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Abstract

This study explores the effects of Ida Tarbell's works as the muckraker on American society during the Progressive Era, which witnessed many changes because of Progressives' thoughts. This dissertation aims to explain and examine the impact of muckrakers, either on the political side of the economic one, and analyze the muckraking book of Ida Tarbell, the history of the Standards Oil Company that reveals the implied corruption that was rampant excessively during that period. A descriptive and analytical method is adopted to analyzing investigative journalism's important role in showing the generated public outrage quickly catalyzed the passage of new legislation and influenced imitators overseas. The Muckrakers' work is still remembered as a high point of U.S. journalism.

Keywords: Ida Tarbell, Muckraker, Progressive era, The History of the Standards Oil Company.

List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

USA	United States of America
US	United States

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General Introduction

1. Background of the Study

Muckrakers are journalists and novelists who set out to expose the corruption in business and government during the Progressive era. They played a significant role in shaping people's attitudes towards important American businesses. For example, the activities of muckrakers, such as Ida Tarbell, were written in articles by popular columnists and journalists. The *Thierry* publication influenced most of the public policy decisions made in American society.

2. Statement of the Problem

The progressives sought to correct what they saw as the injustices of the Gilded Age (1870–1900). The period witnessed a profound social and political reaction. The Journalists and other writers began bringing social issues to the American public's attention. They wrote about the harmful social conditions and factories.

The muckrakers provided detailed and accurate journalistic accounts of the political and economic corruption and social hardships caused by the power of big business in a rapidly industrializing the United States.

The pioneer of the muckraking field is Ida Tarbell. After publishing her investigation report in McClure's magazine, she exposed the corrupt practices of Standard Oil Company that affect American society.

3. Research Questions and Research Hypotheses

The present study seeks to provide answers to the following questions:

- 1- What were the main issues of muckrakers raised during the progressive era?
- 2- What roles did Ida Tarbell play in the breakdown of the Standard Oil Company during the progressive era?

The hypothesis of this study is formulated as follows:

- 1- Muckrakers would have contributed by suggesting solutions that improved the political system of America during the progressive era
- 2- Ida Tarbell could have exposed corruption and unethical issues in American society.

4. Aims of the Study

The study investigates the impact of muckrakers on American society during the progressive era and analyzes Ida Tarbell's works. The research objectives are stated as follows:

1. To explore the progressive era and the main events to display society's situation and examine muckrakers and their role
2. To explain the effect of Ida Tarbell's work in general and Standard Oil Company in specific on American society.

5. Research Methodology

The study adopts the historical and descriptive-analytic method. In the first chapter, the historical method is used to trace the events during the progressive era chronologically. The second chapter uses the descriptive-analytical method to describe the effect of Ida Tarbell's investigation of Standard Oil Company on American society during the progressive era.

6. Significance of the Study

This study relies on facts of the remarkable changes that happened during the progressive era and its relation with appearing muckrakers on the one hand. It could provide information about the critical role of journalism in society in exposing and fighting monopolism and corruption, On the other hand.

6. Structure of the Study

The dissertation comprises two chapters: the first is devoted to the progressive era, its main events, and the surrounding issues that helped raise the muckrakers' activities. The second one deals with the biography of Ida Tarbell as an investigative journalist and her famous book that affects American society.

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Introduction

This chapter will present the historical circumstances that helped appear The Progressive Era. The chapter is composed of four sections; In the first section of this chapter, we will discuss the relationship between the gilded age and the progressive era and the features of American society. The second section will shed light on the important events that shaped the scene during the progressive era. The third section will highlight the famous political and social reforms and business entrepreneurs figures. Finally, the chapter concludes with the appearance of muckrakers and the main works that originated before their existing.

1.1 The Progressive Era

The Progressive Era got its name from the forward-thinking reformers, or "progressives," which tackled a range of social, economic, and political ills. They lived in all parts of the country, were often middle- or upper-class professionals, and belonged to the Democratic and Republican parties. Many of the problems they tried to solve were due to rapid industrialization and urbanization and the enormous influx of immigrants at the beginning of the 20th century. They also sought to right what they saw as the injustices of the Golden Age (1870-1900), when corporations grew with corporate profits, leading to an ever-widening gap between rich and poor (Gould & Shah, 2021).

Perhaps no one embodied the spirit of progress more than President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), who greatly expanded the power of the government. He was the carousel that shattered trust, eager to disintegrate large business conglomerates that stopped competition. He went on strike for the miners and asked employers and workers to agree to arbitration to settle their disputes - a stake in the economy that no previous president had taken. Instead, he came up with a plan to manage desert development and save many people. Forests and virgin lands (Gould & Shah, n.d.).

1.1.1. The American society

The Amendment did not affect all sections of society. For example, political and social opportunities for African Americans have been limited by segregation. In 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld *Plessy vs. Ferguson* and argued that "separate but equal" facilities for blacks and whites were constitutional. It will remain the law for fifty years. Another setback was the ban on producing, selling, importing, and exporting alcoholic beverages. Reformers saw it as a means of reducing domestic violence and crime, strengthening families, and increasing worker productivity. It became law with the Eighteenth Amendment, ratified in 1920. However, this "noble experiment" was abolished in 1933 because it unexpectedly led to smuggling and the sale of illegal alcohol, the rise of organized crime, and widespread political corruption (Gould & Shah, n.d.).

Reformers have encountered repeated resistance from more conservative members of society who do not fully agree that it is the responsibility of governments to regulate the industry and promote socially beneficial programs. However, the progressive era was an undeniable moment of social, political, and economic transformation throughout the country. The country was moving away from the agricultural economy of its early days to a new and sometimes painful identity as an industrialized nation and participant in world affair (Gould & Shah, n.d.).

1.1.1.1. Women

During the Golden Age, women in society acted according to Victorian ideals: women should not laugh, should not oppose men's opinions, should not drink, and should not show much flesh. In the progressive age, when education was familiar to girls and boys, joint educational institutions existed. The young people who attended

these schools were mainly used to being equals. Twice as many female students attended university in 1910 as in 1870. In the progressive era, women fought for many rights, including suffrage or the right to vote. In reform, women worked to change the workplace, labor conditions, health, and safety (Larangeira, 2013).

1.1.1.2. Women Suffrage

Women fought for an extended time to induce the right to vote. Women who wished to vote were known as suffragists. These women organized conferences to debate their concepts; they wrote articles explaining that women and men should be equal. Women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were necessary suffragists women gave speeches, commanded protests and marches, and worked laborious to vary people's minds. Some ladies were even inactive and enjoyed time in jail simply because they wished for equal rights as men and women did not have the correct to choose the U.S.A. The suffragist movement fought for these rights (Gorden, 1996).

