1 01:00:19:15 01:00:22:01 AMERICA AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY--
2 01:00:22:03 01:00:24:23 THE BEGINNING OF ITS RISE AS A GLOBAL POWER;
3 01:00:24:25 01:00:27:21 THE CLASH BETWEEN CAPITALISM AND LABOR AT HOME;
4 01:00:27:23 01:00:31:11 THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM ABROAD.
5 01:00:31:13 01:00:33:21 Man: AND ALONG COMES A GUY LIKE ROOSEVELT, YOU KNOW
6 01:00:33:23 01:00:36:23 AND I THINK HE TAKES OVER THE COUNTRY AT A TIME
7 01:00:36:25 01:00:39:12 WHEN A LOT OF PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS FLYING APART.
8 01:00:39:14 01:00:41:05 Man: WELL, OR COMING TOGETHER.
9 01:00:41:07 01:00:44:07 ROOSEVELT CAME IN DUE TO THE ASSASSINATION OF McKinley.
10 01:00:44:09 01:00:45:11 EXACTLY.
11 01:00:45:13 01:00:46:24 Man: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN
12 01:00:46:26 01:00:48:07 ROOSEVELT AND WILSON WOULD BE:
13 01:00:48:09 01:00:50:10 HOW ARE WE BEHAVING IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY?
14 01:00:50:12 01:00:51:11 WHAT ARE WE UP TO?
15 01:00:51:13 01:00:53:01 ARE WE IMPERIALISTS?
16 01:00:53:03 01:00:55:12 OR ARE WE MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY?
17 01:00:55:14 01:00:56:27 "TWO FACES OF POWER"
18 01:00:56:29 01:00:59:02 TODAY, ON A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA.
19 01:01:03:12 01:01:06:12 [Captioning sponsored by ANNENBERG/CPB]
20 01:01:31:29 01:01:33:22 THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND WOODROW WILSON
21 01:01:33:24 01:01:35:09 THE WARRIOR AND THE MINISTER
22 01:01:35:11 01:01:38:13 WHO SERVED AS THE 26th AND 28th PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
23 01:01:38:15 01:01:40:14 WERE THE MOST DYNAMIC POLITICAL LEADERS
24 01:01:40:16 01:01:43:02 AMERICA HAD SEEN SINCE THE CIVIL WAR.
25 01:01:43:04 01:01:45:21 TOGETHER, IN FACT, THEY PERSONIFY THE UNITED STATES' 26
26 01:01:45:23 01:01:48:22 RISE TO POWER AT THE TURN OF THE 20th CENTURY.
27 01:01:48:24 01:01:51:17 BETWEEN THE ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
28 01:01:51:19 01:01:53:24 AND THE ASCENSION OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT
29 01:01:53:26 01:01:57:19 THE WHITE HOUSE WAS OCCUPIED BY A SERIES OF MOSTLY MEDIocre MEN
30 01:01:57:21 01:01:59:11 ANDREW JOHNSON
31 01:01:59:13 01:02:01:14 ULYSSES S. GRANT
32 01:02:01:16 01:02:03:28 RUTHERFORD B. HAYES
33 01:02:04:00 01:02:05:22 JAMES GARFIELD
CHESTER ARTHUR

BENJAMIN HARRISON

DEMOCRAT GROVER CLEVELAND

AND WILLIAM McKinley.

GIVEN THEIR LACK OF DISTINCTION

IT'S LITTLE WONDER

THAT FROM 1864 TO 1900

CONGRESS WAS THE DOMINANT BRANCH

OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

AND THE PRESIDENCY DIMINISHED IN IMPORTANCE.

ALL THAT CHANGED ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1901

WHEN PRESIDENT WILLIAM McKinley WAS SHOT.

HE DIED EIGHT DAYS LATER LEAVING THE

UNITED STATES LEADERLESS

FOR THE 12 HOURS IT TOOK TO LOCATE VICE-PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

WHO WAS CAMPING HIGH IN THE ADIRONDACKS.

HE ARRIVED IN BUFFALO AFTER A WILD ALL-NIGHT CARRIAGE RIDE

TO TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE ONLY A FEW FEET FROM WHERE McKinley LAY DEAD.

ROOSEVELT WROTE TO A FRIEND THAT THIS WAS A DREADFUL WAY TO BECOME PRESIDENT, THEN ADDED "BUT IT WOULD BE A WORSE THING TO BE MORBID ABOUT IT."

AS PRESIDENT FROM 1901 TO 1909 TEDDY ROOSEVELT COULD BE CALLED MANY THINGS BUT MORBID WAS NOT AMONG THEM.

IN FACT, "T.R." MAY HAVE BEEN THE LEAST MORBID OF CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN AMERICAN HISTORY--

A "STEAM ENGINE IN TROUSERS," AS ONE JOURNALIST PUT IT;

A "HUMAN NIAGARA FALLS," IN THE WORDS OF A FRIEND

NOTHING IF NOT KINETIC LIKE A CYCLONE.

