

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A ONE-PAGER DONE ON A PROGRESSIVE ERA TOPIC

Starting after the religious revival of the 2nd Great Awakening the Temperance Movement urged people to drink less, or hopefully to abstain from alcohol completely.

Why Did Americans want Temperance?

- Many people, women especially, felt that alcohol contributed to problems in society and families such as:
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Poverty
 - Severe Health Problems
 - Lack of Good Morals
 - Absenteeism from Work

What groups organized the fight?

- The American Society for the Promotion of Temperance (1826)
- Order of the Good Templars (1851)
- Woman's Christian Temperance Union (1874)
- The Anti-Saloon League (1895)



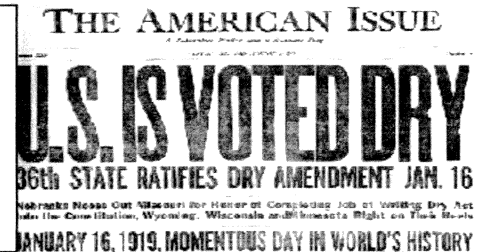
“Whereas, the use of all intoxicating drinks has caused, and is causing, incalculable evils to individuals and families... we, the undersigned ladies of the City of New York, feeling ourselves especially called upon, not only to refrain from the use of all intoxicating drinks, but, by our influence and example, to induce others to do the same, do therefore form ourselves into an association.”

Pledge of the Washington Temperance Society of Baltimore



Reformers such as Susan B. Anthony, Francis Willard and Carrie Nation worked tirelessly for Temperance.

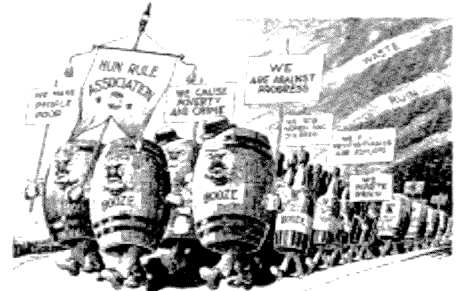
Carrie Nation described herself as "a bulldog running along at the feet of Jesus, barking at what he doesn't like," was a strong promoter of temperance. She went into bars with her followers and forced them to close and then destroying the businesses with her hatchet. She was arrested 30 times in NYC alone.



The Temperance Movement gained momentum in the 19th century, but saw real success during the Progressive Era. They saw ultimate success with the passage of the 18th Amendment in 1919.



“the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.”



There was extensive protest against Prohibition. Although many people did stop drinking and missing work, Prohibition also caused a huge rise in organized crime rings who smuggled alcohol into the U.S. During the Great Depression, the Temperance Movement was abandoned and Prohibition was repealed with the 21st Amendment in 1933.