However, starting in 1890, some States allowed women to vote. Over twenty years, additional states allowed them further. After many periods of working and floundering, the 19th change was passed.

The 19th Amendment warranted equal voting rights for women. This new acts all women in the United States to vote.

During the progressive era, women gained other different rights and may head to faculty. For example, women may divorce their husbands. Ladies may own property. Women may be part of the military. The government created laws that women and men are equal. Several people's concepts concerning women were modified (McDonagh & Price, 1985).

1.1.1.3.Children Labor



Figure 1.1 Jacob Riis photograph describe children labour during the progressive era (Riis, 1890).

As the industry grew following the Civil War, children often labored as young as ten years old and sometimes much younger. They worked in industrial settings and retail stores, on the streets, on farms, and home-based industries.

However, during the progressive era, the role of the working class eventually changed. Society was considering children not only economic value, combined with a greater awareness of the practice of Exploitive by some employers, but this change in thinking has also contributed to the intensification of reforms that have, over time, led to the end of widespread child labor in the United States (Schuman,2017).

1.1.1.4.Immigrants



Figure 1.2 Jacob Riis photograph describe immigrants situation during the progressive era (Riis, 1890).

Between 1900 and 1915, more than 15 million immigrants arrived in the United States. This number was about the equal number of immigrants who had arrived in the previous 40 years combined. In 1910, three-fourths of New York City's population was either immigrants or first-generation Americans (Grady & Comeau, 1938).

The numbers of immigrants had been not the handiest swelling, the international locations from which they modified dramatically as nicely. In contrast to in advance immigrants, most learners after 1900 came from non-English speaking nations. The predominant source of immigrants become now southern and jap Europe, particularly Italy, Poland, and Russia. International locations are pretty distinct in terms of the way of life and language from us, and many immigrants have difficulty adjusting to life.

At the equal time, the USA had trouble soaking up immigrants. Most immigrants chose to settle in American towns, wherein jobs had been placed. As a result, the towns became ever extra crowded. in addition, city services regularly fail to keep up with the drift of beginners. Most of the immigrants did locate jobs, although they frequently worked jobs that most native-born individuals would no longer take (Grady & Comeau, 1938).

1.1.1.5.Racism and Public Law

American political theory inaugurated the start of the top of Yankee scientific racism. Its critics are vocal. However, Progressives are charged with promoting life science and, therefore, with mainstreaming practices like mandatory housing segregation, sterilization of those deemed unfit, and exclusion of immigrants on racial grounds. Although, if the Progressives were such racists, it is questioned that the Thirties Afro-Americans and others of color have systematically supported self-proclaimed progressive political candidates, generally by terribly wide margins (Tuttle, 1970).

When examining the Progressives on race, it is critical to distinguish their inherited views from those they developed. For example, the increase of political theory coincided with the death of scientific racism, which had been educated in Yankee universities since the first nineteenth century and featured conspicuously within the scientific discussion over Darwin's theory of evolution. Eugenics, which attempted to use genetics and mathematics to validate many racist claims, was its last gasp. The most significant issue regarding the Progressives is that they were answerable for delivering scientific racism to AN finish (Tuttle, 1970).

One of the foremost robust characteristics of the progressive State was its attentiveness to science – a characteristic that it retains to the current day. Once the progressive era was forming. However, genetic racism was the scientific model of the day, cutting across many disciplines and reaching folks of all political persuasions, even into the foremost elite of Yankee analysis establishments. By and large, non-Progressives were even as racist as Progressives; therefore, a few were considerably more so. Further, the Progressive amount lay entirely among the southern era of Jim Crow legislated segregation, typically making it impossible to spot specific racial attitudes within the New South as "Progressive" or just as genetic options of long command southern racial ideas. The essential question for the scholarly person is if the Progressives inherited racial ideas from their predecessors and whether they developed them independently (Tuttle, 1970).

Progressives did believe a lot of active States, but racism supported by an activist legislative agenda is a lot uglier than racism that's passively tolerated. However, one cannot characterize most of the segregator, exclusionary, and alternative racist legislation passed throughout this era as "Progressive," however. Southern states actively regulated racial exclusion by statute, and every one of the racial segmentation laws generally attributed to Progressives was passed in once slave-holding states. Regardless of those laws' philosophical or scientific sources, they were supported by staunch anti-Progressives. An identical issue is

the existing mandatory sterilization laws. For example, the Supreme Court Justices World Health Organization voted systematically against Progressive labor protection and restrictive alternative legislation to uphold mandatory sterilization of mental "defectives." (Hovenkamp & Herbert J,2017).

In contrast, several Progressives advocated for a lot of restrictive immigration laws. However, nothing passed throughout the Progressive Era matched the specific restrictions on Chinese immigration that came earlier or the racist immigration restrictions enacted throughout the terms of anti-progressive Presidents Warren Gamaliel Harding and Calvin Coolidge when the Progressive Era had terminated. Finally, the makes an attempt to link Progressive support for remuneration laws to racial exclusion fails as a result of they misconceive the objectives of the Progressive remuneration commitment and, further, choose and opt for a tiny low range of individual examples from a substantial economic literature (Hovenkamp & Herbert, 2017).

Third, the one place where a sharp distinction emerged between progressives and their varied opponents was within the sequent rejection of genetic racism in favor of many reformers, nurture-based models of attribute and development. Many reformer views began to require hold within the social sciences within the 1910s and Nineteen Twenties. Instead, they commenced varying legal thinking within the Nineteen Forties. They found expression during a Supreme Court nearly nominee contradicente Democrat and self-acknowledged Progressive. The result was the gradual emergence of a division that has endured today, with progressives mostly showing as promoters of racial inclusion and variety (Hovenkamp & Herbert, 2017).

1.1.1.6.Economy

Before the Progressive Era, politicians were typically reluctant to use the federal to intervene within the personal sector. Instead, the individualistic school of thought opposing

government interference within the economy was typically accepted by the general public except in law and order problems and, therefore, the railroad trade. By 1890, this perspective slowly began to alter once a group of labor movements, little businesses, and farm interests began lobbying the government to negotiate on their behalf. As a result, the center category was getting down to reach the vital mass. It commenced demonstrating a leeriness of each business elite further because the radical farmer and labor movements United Nations agency were coalescing around a fledgling Progressive movement, inspired by journalists called Muckrakers and authors like Upton Beall Sinclair (Nichols & Unger, 2017).

Progressives, in distinction to earlier generations, favored government regulation of business to attain, in their opinion, market competition and economic system. Their goal was to temper the facility of trusts and monopolies that had created massive wealth controlled by solely several individual industrialists whose names are legendary like John D. philanthropist in the oil business, Andrew Carnegie in railroads and steel industry, and Vanderbilt in the industry of railroad (Nichols & Unger, 2017).