WHEN MARK Hanna, THE REPUBLICAN POWERBROKER REALIZED

 THAT THE ECCENTRIC ROOSEVELT WAS NOW IN POWER, HE SAID

"LOOK NOW, THAT DAMNED COWBOY IS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES."

WHO WAS THIS MAN?
NATURALIST JOHN BURROUGHS

PROBABLY GOT IT RIGHT

WHEN HE CALLED

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

"A MANY-SIDED MAN

AND EVERY SIDE LIKE

AN ELECTRIC BATTERY."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HAD NOTHING ON

T.R. AS A TRUE RENAISSANCE MAN.

ROOSEVELT WAS

A WELL-BORN, POLO-PLAYING

PHI BETA KAPPA HARVARD GRADUATE;

A HARDSCRABBLE

NORTH DAKOTA RANCHER;

A PROLIFIC AUTHOR

ON DIVERSE SUBJECTS;

A HUNTER;

A CONSERVATIONIST;

A HISTORIAN;

A COLONEL IN

THE STORIED "ROUGH RIDERS"

A NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO BOOT.

IF ALL THIS WASN'T ENOUGH, THE

TEDDY BEAR WAS NAMED AFTER HIM.

HE WAS ELECTED TO THE NEW YORK

STATE ASSEMBLY IN 1881

AT THE AGE OF 23,

LAUNCHING NEARLY FOUR DECADES

OF LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN

POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT.

ROOSEVELT REACHED

THE PINNACLE IN 1901

WHEN AT THE AGE OF 42

HE BECAME, AS HE REMAINS

THE YOUNGEST PRESIDENT

IN U.S. HISTORY.

HE EVEN DUBBED OUR NATION'S

EXECUTIVE MANSION

THE "WHITE HOUSE"

THEN MADE GOOD ON HIS PROMISE

TO USE IT AS A "BULLY PULPIT."

HE PREACHED THE...

AND HIS PHILOSOPHY

OF GOVERNANCE:

LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER

ROOSEVELT ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY

HIS PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNANCE

MET A CRITICAL TEST

ONE THAT THREATENED THE WELFARE

OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

50,000 ANTHRACITE COAL MINERS

ENROLLED IN THE UNITED MINE

WORKERS UNION WENT ON STRIKE

IN THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL FIELDS.
MINERS AND OWNERS

101 01:05:35:07 01:05:36:15 INDEED, THE CONFLICT BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR IN MANY INDUSTRIES WAS ONE THAT ROOSEVELT INHERITED.

102 01:05:36:17 01:05:39:06 AS IN EARLIER STRIKES MINERS IN 1902 DEMANDED AN INCREASE IN WAGES BUT ALSO DEMANDED THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY, AND MANY OTHER BENEFITS.

103 01:05:39:08 01:05:41:08 THE STRIKE DRAGGED ON FOR MONTHS AND THE PUBLIC MOOD BECAME INCREASINGLY UGLY.

104 01:05:41:10 01:05:42:25 WINTER WAS COMING ON AND PEOPLE FEARED THAT COAL BINS THROUGH THE WINTER WOULD REMAIN EMPTY THEIR HOMES, SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS COLD.

105 01:05:42:27 01:05:45:28 ROOSEVELT WAS DETERMINED TO END THE CRISIS.

106 01:05:45:30 01:05:49:19 AMERICANS WERE NOT GOING TO FREEZE WHILE HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT.

107 01:05:49:21 01:05:53:02 HE BROUGHT TOGETHER MINE OPERATORS AND THE MINERS.


109 01:05:56:27 01:05:58:01 IT WAS A TENSE AND INDECISIVE CONFERENCE BUT GAVE ROOSEVELT THE CUES HE NEEDED TO MEDIATE THE CRISIS.

110 01:06:00:28 01:06:03:21 IN A LANDMARK DECISION MADE BY A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION THE UNITED MINE WORKERS' DEMANDS WERE MET.

111 01:06:03:23 01:06:05:14 LABOR HAD A FRIEND IN THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

112 01:06:05:16 01:06:08:01 LATER, ROOSEVELT WOULD SAY THAT THIS ACTION GAVE BOTH LABOR AND CAPITAL A "SQUARE DEAL" IN THE AMERICAN IMAGINATION.

113 01:06:10:22 01:06:12:29 BUT PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT, THIS DRAMATIC INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF CAPITAL AND LABOR WOULD BE ONE OF T.R.'S FIRST EXPRESSIONS OF "IMPERIAL PRESIDENCY."

114 01:06:13:01 01:06:16:04 THAT SAME BRASHNESS PROVED MORE
PROBLEMATIC IN FOREIGN POLICY.

