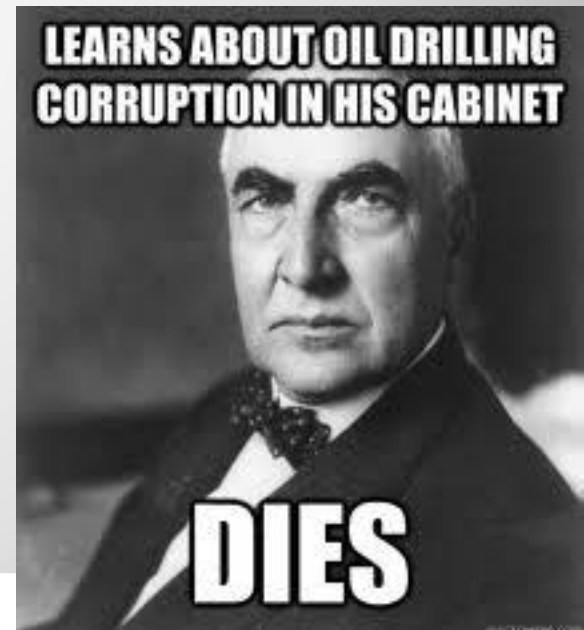
- **A limit on the number of people who could come in from each country.**
- Was set low for Russia, Poland, and Italy (Weren't liked after the war)
- Asians were banned all together.



Quotas

- Just as Harding's administration was enjoying strong popularity, it was **revealed that those close to him had been stealing government money and taking bribes.**
- Two officials committed suicide and he **died of a heart attack.** (Triggered by the stress)

Teapot Dome Scandal



- **Calvin Coolidge** was sworn in and tried to **restore dignity and prestige to the Presidency**.
- Was from Northampton, MA (mayor)



"Keep Cool with Coolidge"

- Man of dignity and prestige – had played no part in the Harding scandals
- A man of few words
- Quiet, steadfast, and frugal nature
- “He could be silent in five languages”

Silent Cal



- **Government doesn't interfere with business.**
- Economic policy of Coolidge and his successor, Herbert Hoover, that **led to prosperity in the 1920's.**
- **"The business of the American people is business"**

Laissez Faire