Like the Gilded Age, the Progressive Era conjointly had its share of recessions and panics. The foremost serious was the Panic of 1893. Like the earlier crashes, it caused a group of bank failures now caused by railroad overbuilding and shaky funding. A combination of market overbuilding and a railroad bubble was a run on the gold offer and a policy of mistreatment of each gold and silver metal as a peg for the U.S.A.'s greenback worth. Solely three years later, the U.S. tough another panic in 1896. Whereas it was sharp and resulted in the failure of Illinois's commercial bank in Chicago, it was less severe than different panics. It was caused by come-by silver reserves and market considerations on the consequences it would wear the gold normal (Nichols & Unger, 2017).

1.1.1.7.Important Events

The activities listed underneath are, however, a tiny fraction of the movements taken national because the revolutionary technology spread out. Progressives operated at all levels—countrywide, kingdom, county, metropolis. Child complicated work laws had been surpassed in many states, ordinances to help the poorer training were passed in cities and cities, and jurisdictions at all ranges took measures to make government more efficient and attentive to people's desires (Tuttle, 2014).

Now not all corporations benefit from Progressivism. Indians and African Americans were excluded, except for the vast nineteenth amendment. However, the modern motion did little to help women (Tuttle, 2014).

A Significant Event during the Progressive Era.

Dates	Events
1898	Erdman Act outlaws yellow dog contracts for I.C.C. companies
1900	foreign money Act placed the U.S. on the gold fashionable; ILGWU became founded; the Socialist Party founded
1901	McKinley was assassinated; Theodore Roosevelt became President of the U.S.
1902	Roosevelt forms trust policy, sues Northern Securities enterprise, mediates coal strike.
1902	The Newlands Act (country broad Reclamation Act) receives assistance from T.R., setting aside land sales cash for irrigation initiatives. Kingdom Political Reform moves initiative, referendum, direct primary, bear in mind.

Dates	Events
1903	<p>Expedition Act—priority in federal courts expedites antitrust instances.</p> <p>Dick Act passes—Emory Upton reorganized the militia to correct troubles uncovered by using the Spanish-American warfare, Created a Joint group of workers. Elkins Act reinforces the Interstate trade Act; rebates are mainly illegal</p>
1903	<p>The branch of commerce and labor consists of the Bureau of corporations to assist corporations in smoothing up their acts and avoiding antitrust suits.</p>
1903	<p>Muckrakers begin to arouse public opinion on social ills.</p>
1904	<p>National Child Labor Committee formed;Northern Securities case hits court;A wide margin elected T.R.</p>
1905	<p>Industrial employees of the arena (I.W.W.—the "Wobblies") founded—advised social revolution and capitalism's overthrow.</p> <p>The leader is "big bill" Haywood.</p> <p>New York Supreme Court Case strikes down New York law limiting bakers' work hours.</p>
1906	<p>Meat Inspection Act and pure meals and Drug Act handed. The manufacture, sale, and transportation of adulterated, misbranded, or dangerous meals is unlawful. (Impetus supplied by way of Sinclair's The Jungle.)</p> <p>Immunity of Witnesses Act protects company whistle-blowers.Hepburn Act beefs up I.C.C.'s control of Railroads and gives I.C.C. broader jurisdiction and adequate management over prices. It is going past railroads. Takes all of T.R.'s impact to pressure via Congress.</p>

Dates	Events
1907	Panic is well-known and shows essential flaws within the system—money crunch,
1908	<p>White house Conservation convention.</p> <p>Aldrich-Vreeland Act authorizes unique paper foreign money to ease a scarcity of money. Muller v. Oregon case—excellent courtroom upholds regulation proscribing work hours for women.</p>
1909	Payne-Aldrich tariff lowers charges to about 38%.N.A.A.C.P. based.
1910	<p>Mann-Elkins Act: locations smartphone, telegraph, and wireless (radio) under I.C.C.Exposure Act: Election contributions need to be disclosed.</p> <p>The Postal financial savings bank machine turned into mounted. (had been Populist purpose).</p> <p>Mann Act prohibits white slavery. (Transporting ladies across nation traces for immoral functions is illegal.)</p>
1911	Supreme court docket orders the dissolution of fashionable Oil organization.Triangle Shirtwaist fire kills 146 people in any city, leading to extra job protection law.
1912	<p>Republican party divides; T.R. runs as innovative; election demonstrates great full-size endorsement of Progressivism: 75% vote for TR, Wilson or Eugene Debs.Woodrow Wilson turned into elected President.</p> <p>Socialists make the first-rate showing.</p>

Dates	Events
1913	<p>16th amendment followed: graduated earnings tax redistributes wealth; seventeenth change presents for direct election of Senators.</p> <p>Underwood Tariff reduces quotes in step with Progressives' dreams; first, hefty tariff discount considering that Civil war.</p> <p>Federal Reserve Act created 12 member banks and controlled hobby charges; the first U.S. banking machine because Jackson's days., 30,000 marched for ladies' suffrage in the big apple metropolis.</p> <p>Henry Ford creates the transferring assembly line.</p>
1914	<p>Federal exchange fee Act guards in opposition to "unfair change practices.".Clayton Antitrust Act strengthens Sherman Act. Many precise prohibitions in opposition to tie-ins and price discrimination.</p> <p>Company officials are, for the part, dependable, together with exertions and agriculture agencies.</p>
1916	<p>Adamson Act mandates 8-hour days and a half time beyond regulation for R.R. people under I.C.C.</p> <p>Federal Farm Loan Act and Warehouse Act help farmers.</p> <p>Wilson became reelected over Charles Evans Hughes.</p>
1919	<p>18th modification outlaws the sale of alcoholic drinks inside the U.S. Volstead Act contains out cause thru rules. Prohibition started as it evolved.</p>

Dates	Events
1920	<p>The modification declared ratified; ladies have the proper to vote.</p> <p>The Federal Bureau of the budget was established to supervise authorities' spending.</p>
1924	Sheppard-Towner Act assists pregnant girls and toddlers with health care.
1924	Robert Los Angeles Follette gains 4.8 million votes as a revolutionary celebration candidate for President.

Note .Adapted from (H.W.Brands, 2002).

1.2.The Famous Main Figures

Between 1890 and 1920, the Progressive Era saw the United States become a more democratic, safer, and giant nation. Several politicians, social reformers, and women-led the charge for Amendment and created progress attainably. They exposed corruption, secured the vote for women, and spoke up for voters with no voice. Instead, they conjointly forced the government to figure for its individuals and modified the United States for the higher (Lange, 2015).