131 01:07:08:12 01:07:10:23 WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION
OF JOHN QUINCY ADAMS
132 01:07:10:25 01:07:13:16 ROOSEVELT BROUGHT THE FIRST
TRULY INTERNATIONALIST MIND
133 01:07:13:18 01:07:14:29 TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
134 01:07:15:01 01:07:16:20 UNFORTUNATELY, HIS WORLD VIEW
135 01:07:16:22 01:07:19:07 WAS FAR NARROWER
THAN HIS GLOBAL AMBITIONS.
136 01:07:19:09 01:07:21:14 HE ESPoused MANY OF
THE NOW-DISCREdITED
137 01:07:21:16 01:07:24:14 BASICALLY
EUROCENTRIC BELIEFS OF HIS TIME:
138 01:07:24:16 01:07:27:14 PARTICULARLY
ANGLO-SAXON SUPERIORITY.
139 01:07:27:16 01:07:29:18 THOMAS JEFFERSON'S
EGALITARIANISM
140 01:07:29:20 01:07:31:13 WAS SADLY LOST ON T.R.
141 01:07:34:16 01:07:37:07 TO ROOSEVELT, A GREAT POWER
HAD TO FLEX ITS MUSCLES
142 01:07:37:09 01:07:39:03 TO KEEP PROVING ITSELF
GREAT ENOUGH
143 01:07:39:05 01:07:41:26 TO DISMISS THE RIGHTS AND CLAIMS
OF LESSER POWERS.
144 01:07:44:28 01:07:46:10 IN THE FAR EAST, FOR EXAMPLE
145 01:07:46:12 01:07:48:25 HE LOOKED TO JAPAN TO PROVIDE
THE PRINCIPAL BULWARK
146 01:07:48:27 01:07:51:11 AGAINST AN INCREASINGLY
CONTENTIOUS RUSSIA
147 01:07:51:13 01:07:53:14 AND THUS LEANED TOWARD
THE EASTERN SIDE
148 01:07:53:16 01:07:59:01 IN THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR
FROM 1904 TO 1905.
149 01:07:59:03 01:08:01:08 HIS MEDIATION OF THAT CONFLICT
150 01:08:01:10 01:08:05:16 WON HIM THE 1906
NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.
151 01:08:05:18 01:08:08:00 YET AT THE PORTSMOUTH,
NEW HAMPSHIRE PEACE CONFERENCE
152 01:08:08:02 01:08:10:08 THAT EARNED HIM THE MEDAL,
ROOSEVELT, IN FACT
153 01:08:10:10 01:08:14:20 HAD MADE THE PEACE
BY SACRIFICING KOREA TO JAPAN.
154 01:08:14:22 01:08:16:27 MORE CONCERNED WITH
THE BALANCE OF GLOBAL POWER
155 01:08:16:29 01:08:19:08 THAN WITH THE
SOVEREIGNTY OF SMALL NATIONS
156 01:08:19:10 01:08:22:07 HE APPROVED A SECRET
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE JAPANESE
157 01:08:22:09 01:08:24:10 MAKING KOREA THEIR PROTECTORATE
158 01:08:24:12 01:08:26:20 IN EXCHANGE
FOR JAPAN'S RECOGNITION
159 01:08:26:22 01:08:29:22 OF U.S. HEGEMONY
OVER THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
160 01:08:31:15 01:08:34:10 ROOSEVELT HAD A PENCHANT
FOR MILITARY PAGEANTRY.
161 01:08:34:12 01:08:35:22 IT MANIFESTED ITSELF
IN HIS DISPATCH OF THE ENTIRE U.S. NAVY CONTINGENT OF 16 BATTLESHIPS ON A 46,000-MILE VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD, WITH PORT STOPS IN JAPAN, CHINA AND AUSTRALIA, ALL TO SHOW OFF HIS "GREAT WHITE FLEET."

NOW, WHILE THIS GREAT WHITE FLEET INSPIRED A WAVE OF PATRIOTIC ENTHUSIASM AT HOME AND AT FIRST ALSO AMONG THE JAPANESE, WHO THREW A THREE-DAY PARTY FOR THE U.S. NAVY UPON ITS ARRIVAL COMPLETE WITH CHILDREN SINGING "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" IN ENGLISH-- ULTIMATELY, THE SHOW OF BLUSTER BACKFIRED.

TROUBLED BY AMERICA'S BATTLESHIP BOASTING, JAPAN'S NAVAL LEADERS SOON MET WITH THEIR RUSSIAN COUNTERPARTS TO SIGN A SECRET TREATY DIVIDING NORTHERN CHINA BETWEEN THEIR TWO NATIONS. THE REST, OF COURSE, IS THE DARKEST PART OF MODERN HISTORY.

