

Changes at Home

Unit VII: New World Power



Consider the
following...

If the United States had joined the League of Nations, could it have become powerful enough to have prevented World War II?

Treaty of Versailles: Rejection

- Senate chooses not to ratify the Treaty of Versailles proposed by President Woodrow Wilson
 - Avoid more American deaths
 - Germany Americans did not like it
 - League demanded Germany accept full responsibility for the war
 - Return to isolationism



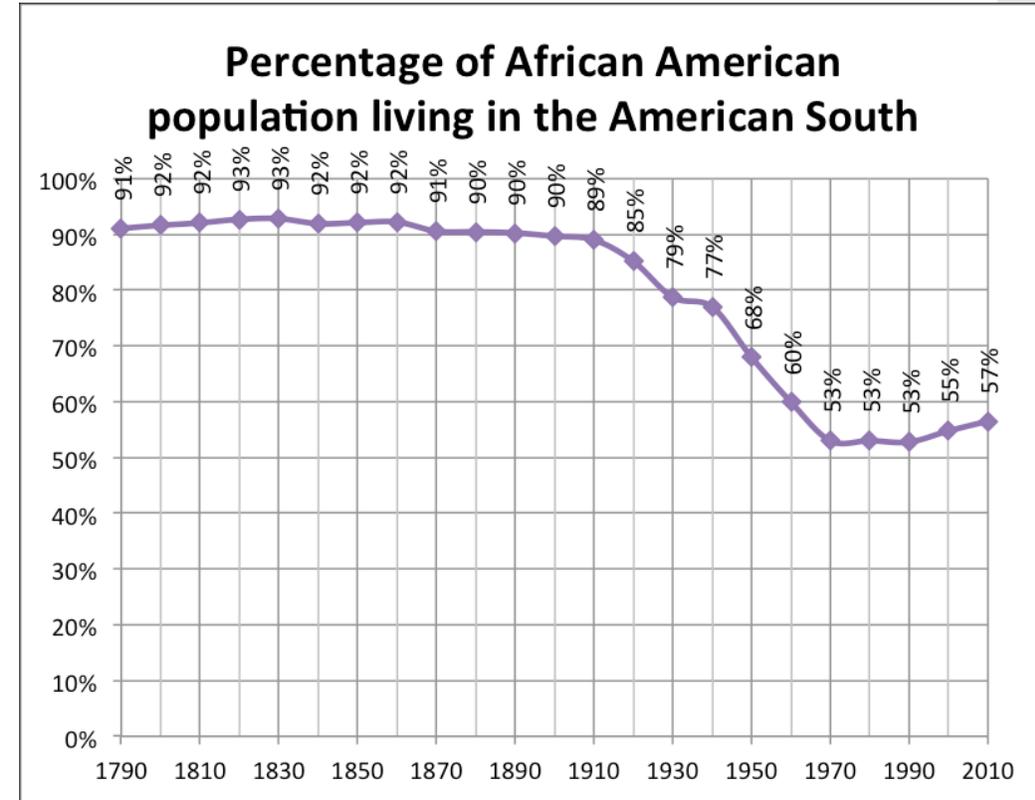
Change: Women

- Women worked while men fought overseas
- Increased awareness of self-worth
- Increased occupation in healthcare roles



Change: African Americans

- Black soldiers enlist and fight alongside white men
- Return home as “second class citizens”
 - Struggle to accept it especially after exposure to overseas culture
- Black families begin moving to northern cities
 - Fled “Jim Crow” south
 - 1.5m – 2.5m blacks in north between 1910-1930
 - Better pay and rights
 - **Harlem Renaissance** will occur
- KKK revives itself by 1920



Change: Immigrants

- The Communist Revolution led by Vladimir Lenin in Russia causes US to worry about Russians in the US
- **Red Scare** will occur
- **Palmer Raids** occur
 - Direct violation of civil rights



Return to Normalcy

- Size of army was reduced
- Economic controls (tariffs) lifted
- War-time production ends
- Agricultural prices fall
- 18th Amendment is ratified
 - Ends production and sale of alcohol
- Republicans enjoy three presidential victories in a row
 - Wilson's democratic presidency did not fulfill the "new order" Americans hoped for

"America's present need is not heroics, but healing; not nostrums, but normalcy; not revolution, but restoration; not agitation, but adjustment; not surgery, but serenity; not the dramatic, but the dispassionate; not experiment, but equipoise; not submergence in internationality, but sustainment in triumphant nationality"
-Warren G. Harding [R]