### Causes

- Journalists expose corruption in government
- Journalists expose unhealthy working conditions
- Intellectuals question dominant role of large corporations
- Reformers want government to be more responsive to citizens
- Number of educated citizens increases

### Effects

- Working conditions improve
- Business regulation increases
- City government becomes more efficient
- State government becomes more democratic
- New amendments are added to the Constitution
**Child Labor, 1890–1930**

### Number of Children Working

- **1890**: 0 million
- **1900**: 3 million
- **1910**: 6 million
- **1920**: 9 million
- **1930**: 12 million

- **Total number of children**: Orange bars
- **Number of children employed**: Green bars

### Percentage of Children Working

- **1890**: 18.1%
- **1900**: 18.2%
- **1910**: 15.0%
- **1920**: 11.3%
- **1930**: 4.7%

- **Children working (ages 10-15)**: Yellow sections

**Source**: Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940.
At Promontory, Utah, the nation’s first transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869.

Boasting the world’s first metal frame skyscraper, Chicago is a thriving urban center.

Montana has been a leading producer of copper since the 1880s.

European immigrants continue to pour into New York City.

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