ROOSEVELT'S GREAT WHITE FLEET HIS SYMBOL OF AMERICA'S RISE TO GLOBAL POWER CONTRIBUTED TO TOKYO'S BUILD UP OF A MASSIVE ARMADA THAT WOULD ATTACK PEARL HARBOR ON DECEMBER 7, 1941 AND FORCE THE UNITED STATES INTO THE SECOND WORLD WAR. MANY HISTORIANS BELIEVE THEOREDO ROOSEVELT'S ENTHUSIASM FOR IMPERIALISM CREATED A NUMBER OF LATER PROBLEMS FOR THE UNITED STATES. THE CRITICISM ISN'T QUITE FAIR. GIVEN THE TREMENDOUS CHANGES WRENCHING AMERICA AND THE WORLD DURING HIS PRESIDENCY IN MOST CASES, T.R. WAS EITHER REACTING TO OR ANTICIPATING WHAT HE THOUGHT WERE THE INTERESTS OR DESIRES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IN SOME INSTANCES, HE ACTUALLY SLOWED THE PACE OF EXPANSION. THAT SAID, ROOSEVELT NEVER
REALLY MADE THE CASE
FOR A DEMOCRACY TO ENRICH ITSELF
BY IMPERIALISTIC MEANS.
BUT HIS GLOBAL FOCUS
DID PREPARE THE COUNTRY
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DILEMMAS
IT WOULD FACE AFTER
HE LEFT OFFICE IN 1909.
ROOSEVELT COULD HAVE RUN
FOR A THIRD TERM IN 1908
BUT HE INSISTED ON
KEEPING HIS WORD TO THE PRESS
THAT HE WOULDN'T.
AFTER FOUR YEARS OF
HIS HAND-PICKED SUCCESSOR
WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT'S
PRESIDENCY, HOWEVER
T.R. FOUND HIMSELF LONGING
TO RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
IN THE ELECTION OF 1912, HE RAN
AS A THIRD-PARTY CANDIDATE
FRAGMENTED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
AND HANDED THE VICTORY
TO WOODROW WILSON.
WILSON WAS ONLY
THE SECOND DEMOCRAT
TO MOVE INTO THE WHITE HOUSE
SINCE THE CIVIL WAR
AND THE FIRST
TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN THE SOUTH.
WAS A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER
HIS MOTHER,
THE DAUGHTER OF ANOTHER.
EVERY DAY OF HIS YOUTH,
WOODROW WILSON HEARD GOD'S WORD
AS FILTERED THROUGH THE
STRICTLY MORALISTIC TEACHINGS
OF JOHN CALVIN,
AND HE GREW UP TO BELIEVE
THAT HE HAD A SPECIAL OBLIGATION
TO SERVE BOTH GOD
AND HIS FELLOW MAN.
FROM CALVIN,
HE LEARNED THE TRAITS
THAT WOULD CHARACTERIZE HIM
AS PRESIDENT:
SCHOLARLY DETACHMENT,
ORDERLY CONDUCT
SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AN
INTENSE PERSONAL DISCIPLINE.
WHEN HE ENTERED
THE WHITE HOUSE, THEREFORE
HE CAME ACROSS AS
A COMPLETE NOVICE
AS A STERN SCHOOLMASTER OUT TO SCHOOL THE NATION.
WITH HIS SET JAW, HUMORLESS DISPOSITION
AND TWINKLE-FREE GAZE THROUGH A PINCE-NEZ
WILSON WAS THE FARDEST THING FROM A POPULIST POLITICIAN
AMERICA HAS EVER PRODUCED.
BUT AS WITH ROOSEVELT, WHEN WILSON WAS PRESIDENT
NO ONE EVER QUESTIONED WHO WAS IN CHARGE.
AND ALSO LIKE ROOSEVELT IN MANY WAYS WILSON CARRIED
THE IMPERIAL PRESIDENCY TOO FAR.
HE KEPT U.S. DIPLOMACY LARGELY TO HIMSELF