1.2.1.Important politicians

The progressive politician sought to harness the power of the civil government to exclude unethical and illegal business practices, reduce corruption, and offset the adverse social effects of industrialization. In addition, they played an essential role in making different legislation amendments to the constitution of the United States ("The Progressives", 2018).

1.2.1.1 Theodore Roosevelt (1858 – 1919).

Roosevelt was a prominent politician in the progressive era, fighting the power of corruption and monopoly trust. Roosevelt cracked down on corruption and sponsorship in the New York Police Department, civil servants, and the U.S. economy. As President, he was actively involved in signing laws aimed at progressive ideals. He sought a midpoint or "fair trade" for the conflicting demands of capitalists and workers (Gatewood & Gould, 1992).

1.2.1.2 Woodrow Wilson (1856 – 1924)

President of the United States (1913-1921). Wilson is a leading and progressive Democrat. He passed many progressive bills during his presidency, including progressive income taxes, the Federal Reserve Act, antitrust laws, and federal support for agriculture and startups. Of a welfare state. Wilson was an idealist who sought to form a League of Nations after World War I in international affairs. During his presidency, prohibitive laws were passed (Pettinger, 2006).

1.2.1.3 William Howard Taft (1857 - 1930)

Taft served as President from 1909 to 1913 and is considered the successor to the reformer Roosevelt. Although generally considered less prominent than Roosevelt, Taft quietly legislated against monopoly funds and other progressive causes. After his presidency, he held the post of Chief Justice and supported the idea of international peace (Pettinger, 2006).

1.2.2.Social reformers

Social reformers were primarily upper-middle-class citizens. United Nations agency targeted political machines and their bosses. Taking down these corrupt representatives in the workplace would establish an extra means of direct democracy.

1.2.2.1 Jane Addams (1860 – 1935)

Jane Addams became one of the most influential revolutionary reformers. She became a social employee, truth-seeker, and chief of the peace and women's suffrage movement. Her ideas of practical reform for the betterment of the circle of relatives, nearby groups, and the country had been influential. She is considered the founder of American social paintings and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931 for her paintings on internationalism and peace (Cracraft, 2012).

1.2.2.2 Grace Abbott (1878 – 1939)

An American social worker who campaigned for improvements in labor protection, she was mainly involved in the welfare of adolescents and immigrants (Pettinger, 2006).

1.2.2.3 Margaret Sanger (1879-1966)

Sanger was once a leading pioneer in presenting contraception and health care offerings to women. However, contraception was unlawful under U.S. Federal Law, and Sanger challenged regulation via publishing pamphlets and (illegally putting up the first 'birth control' hospital in Brooklyn, New York (Pettinger, 2006).

1.2.2.4 W.E.B. Du Bois (1868 – 1963)

Du Bois was an influential African-American activist who sought to marketplace a campaign for full equality among blacks and whites. He rejected the Atlanta compromise of 1909 but insisted on complete equality. Although little trade was once accomplished in the 'progressive technology,' Du Bois laid the framework for the NAACP and future civil rights moves (Stamilio, 2021).

1.2.2.5 Eugene Debs (1855-1926)

He was The leader of the trade unions and the five presidential candidates of the American Socialist Party. Debs spent time in prison to support the trade union activities and oppose the First World War (Pettinger, 2006).

1.2.3.Business entrepreneurs

During the progressive era, business people also played a remarkable role by opening new markets and providing job opportunities for the unemployed (Clutterbuck, D.1990).

1.2.3.1 Frederick Winslow Taylor (1856 – 1915)

Taylor got to be popular for his work on progressing commerce proficiency. His standards of logical administration (1911) affected making strides trade effectiveness. His thought was an symbol of a dynamic time, and he needed other ways of productivity (Clutterbuck, D.1990).

1.2.3.2 Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931)

Edison was one of the most productive inventors who developed commercially available electric lighting volumes. Edison was at the peak of modernization in American society (Davenport, F. & Josephson, Matthew. 1960).

1.2.3.3 Henry Ford (1864-1947)

Founder of Ford Motors, Ford Fought is the lead in using the assembly line to make cars, which helped lower the price and make cars affordable to ordinary U.S. consumers (Murray, 2022).

1.2.3.4 Wright Brothers

Orville (1871 - 1948) and Wilbur (1867 - 1912) completed the first eight flights in 1903 and continued the development of Airplanes ushering into a new world of flight (Kelly & Fred,1945).

1.3.The Muckrakers

A muckraker was a group of American writers – journalists, and novelists of the Progressive Era identified with pre-World War I reform and exposé writing. The muckrakers provided detailed, accurate journalistic accounts of the political and economic corruption and social hardships caused by the power of big business in a rapidly industrializing the United States. The muckrakers played a prominent role during the Progressive Era. Muckraking magazines—notably McClure's of the publisher S. S. McClure—took on corporate monopolies and political machines while trying to raise public awareness and anger at urban poverty, unsafe working conditions, prostitution, and child labor (Britannica, T.Editors of Encyclopaedia,2020) .

The term "muckraker" was popularized in 1906 when Theodore Roosevelt conveyed a discourse recommending that "the men with the muck rakes are frequently irreplaceable to the prosperity of society, but as it were in case they know when to halt raking the muck...." In this setting, "raking the muck" alludes to the honos of investigative writers and activists who brought the repulsive "muck" of debasement in government and enormous trade to the surface. Most muckrakers wrote nonfiction, but fictional exposés often had a significant impact (Britannica, T.Editors of Encyclopaedia,2020).

1.3.1. Before the Beginning of the Muckrakers

In keeping with the disposition of the Progressive Era (from around 1900-to 1917), the write was utilized to combat social ills and disasters and made calls for change. Outstanding, jaw-dropping articles were composed by writers who set out to explore and uncover wrongdoing and incite American society to settle social, financial, and political issues. Prevalent magazines, such as McClure's and Cosmopolitan, competed for perusers and fueled the thrust for the provocative fabric. The foot line for distributors was: the more attractive, the way better (The Muckrakers of the Progressive Era: Definition and Influence, 2013).

Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt, President of the Joined together States from 1901-1908, nicknamed these investigative journalists muckrakers. He borrowed the term from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Advance, in which a rake was utilized to burrow up rottenness and filth. The term caught on, and numerous writers were pleased to be considered muckrakers. Muckrakers displayed issues to the American open in such a way as to conjure ethical shock and provoke citizens to require action (The Muckrakers of the Progressive Era: Definition and Influence, 2013).

Works Originated before the Muckrakers

Dates	Muckrakers	Works
(1831– 1885)	Helen Chase Jackson	A Century of Dishonor, U.S. approach concerning Local Americans.
(1847- 1903)	Henry Demarest Lloyd	Wealth against Commonwealth exposed the debasement inside the Standard Oil Company.

