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# **An Unsettled Society**

# Americans Debate New Ideas & Values

City populations grew, divided people  
between rural & urban lines

Urbanites followed the trend of  
**Modernism**- science and secular  
values over religious beliefs

**Fundamentalism** grew- The Bible  
was literal truth

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**Scopes Trial-** Trial over the teaching of Evolution in schools after John Scopes challenged Tennessee law.

**William Jennings Bryan-** Defended the right of rural values

While the Trial eventually found John Scopes guilty, the trial questioned public opinion

# The Red Scare & Immigration

**The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**  
is formed to protect civil liberties

**Sacco and Vanzetti Case-** Two Italian  
Americans tried and put to death.

Scared mobs attacked radicals &  
immigrants to avoid potential  
communist revolutions.

# The Red Scare & Immigration

**Vladimir Lenin** encouraged communist revolutions outside of the Soviet Union

The first American **Red Scare** began-fear that suspected communists were plotting revolution in the U.S.

The **Palmer Raids**- Series of raids that sought to arrest and deport suspected radicals

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**Immigration challenged the way  
Americans ran their lives**

**Nativists fought against immigration,  
other Americans supported it**

**Eugenics-** The belief that intelligence &  
social traits were genetic & inherited by  
parents

**The Emergency Quota Act of 1921 &  
The National Origins Act of 1924  
established the quota system.**

**2% of immigrants from a nationality in  
the U.S. population living in 1890**

**Mexican immigration rose as the quota  
system did not apply to Mexico.**

**Racial Tension was on the rise.**

The **Ku Klux Klan** (1915)- promoted hatred of African Americans, Jews, Catholics, & Immigrants.

Organizations such as the **NAACP** supported America's "Melting Pot"



**Prohibition** was ratified in the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Amendment in 1919

The **Volstead Act** enforced the law.

**Bootleggers** sold illegal alcohol and  
speakeasies rose in popularity

**Al Capone** capitalized from  
Prohibition

Prohibition is repealed with the  
passage of the **21<sup>st</sup> Amendment**