THEREBY WEAKENING THE MORALE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT
AND AMONG ITS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.
NOT THAT THIS SHOULD HAVE COME AS A SURPRISE:
WILSON HAD EXPRESSED AN EXALTED VIEW OF EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP
GOING SO FAR AS TO REMARK THAT PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY
"VIRTUALLY THE POWER TO CONTROL THEM ABSOLUTELY."
AS WILDLY DIFFERENT AS THEY WERE IN TEMPERAMENT AS THEY WERE IN TEMPERAMENT
ROOSEVELT AND WILSON SHARED THE FIRM BELIEF
THAT DEMOCRATIC CAPITALISM WAS THE BEST FORM OF GOVERNMENT, BAR NONE.
CAPITALISM REPRESENTED NOTHING LESS THAN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY THROUGH ECONOMICS
A SYSTEM THAT ALLOWED ALL CITIZENS-- PROVIDED THAT THEY WERE MALE-- RATHER THAN ANY SINGLE ELITE
TO DETERMINE A NATION'S DESTINY.
BOTH PRESIDENTS HONESTLY BELIEVED IN THE UNITED STATES
AS A SUPERIOR NATION, PERFECTLY SUITED TO LEAD THE WORLD.
UNBURDENED WITH MILITARISM UNENTANGLED IN OLD WORLD REALPOLITIK
AND UNINTERESTED FOR THE MOST PART
IN THE UGLY COMPETITION FOR COLONIES
AMERICA REMAINED THE "SHINING CITY ON THE HILL"
JOHN WINTHROP HAD PROPHESIED.
BUT UNLIKE THE PRAGMATIC, REALISTIC ROOSEVELT
IT WAS A MISSIONARY IDEALISM THAT FIRED WOODROW WILSON
A BEDROCK CERTAINTY THAT IT WAS AMERICA'S NATIONAL DUTY
TO PROVIDE THE WORLD WITH STRONG MORAL LEADERSHIP.
WHILE EARLIER PRESIDENTS HAD ATTEMPTED TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF U.S. INTERESTS
NONE SINCE THE PASSING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GENERATION
HAD DONE SO IN THE NAME OF SPREADING "THE AMERICAN WAY" TO OTHER NATIONS.
PRESIDENTS JAMES K. POLK, ULYSSES S. GRANT, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, AND THEODORE ROOSEVELT
HAD PUSHED THE U.S. AGENDA IN THE NAMES OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE, MANIFEST DESTINY
THE "WHITE MAN'S BURDEN" BUT WILSON HARBORED AN ALMOST MESSIANIC BELIEF
IN THE SPREAD OF DEMOCRACY A BELIEF THAT IT COULD SAVE THE WORLD
FROM HUMANITY'S WORST INSTINCTS.
WILSON'S PRESIDENCY MUST, OF COURSE BE ASSESSED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR
WHICH OVERWHELMED HIS ATTENTION FOR NEARLY HIS ENTIRE TWO TERMS.
THROUGHOUT THOSE WAR YEARS WILSON SPENT MANY SLEEPLESS NIGHTS
POUNDERING THE GRAVEST CHALLENGE SINCE ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
HE SEIZED HIS ROLE AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE NATION
AND AS ITS LEADER MADE ALL THE MAJOR DECISIONS HIMSELF.
HIS INFLUENCE, HOWEVER
Appeared less in the decision to enter the War than the rationalization for the intervention that this was a War that the United States now had no choice but to fight.