Dates	Muckrakers	Works
(1862– 1931)	Ida B. Wells–	A writer of an association of articles regarding Jim Crow legal guidelines and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in 1884 co-owned the newspaper The loose Speech in Memphis, wherein she started an anti-lynching campaign
(1842– 1913)	Ambrose Bierce	Writer of a protracted-strolling arrangement of articles allotted from 1883 through 1896 in the Wasp and the San Francisco Examiner attacking the massive four and the significant Pacific Railroad for political debasement
(1858– 1918)	B. O. Flower	Creator of articles in The Arena from 1889 through 1909 supporting jail change and disallowance of liquor.
(1849– 1914)	Jacob Riis	Creator of How the Other Half Lives, pushing for changes to apartments through streak photo.

Note Adapted from (Weinberg, A., & Weinberg, L. S, 2001).

1.3.2. The First Muckrakers

Ray Standard Baker published "The Right to Work" in McClure's magazine in 1903 about coal mine conditions, a coal strike, and the scenario of non-striking workers (or scabs). Many non-hanging workers had no special education or expertise in mining since they were sincerely farmers searching for work. His investigative work portrayed the harmful situations in which these humans worked within the mines and the dangers they confronted from union contributors who did now not need them to paintings.

Lincoln Steffens published "Tweed Days in St. Louis," in which he profiled corrupt leaders in St. Louis, in October 1902, in McClure's Magazine. The article's prominence helped lawyer Joseph Volk lead an investigation of the corrupt political ring in St. Louis (Britannica, T. Information architects of Encyclopaedia, 2022)

Ida Tarbell posted The upward push of the same old Oil company in 1902, providing perception into the manipulation of trusts. One believes they manipulated become with Christopher Dunn Co. She followed that work with The history of the usual Oil enterprise: the Oil warfare of 1872, which was regarded in McClure's mag in 1908. She condemned Rockefeller's immoral and ruthless enterprise approaches. She emphasized that "our national life is on every side distinctly poorer, uglier, meaner, for the kind of influence he exercises." Her book generated enough public anger that it led to the splitting up of Standard Oil under the Sherman Anti Trust Act (Standard Oil, 2020).

Magazines were the driving outlets for muckraking news coverage. Samuel S. McClure and John Sanborn Phillips started McClure's Magazine in May 1893. McClure drove the magazine industry by cutting the cost of an issue to 15 cents, pulling in sponsors, giving groups of onlookers outlines and well-written substance, and raising advertisement rates after expanded deals, with Munsey's and Cosmopolitan (Standard Oil, 2020).

Conclusion

In this chapter, we first tackled the historical background of the progressive era. After that, we explain the significant differences in American society's characteristics concerning the situation of women, children, labor, and immigrants. Also, the effect of progressive thought on racism and the economy. Furthermore, we introduce the

important politician, social reforms, and business entrepreneurs who directly affect Americans' daily lives.

Finally, we discussed the beginning of muckrakers and the leading pioneers in this field before their appearance

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Introduction

As TARBELL is considered the mother of muckrakers and analyzes her effects on American society, this chapter is devoted to discussing the personality of Ida, and her works are reviewed. Special attention is given to her famous investigation, The Standard Oil Company.

2.1. Ida Tarbell: a short biography



Figure 2.1 A Portrait of Ida Tarbell (Brady, 1989).

In Pennsylvania, at the onset of the oil boom, Ida Tarbell was born on November 5, 1857, and died on January 6, 1944. She was an American writer, investigative journalist, biographer, and lecturer. She was one of the leading muckrakers of the Progressive Era from the late 19th to the early 20th centuries and pioneered investigative journalism (The Biography, 2021).

Tarbell composed a few memoirs throughout her career, which crossed 64 a long time. She established histories of Madame Roland and Napoleon. Tarbell accepted that *the truth and inspirations of practical human creatures might be found*. That truth, she got to be persuaded, can be passed on in such a way as *to accelerate significant social change*. She published various books and works on Abraham Lincoln, including those centred on his early life and career. After her exposé on Standard Oil and the character ponder of John D.

Rockefeller, she established life stories on people in business such as Elbert Henry Gary, chairman of U.S. Steel, and Owen D. Youthful, the President of General Electric. A productive essayist and speaker, Tarbell was known for taking complex subjects—the oil industry, tariffs, labour practices—and breaking them down into enlightening and effectively caught on articles. Her articles drove circulation in McClure's Magazine and The American Magazine, and numerous of her books were well known with the common American open. After an influential career as both essayist and editor for McClure's Magazine, Tarbell cleared out with a few other editors to purchase and publish The American Magazine (Bay, 2010).

2.2. Personality

She was a strong lady woman. She centered her intellect on the keenness of actualities and, in her works, protected for descendants what her restrained and curious judgment skills found. She connected the responsibility of actualities to what and almost whom she composed. The authority of the suffragettes felt her pen's pointed examination. She never opposed this idea or looked to ruin their long-term objective. However, she found their strategies very upsetting: she straightforwardly challenged the movement's pioneers who painted ladies as casualties with men as their unceasing oppressors.

When others established that ladies had been until the end of time abused, she composed articles on a few of the most noteworthy ladies of the American Insurgency of her days, such as Benevolence Warren, Abigail Adams, Esther Reed, Mary Lyon, Catharine Beecher, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony (Sawaya, 2003).

2.3. Professional life

At that point, Tarbell traveled to all of them, 48 states on the address circuit, and talked on subjects counting war disasters, world peace, American politics, trusts, tariffs, labor hones, and women's issues. Tarbell took portion in professional organizations and served on two

Presidential committees. She made a difference framing the Authors' League (now the Author's Society) and was President of the Write and Brush club for 30 years. At some point in world struggle I, she served on President Woodrow Wilson's ladies' Committee at the Council of national defense. After the battle, Tarbell served on President Warren G. Harding's 1921 Unemployment conference. Tarbell never hitched and is frequently considered a feminist by her activities, even though she was the women's suffrage development (Pierce, 2000).

2.4. Published works



Figure 2.2 McClure's magazine cover for January 1901 published many early muckraker articles (Wikipedia, 2022).

To begin with significant works, Miss examined Madame Roland to affirm that ladies brought balance and sympathy to legislative issues. After completing her investigation, she reluctantly concluded that Madame Roland had carried on amid the French Insurgency much as men had. This conclusion, no question contributed to her afterward, and disagreeable dismissal of a few positions of the suffragettes, especially their request that men had undermined the world and ladies may rectify it (Wells-barnett et al., 2020).

Miss Tarbell composed memoirs on Elbert H. Gary (1925), the primary chief official of U.S. Steel, and Owen D. Youthful, chairman of the board of Common Electric (1932). She wrote an arrangement of articles on the *Life of Napoleon* for McClure's Magazine (1894). Moreover, she worked with a previous Right hand Secretary of War, Charles A. Dana, ghostwriting his *Recollections of the Respectful War* (1894).

Even though she did not like being classified as a muckraker, she is recognized as one of, to begin with, and most unmistakable of the profession. Her *History of Standard Oil* exposed to the public one of the foremost capable and exploitative restraining infrastructures in American history (November 1902 - October 1904). President Roosevelt branded her and her partners with the interesting recognizing moniker of muckraker since he accepted they were as it was concerned with "debasing" and "the vile." (Jones, 2019).

2.5. Standard oil company

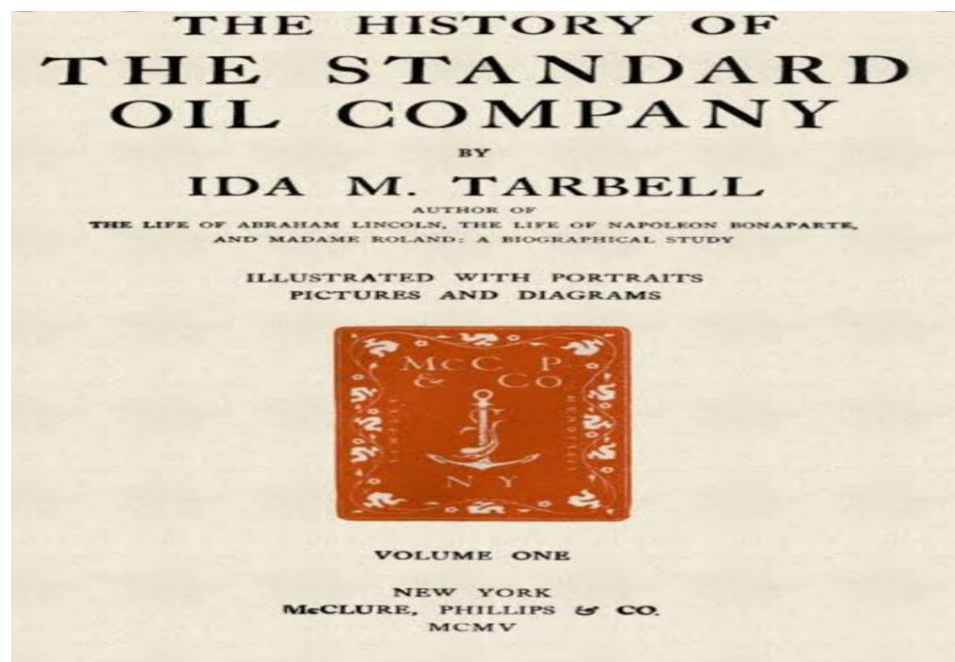


Figure 2.3 Book by Ida Tarbell. It is an exposé about the Standard Oil Company (Tarbell & Schechter, n.d.)

The effect Tarbell is fine recognized for her 1904 book *The history of the Standard Oil agency*.

The book became published as a series of articles in McClure's magazine from 1902 to 1904.

In the most celebrated work of Ida, *The History of the Standard Oil Company* (which oil student of history Daniel Yergin called the “most critical commerce book ever written”), Miss Tarbell uncovered, after a long time of careful inquires. However, Miss Tarbell blended in her condemnation of Standard Oil's illicit hones, laud for Rockefeller's considerable achievements in organizing and stabilizing an unstable industry. She rejected being labeled a "muckraker" (despite its notoriety).

Ida Tarbell had numerous openings to capitalize on her notoriety as one of America's most regarded writers. Instep, she rejected the supplications of the suffragettes to underwrite their causes since they negated her possess feelings almost the part of ladies. In 1914, Henry Passage and others attempted unsuccessfully to have her connect the celebrity-laden “Peace Ship” to bring a conclusion to World War I. She considered it wholly unreasonable and said so. In late 1916, Ida turned down President Wilson's offer to create her the primary lady on the Tax Commission since he accepted Ida had composed more common sense almost the duty than any man. At long last, she put off composing her collection of memoirs until she was eighty, a long time ancient, and indeed at that point, it was a work of such humility and self-effacement that it included small to her notoriety (“*The History of the Standard Oil Company*| work by Tarbell," 2022).

2.5.1. The Effect

The enduring comes about of Ida Tarbell's brand of investigative news coverage, which incorporates the 1911 Preeminent Court choice to break up the Standard Oil belief,

proposes that her career, characterized by exhaustiveness, decency, and mental keenness, ought to be examined by any writer more inquisitive about recording and impacting occasions that are accomplishing celebrity status ("The History of the Standard Oil Company, 2022).

2.5.2. The History of Standard Oil

The company is credited with surging the breakup of Standard Oil, which came around in 1911. When the Incomparable Court Joined, States found the company to be harming the Sherman Antitrust Act. The resulting choice chipped the company into 34 "child Measures." The regard for Rockefeller's offers rose after the breakup as the new companies had advancements in the stock trade. The exciting book was a two-volume hardcover set. A truncated softcover form was released a while later (Inc, 2010).

Perhaps Ida Tarbell's most celebrated work, the informative book titled The History of the standard company, was instrumental in dropping the imposing business model of John D. John Davison Rockefeller. The book was compiled from an arrangement of articles composed by Tarbell in McClure's that come about within the mobilization of society to help bring down the oil belief. Tarbell altogether investigated the standard company to look out for covered-up information. In her composing, she unconcealed verity issues underneath the "overlaid" surface of the commercial period like out-of-line, illicit, deceptive, and degenerate commerce hones. In conjunction with appearing every day open the corporate disfavor and, so, the man Joined together Countries office driven it, Joined together Countries office Tarbell depicts the situation of the Pennsylvania independent oil staff. The oil staff was ordinary people, like Tarbell's father. Joined together, Countries office benefits from fabricating oil, owning refineries, and building capacity tanks. They were all put out of the trade by John Davison Rockefeller. He utilized a trading strategy

known as vertical combination. He in hand and overseen each half inside the strategy of movement oil. John Davison Rockefeller utilized the wrong ways to urge an imposing business model inside the refining industry (Inc, 2010).

The open protest was transmitted after Tarbell's 19-part presentation of Standard Oil conveyed in McClure's, in the long run coming approximately inside the helped breakup of Standard Oil in 1911. Writers, legislators, and citizens alike celebrated the accomplishments of Tarbell - a woman "outside" the internal workings of the exchange and without critical cash. These reactions are immortalized in political cartoons utilizing imagery of Rockefeller's covered-up inspiration being demolished by investigative news scope and muckraking. (Inc, 2010).