In 1914, when World War I began America had little concern about how the conflict had started or how it might end.

Some 2½ years later, however, the nation's young men were trained into doughboys and sent to fight.

Many, like millions of Europeans before them, died in the muddy trenches of France and Belgium.

With Germany torpedoing American ships on the high sea, Wilson decided it was just impossible to stay neutral.

On April 2, 1917, formally abandoning neutrality, Wilson delivered a stunning 36-minute war message to Congress.

In it he declared that America's first objective would be to crush the German military command but his long-range goal was "to end all wars" and make the world "safe for democracy."

In words worthy of Thomas Jefferson in their grace and power, Wilson proclaimed that it was America's righteous mission to return to the old world of Europe and bring it a democratic peace.

Even Roosevelt, who was no admirer of Wilson, admitted that it was an inspiring bit of oratory.

Congress quickly declared war against Germany.

Many Americans disagreed and argued for peace at all costs.

Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin of Montana, the first woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, would vote against entering.
WORLD WAR I, STATING:

319 01:16:10:29 01:16:13:17 AMERICA'S LEADING INDUSTRIALISTS FELT THE SAME WAY
320 01:16:13:19 01:16:16:05 IF PARTLY OUT OF THE BELIEF THAT AN OVERSEAS WAR
321 01:16:16:07 01:16:17:20 WOULD HURT BUSINESS AT HOME.
322 01:16:17:22 01:16:21:18 ANDREW CARNEGIE OF U.S. STEEL, BANKROLLED SEVERAL PEACE GROUPS
324 01:16:23:15 01:16:25:23 BELOVED FOR HIS AFFORDABLE AUTOMOBILES
327 01:16:33:25 01:16:36:04 PROVED TO BE AN ABLE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
328 01:16:36:06 01:16:39:06 BUT VICTORY CAME AT AN ENORMOUS PRICE.
329 01:16:39:08 01:16:43:04 AMERICA'S PARTICIPATION IN WORLD WAR I LASTED 19 MONTHS
330 01:16:43:06 01:16:46:06 AND SENT MORE THAN TWO MILLION AMERICANS OVERSEAS
331 01:16:46:08 01:16:49:18 1.4 MILLION OF THEM TO SERVE IN FRANCE.
332 01:16:49:20 01:16:53:04 MORE THAN 53,000 U.S. TROOPS DIED IN COMBAT
333 01:16:53:06 01:16:57:06 WHILE ANOTHER 63,000 PERISHED FROM DISEASE AND OTHER CAUSES.
334 01:16:57:08 01:17:00:20 IN ADDITION TO THE INCALCULABLE HUMAN LOSS, IN TODAY'S DOLLARS
335 01:17:00:22 01:17:03:11 THE FINANCIAL COST OF WORLD WAR I TO AMERICA
336 01:17:03:13 01:17:07:02 AMOUNTED TO SOME $32.7 BILLION.
337 01:17:09:04 01:17:11:24 BUT WE DID WIN, AND AFTER THE WAR, PRESIDENT WILSON
338 01:17:11:26 01:17:14:16 WAS HAILED AS A HERO NEARLY EVERYWHERE HE WENT
339 01:17:14:18 01:17:16:08 ON HIS WAY TO THE PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE.
340 01:17:16:10 01:17:18:29 ONCE THERE, HIS STATUS AS SAVIOR
341 01:17:19:01 01:17:22:10 ENABLED HIM TO WIN SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS FROM THE ALLIES
342 01:17:22:12 01:17:25:17 INCLUDING SELF-DETERMINATION FOR A DOZEN NEW COUNTRIES
343 01:17:25:19 01:17:27:15 FROM AUSTRIA TO YUGOSLAVIA
344 01:17:27:17 01:17:30:13 AND THE FORMATION OF HIS BELOVED LEAGUE OF NATIONS
345 01:17:30:15 01:17:31:27 AN INTERNATIONAL BODY
346 01:17:31:29 01:17:36:21 THE U.S. PRESIDENT HAD LONG DREAMED OF ESTABLISHING.
347 01:17:38:04 01:17:40:02 IN THE END, WILSON GOT MUCH OF WHAT HE WANTED
348 01:17:40:04 01:17:41:15 IN THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES
349 01:17:41:17 01:17:43:15 ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MANAGE TO KEEP THE ALLIES
350 01:17:43:17 01:17:45:22 FROM IMPOSING A HARSH PEACE
ON GERMANY

351 01:17:45:24 01:17:47:24 THAT PERMANENTLY BARRED ANY REARMAMENT
352 01:17:47:25 01:17:51:05 AND ASSESSED REPARATIONS OF $32 BILLION.
353 01:17:51:07 01:17:52:22 A RESIGNED WILSON UNSURE IF HIS LEADERSHIP AT VERSAILLES HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL
354 01:17:52:24 01:17:55:19 TO SIGHED TO HIS WIFE, "WELL, IT IS FINISHED"
355 01:17:59:00 01:18:01:01 "AND AS NO ONE IS SATISFIED WE HAVE MADE A JUST PEACE"
356 01:18:01:03 01:18:03:10 "IT MAKES ME HOPE BUT IT IS ALL IN THE LAP OF THE GODS."
359 01:18:17:15 01:18:19:04 ON OCTOBER 2, 1919 WILSON SUFFERED A MASSIVE STROKE THAT PARALYZED HIM ON ONE SIDE AND LEFT HIM AN INVALID.
361 01:18:31:19 01:18:33:06 WHEN TOLD BY HIS PHYSICIAN THAT THE SENATE HAD VOTED THE TREATY DOWN WILSON REPLIED, "DOCTOR, THE DEVIL IS A VERY BUSY MAN."
362 01:18:40:08 01:18:41:15 BUT WILSON'S PEACE EFFORTS DID NOT GO UNNOTICED.
363 01:18:41:17 01:18:43:18 IN 1919, HE JOINED THEODORE ROOSEVELT AS ONE OF ONLY TWO AMERICAN PRESIDENTS TO WIN THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.
GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT

383 01:19:13:20 01:19:15:06 HIS FAILED LEAGUE OF NATIONS
384 01:19:15:08 01:19:18:01 THE PRECURSOR
TO TODAY'S UNITED NATIONS.
385 01:19:18:03 01:19:19:18 ON THE DOMESTIC SIDE
386 01:19:19:20 01:19:22:10 BOTH MEN MADE IT CLEAR THAT
THE PRESIDENT, NOT THE CONGRESS
388 01:19:26:03 01:19:28:09 THESE TWO PRESIDENTS,
EQUALLY LEARNED IN THEORY
389 01:19:28:11 01:19:30:22 AND ACCOMPLISHED IN PRACTICE
OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT
390 01:19:30:24 01:19:32:17 BUT FROM OPPOSITE SIDES
OF THE FENCE
391 01:19:32:19 01:19:34:27 ARE CREDITED WITH
MAJOR IDEOLOGICAL BENTS
392 01:19:34:29 01:19:37:13 OF 20th-CENTURY
WESTERN POLITICS.
393 01:19:37:15 01:19:39:00 THE WARRIOR AND THE MINISTER
394 01:19:39:02 01:19:41:18 PUT THE UNITED STATES
ON THE WORLD MAP.
395 01:19:43:19 01:19:44:24 THESE TWO INTELLECTUALS
396 01:19:44:26 01:19:47:08 WITH SUCH STARKLY
DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES
397 01:19:47:10 01:19:50:01 DEFINED THE PRACTICE
OF 20th-CENTURY DEMOCRACY
398 01:19:50:03 01:19:52:11 ITS POSSIBILITIES
AND ITS LIMITATIONS
AND ALEXANDER HAMILTON HAD
400 01:19:55:19 01:19:57:27 FOR THEIR DAY.
401 01:19:59:21 01:20:02:11 Miller:
DOUG, LET'S TALK ABOUT
THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR
402 01:20:02:13 01:20:05:07 DURING THIS PERIOD, COMMUNISM,
BOLSHEVISM, SOCIALISM.
403 01:20:05:09 01:20:06:28 TELL US A LITTLE BIT
ABOUT DEBS
404 01:20:07:00 01:20:09:18 I MEAN, THE SOCIALIST
RUNNING FOR THE PRESIDENCY
OF THE UNITED STATES.
405 01:20:09:20 01:20:11:06 DEBS IS A VERY
INTERESTING CHARACTER.
406 01:20:11:08 01:20:14:12 AND HE'S BORN IN 1855
IN TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA
407 01:20:14:14 01:20:16:11 AND HE, EARLY ON, SIGNED UP
408 01:20:16:13 01:20:19:14 WITH THE BROTHERHOOD
OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN.
409 01:20:19:16 01:20:22:14 HE WAS CONSERVATIVE
IN THE 19th CENTURY, DEBS.
410 01:20:22:16 01:20:24:01 HE WAS AGAINST STRIKES.
STRIKES OF 1877, DEBS
WAS AGAINST THEM.
412 01:20:28:00 01:20:29:21 THE PULLMAN STRIKE OF 1894
413 01:20:29:23 01:20:32:23 HE WAS SAYING, WORKERS SHOULD
TAKE IT EASY A LITTLE BIT...

414 01:20:32:25 01:20:34:29 DON'T GET INVOLVED IN THIS STRIKE...
415 01:20:35:01 01:20:37:07 HE THOUGHT IT WOULD RUIN HIS UNION.
416 01:20:37:09 01:20:39:07 EXACTLY...
417 01:20:39:09 01:20:40:18 A NEWLY FORMED RAILROAD UNION.
418 01:20:40:20 01:20:42:02 YEAH, IT WOULD RUIN THE UNION.

419 01:20:42:04 01:20:45:09 BUT THE 1896 ELECTION HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON HIM.
420 01:20:45:11 01:20:48:24 AND HE STARTED QUESTIONING AFTER THAT ELECTION CAN TRADE UNIONS
421 01:20:48:26 01:20:50:06 YOU KNOW, HOW...
422 01:20:50:08 01:20:52:28 REALLY DO ANYTHING IN A CAPITALIST SOCIETY?
423 01:20:53:00 01:20:55:22 DOESN'T BIG BUSINESS HAVE ALL THE ADVANTAGES?

425 01:20:57:28 01:21:01:19 WHAT WAS DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS SOCIALIST PARTY
426 01:21:01:21 01:21:04:10 FROM THE LATER COMMUNIST PARTY?
428 01:21:06:29 01:21:09:00 FIRST OFF, BELIEVED IN KARL MARX.
429 01:21:09:02 01:21:10:25 THEY BELIEVED IN DAS KAPITAL.
430 01:21:10:27 01:21:12:27 THEY BELIEVED IN THE "COMMUNIST MANIFESTO."
431 01:21:12:29 01:21:15:12 BY 1917, WITH THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, FOR EXAMPLE
432 01:21:15:14 01:21:17:12 AND YOU HAVE THE ADVENT OF LENIN
433 01:21:17:14 01:21:20:17 THEY ARE TALKING THERE ABOUT A PEASANT REVOLUTION

439 01:21:30:00 01:21:32:09 SO THIS IS A HOME-GROWN AMERICAN SOCIALIST PARTY.
440 01:21:32:11 01:21:34:22 HOME-GROWN, WITH MIDDLE-CLASS VALUES.
441 01:21:34:24 01:21:37:28 AND IT WAS NOT IN ANY WAY ANTI-AMERICAN, PER SE.
442 01:21:38:00 01:21:40:08 THESE WERE WORKERS
That had rights.

Debs constantly talked about Jefferson and living up to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address.

That’s what they used.

Debs would use our documents to say, “How can we do this?”