A few everyday paper examiners tended to The History of Standard Oil Company by praising its calmness inside the stand-up to of hate, center on substances, and veritable presentation of the impacts that ravenousness can have on people in business trying to find triumph. A 1904 distribution review from The Cutting edge York Times handed off the highlights of the volumes to the open, taking note of the optional penchants of Tarbell interior her work - still broadly mindful of the achievements of John D. Rockefeller but essential of Standard Oil's commerce techniques that were unmerited and of imperfect lawfulness (Tarbell, 1963).

Although Standard Oil Company accumulated total regard after it was broken up, the presentation of what Tarbell depicted as indecent and illegal commerce got to be a striking picture of the control of the press. The History of Standard Oil Company harbors exceptional significance as a standard-bearer of present-day investigative news scope.

In 1999 a jury under the aegis of the Unused York University's news scope division chose The History of the Standard Oil Company as the fifth-best work of news scope inside the Joined together States in the 20th century. In his 2008 book Taking on the

Accept: The Epic Battle of Ida Tarbell and John D. Rockefeller, Steven Weinberg delineated the presentation of Standard Oil as "apparently the foremost conspicuous work of investigative news scope ever composed" (Tarbell, 1963).

2.6.The Conflicition Between Ida Tarbell And Standard Oil Company

The inevitable conflict between Tarbell and Standard Oil was the long-term result of the crossing point of chance circumstances. Subjective geographical forms had set extraordinary amounts of unrefined oil underneath the slopes of northwestern Pennsylvania. Against all chances, "Colonel" Edwin Drake designed a method to pump oil from the ground at will. In the interim, the sudden request for Pennsylvania oil as a cheap illuminant sent thousands surging to discover fortunes within the derricks (Linzer, n.d.).

Since the mid-18th century, pioneers of northwestern Pennsylvania had watched greenish-black oil rising to the best of Oil River, the primary conduit of the zone. Called "rock oil" to recognize it from standard illuminants of the day, the substance was now and then utilized for therapeutic purposes but was something else disregarded. However, by 1850, the request for cheap and successful light sources had detonated due to the Mechanical Revolution. Organic oils were now not reasonable alternatives for the developing populace. As whales vanished due to overhunting, researchers started to create fills inferred from coal and other minerals (Linzer, n.d.).

Moreover, as the hoards run in to "kick down a well" and pick up moment wealth, a single man, a single company, was balanced to pick up financial control of the whole oil industry. John D. Rockefeller, the author of Standard Oil, had the money-related aptitudes essential to overwhelm the fluctuating oil exchange. he examined almost the incipient oil industry⁹ and found more cash to be made in oil refining, as oil started supplanting natural fills as oil for machines and fuel for lamp fuel lamps (Linzer, n.d.).

Rockefeller's financial sense had identified the beat of the locale at the time. America's rising mechanical insurgency created gigantic requests for the primary oil boom. At the

tallness of mechanical development, new machines requested extraordinary amounts of oil as a lubricant. Masses of Americans altering to the sudden accessibility of shopper items expended extraordinary amounts of lamp fuel, tingling to utilize the modern cheap and all-inclusive light source (Linzer, n.d.).

Within the soul of the late 19th century's uncontrolled capitalism, Rockefeller became a master at utilizing. Legitimate implies to squelch what remained of his competition: spies, special rates, debilitating railroads into unveiling data approximately his competitors. Using spies, Rockefeller may effectively drive competition out of a domain and select any rate or cost he desired. With refineries that showed up free but were furtively claimed by Standard Oil, Rockefeller drove down costs so much that competitors had no choice but to offer him. "When 21 of the 26 firms [other Cleveland refiners] sold out to Rockefeller, he controlled one-fifth of the nation's oil refining," a firm hold on the Pennsylvania oil industry (Linzer, n.d.).

The morals or, indeed, legitimacy of this takeover, in any case, were contestable. Rockefeller himself contended that his competition had fizzled on its claim that he was making a difference to them by being so benevolent as to require over. One of the guideline pioneers of this producers' development was Franklin Tarbell, a joiner who had taken advantage of the sudden, monstrous request for holders by creating barrels, at that point wooden tanks, to hold colossal sums of unrefined oil. Tarbell moved from an Erie District cultivate to an oil town called Rouseville and afterward to Titusville to participate in the oil boom. He benefitted from his inventive wooden tanks, satisfying the colossal request for generous oil storage. In the long run, he built a domestic for his family—his spouse, his girl Ida, and her two siblings—by disassembling and moving a favor inn from Pithole. This oil town had emerged, thrived, and kicked the bucket for two a long time within the 1860s (Linzer, n.d.).

Ida Tarbell was born and grew up within the heart of the Pennsylvania oil boom. She saw the insecurities of the Pennsylvania oil boom from the start of her life and the start of the oil industry. When Ida was three, a long time ago, Franklin Tarbell moved his family to Rouseville, a dirty, rowdy boomtown bustling to begin with a long time of petroleum.³⁰ With an essential eye, Tarbell saw her father driving the petroleum producers' union³¹ and boycotting the South Change Company to keep their independent businesses,³² indeed as Rockefeller demanded his monopolization was legal. As Tarbell developed up in Rouseville and afterward in Titusville, she saw the devastation of numerous of her father's colleagues by the acts of Standard Oil, which "burst forward and seethed fiercest and hottest" amid her childhood (Linzer, n.d.).

Tarbell's vicinity to the impacts of Standard Oil's monopolization enmeshed her in the conflict. However, this firsthand involvement too permitted Tarbell to see the "independent oil makers, who bet their lives and money in a dubious unused industry" as the heroes of the industry (Linzer, n.d.).

2.7. Ida Tarbell's style

Tarbell's strategy for composing was to work and work onerous. Tarbell's early establishment inside the sciences brought a touch of coherent ask to her examinations. Substances maintained each enunciation she made that her early works have been delineated as choking in actualities. Her methodology was also quick and driven by the demands of the magazine.

She appeared as various as twenty letters a day from a To Be Answered load on her work area. Tarbell was cautious when conducting requests. She has begun Lincoln's journal, which had been dead because it was 30 a long time, and Tarbell traveled far and wide, assembling Lincoln's counterparts. Her examination uncovered more than 300 records checking unpublished talks, letters, pictures, and personal accounts. By utilizing

well-selected accounts in her life stories, Tarbell may breathe life into the subject and offer advanced points of view (Brady, 1984).

Tarbell's joining of accounts gave advanced focus of seeing to her subjects. For case, Tarbell double-checked the Lincoln articles for precision by sending them out to those whose information she had included. Tarbell's composition has been portrayed as sensible and proficient. Her procedures have been utilized broadly to plan other investigative writers. She required to appear her materials as unquestionable documentation and story when conducting and showing the unobtrusive components around Standard Oil's commerce sharpens. Tarbell's method in asking almost undertakings through government files, claims, and interviews supervised to break through a covered undertaking and dubious C.E.O.

Tarbell would amass the books, transcripts, and clippings she required, put them in orchestrate, and type in. Then, when a chapter was wrapped up and given in, she looked into the texture again and adjusted its course of action for another installment. Finally, Tarbell worked on her Connecticut development from a mahogany work range in a sunny library (Bodden, 2017)

2.8.Ida and American society

Ida Tarbell was a woman way before her time, as were several of these who found their way to Greenwich Village at the start of the twentieth century. She was a trailblazer associated and remains an icon of reform. She took on the business splendidly and won during a means few others will claim to own. She pioneered the sphere of investigatory journalism, and along with her dogged demand for facts, she set the quality. we glance to Ida Tarbell and women like her for much-needed inspiration in these difficult moments in our democracy (Stephens, 2021)

Ida Tarbell researched commercial and organizational corruption; she grew many intents to make a difference. Tarbell participated in moves against corruption with different

muckrakers from McClure's magazine. She has become connected to exposing fraud in commercial enterprise and political lawlessness. Ida Tarbell made up our minds to reveal the Standard Company's unethical strategies and the illegal techniques of John D. Rockefeller as an example of these issues. In 1906, President United States outlined muckraking as a negative term in one of his speeches. On April fifteen, 1906, in his speech *The Man with the Muck Rake* Roosevelt expressed, "To assail the good and admitted evils of our political and industrial life with such crude and sweeping generalizations on embodying tight men within the general condemnation suggests that the searing of the general public conscience" (Roosevelt,1989,p.51).

Roosevelt was inexplicit that muckrakers were destroying the people's morals. Despite the President's derogatory words, she continued to write arousing articles on the non-competitive industries. These articles caused the publication of her book, *The History of the quality company*, which stratified range five on the big apple Times prime a hundred list of twentieth-century yank journalism in 1999. U.N. agency Tarbell's efforts find the reality show; however, inquiring journalism and freedom of the press will affect government, business, and average voters. Her add transfer down corrupt capitalists, adding fairness to the society, and adding another purpose to journalism helped develop a stronger nation throughout the Gilded Age (Roth, 2010).

United Nations agency Tarbell wrote, "They had ne'er compete honestly, which ruined their greatness for me" (Rockefeller, J.D.1915).

Through her psychological feature writing, Tarbell learned about the general public and incited anger in an individual's actions. Ida Tarbell's efforts, for the most part, contributed to the group action of the standard company.

Throughout her entire career as a teacher, "muckraker," and reformer, Ida Tarbell, directly and indirectly influenced America's people. Though she powerfully disagreed with the beliefs of suffragettes and women's rights advocates, Tarbell was an ideal example that

girls may be as intelligent, strong, and powerful as men. At a time once girls were thought about the second category, Tarbell was labeled "Rockefeller's most formidable rival" (Tarbell, l., & Gilman's, n.d.)

She became an excellent model for women and men alike throughout the Gilded Age (Roth, 2010).

Conclusion

It is undoubtedly evident that the role played by early muckrakers significantly shaped contemporary American society. Muckrakers played a significant role in shaping people's attitudes towards all aspects of people's lives. This stimulated reforms in the social, economic, and political spheres of people's lives. They made large businesses and politicians accountable and responsible to the public for their actions by revealing some of the unethical actions unknown to the public. However, this course was both rewarding and costly to some.

General Conclusions

Having conducted this study by structuring it into two different chapters, it is essential to conclude the whole thesis. This section summarizes the findings and contributions, points out limitations of the current work, pedagogical recommendations for teachers, and outlines future research directions. The research we conducted was generally aimed at investigating the impact of Ida Tarbell as a muckraker on American society during the progressive era.

The first chapter discusses the historical background of the progressive era and the main important during it that led to appearance of muckrakers during the progressive era, which is a tremendous figure amid the development from rustic to urban ways of life. With the dynamic mindest, the effect on legislation and quality of items was based on the finest of individuals. After all of the chaos from the gracious war and the stresses of isolation discussions, individuals have chosen to put their contrasts aside and advance society and government. Much industrialization and urbanization may have begun with the requirement for railroad tracks for transportation and weaponry for war. After seeing such effectiveness from businesses, voters needed to see that same alter in their regular lives and enactment. As a result, Muckrakers contributed to the growth of public relations, examined the rise of industry and the abuses that were often used to become rich, and examined business practices and the negative effect they had on the consumers and the lives of the very poor. Muckrakers are often considered to be the first Progressives.

In the second chapter, Ida Tarbell's works and their effects explained how Miss Ida Tarbell continues to have the most significant work on American society. She wrote the history of Standard Oil company, which revealed unsavory business tactics. She became known as one of America's leading muckrakers. The main results achieved are listed as follows:

-Rockefeller's unfair business tactics are exposed

-Roosevelt breaks up Standard Oil Company

-Supreme Court ruled Standard Oil Company was violating the Sherman Antitrust Act, which stated it was illegal for corporations to gain control of industries by forming trusts.

-Trust-businesses work together to cut prices and squeeze out competitors.

In conclusion, the progressive era was a time in US history where many reforms and cleaning up were done. The muckrakers created a sense of crisis about problems affecting America, and they helped build a political constituency in favor of federal regulation. Unfortunately, this study could not cover all its impacts, so further research should be done to complete the investigation of other impacts.

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الملخص

تهدف الدراسة الحالية لدراسة تحليل تأثير عمل إيدا تاربييل على المجتمع الأمريكي خلال العصر التقدمي ، الذي شهد العديد من التغييرات بسبب الأفكار التقدمية المنتشرة في تلك الفترة. تهدف هذه الأطروحة إلى شرح وفحص تأثير الصحافة الاستقصائية على كل من الجانب السياسي و الاقتصادي وتحليل التحقيق الصحفي في كتاب إيدا تاربييل ، تاريخ شركة ستاندرد أويل الذي يكشف عن الفساد الداخلي الذي انتشر بشكل كبير خلال العصر التقدمي. تم استخدام نهج وصفي وتحليلي لتحليل الدور المهم للتحقيقات الصحفية التي ظهرت في وقت قصير حيث أثارت مقالاتهم غضبًا عامًا ، وحفز على إصدار تعديلات تشريعية جديدة ، وأثر الكثير في الخارج. لا يزال يُذكر عمل الصحافة الاستقصائية على أنه نقطة عالية في الصحافة الأمريكية.

الكلمات المفتاحية: إيدا تاربييل، العصر التقدمي الصحافة الاستقصائية.