And, you know, some people would say, well, the radical Debs, holding strikes.

And he would say, “We are not the ones perpetrating violence. The violence is on us, we’re getting kicked.”

“We’re getting hit over the head with clubs. We’re getting beat up by the Pinkertons, by the local police.”

That the corporations, whether it was in steel or coal fields.

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“Whether it was doing this”

We’re not violent.”

My grandmother was a member of the Socialist Party.

They call it gas-and-water socialism.

Because they’d take over the local gas company and the water company and nationalize it.

But then all of a sudden socialism and communism seemed to get lumped together.

In the American mind.

And lumped together with Bolshevism and the Soviet Union.

When does that start to happen? Well, really in the 1920s or after World War I.

And later on, when I learned about this, I’d shake my head.

And she said, you know.

Socialist mayors in this town.

They call it gas-and-water socialism.

Because they’d take over the local gas company.

And the water company.

But then all of a sudden socialism and communism seemed to get lumped together.
BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE GREAT RED SCARE.

THERE IS THIS NOTION THAT THERE ARE ANTI-AMERICAN RADICALS EVERYWHERE AND WE'VE GOT TO FERRET THEM OUT AND GET RID OF THEM. AND THE RED SCARE WAS A VERY BRUTAL THING IN 1919 AND 1920.


LET'S SWEAR YOUR LOYALTY TO THE FLAG. DEBS WAS REALLY TALKING ABOUT REAL PEOPLE AND HOW WE CAN MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER FOR THEM. AND HOW WE CAN GET
FOOD ON THE TABLE.

503 01:24:01:26 01:24:04:23 HOW CAN WE HELP AND IMPROVE WORKING PEOPLES' STATURE?
504 01:24:04:25 01:24:06:29 WHEREAS THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS DEDICATED
505 01:24:07:01 01:24:08:05 TO GOING UNDERGROUND
506 01:24:08:07 01:24:10:05 AND SUBVERTING THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.
507 01:24:10:07 01:24:12:03 THEY'VE DECLARED WAR ON THE SYSTEM
508 01:24:12:05 01:24:13:18 AND AREN'T GOING TO WORK
510 01:24:15:22 01:24:18:07 WELL, REMEMBER IN THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION
511 01:24:18:09 01:24:19:29 THE UNITED STATES BACKED THE WHITE ARMY IN RUSSIA.
512 01:24:20:01 01:24:21:24 VERSUS THE RED ARMY
513 01:24:21:26 01:24:23:01 I MEAN, WE NEVER LIKED THE ADVENT OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING THERE
514 01:24:23:03 01:24:24:28 OF COMMUNISM OR LENINISM, MUSTERING THERE.
515 01:24:25:00 01:24:27:04 WE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE SOVIET UNION AS IT BECAME CALLED...
516 01:24:27:06 01:24:31:14 WHEN DID WE FIRST RECOGNIZE IT?
517 01:24:31:16 01:24:33:06 IN 1933, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT CAME IN
518 01:24:33:08 01:24:35:16 AND FINALLY RECOGNIZED IT.
519 01:24:35:18 01:24:37:03 THAT'S WHY FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT IS VERY ADMIRE IN RUSSIA TODAY
520 01:24:37:05 01:24:40:18 AND, OF COURSE, WE FOUGHT WITH RUSSIA SIDE BY SIDE
522 01:24:44:01 01:24:46:24 BUT, BOY, IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG AFTER HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI
523 01:24:46:26 01:24:49:04 FOR THE COLD WAR TO ENSUE, TO DEFEAT HITLER IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.
524 01:24:49:06 01:24:52:14 AND THAT IRON CURTAIN
525 01:24:52:16 01:24:53:29 TO GO DOWN ACROSS EUROPE.
526 01:24:54:01 01:24:56:20 AND AT THAT POINT
527 01:24:56:22 01:24:58:08 RUSSIA BECAME OUR PURE ENEMY ALL THE WAY
529 01:25:01:28 01:25:06:07 AND WHAT THEY ARE NOW, WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE.
530 01:25:06:09 01:25:08:18 IT'S INTERESTING.
531 01:25:08:20 01:25:10:04 I MEAN, YOU LOOK AT LENINISM AND COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM
532 01:25:10:06 01:25:13:28 AND DEMOCRACY
AND TOTALITARIANISM
AND ALL THESE "ISMS"
OF THE CENTURY.

WE CAN LOOK NOW AFTER
100 YEARS OF THOSE "ISMS"
AND SAY THAT IT WAS
DEMOCRACY THAT WON OUT.

THAT IT WAS THE IDEALS
OF A WOODROW WILSON
AND A THEODORE
ROOSEVELT, AND A
DEBS TO A DEGREE.

AT THE END OF THE CENTURY
DEMOCRACY IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE
ARE LOOKING FOR IN THE WORLD.

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