



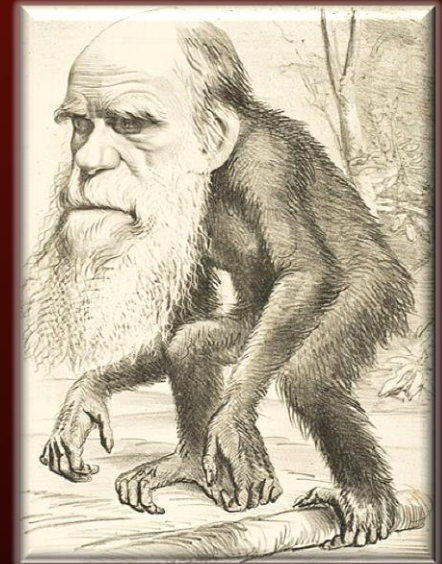
# NORMALCY UNDER ATTACK

INTENSIVE REVIEW VERSION

**The Culture Wars  
of the 1920s**

# The Culture War

*"Normalcy" Under Attack*



# Nativism

XENOPHOBIA

# The Bolshevik Revolution

(1917)



РСФСР

Сделайте это добровольно!

**ТЫ**

**POSSIBLY  
YOU!**

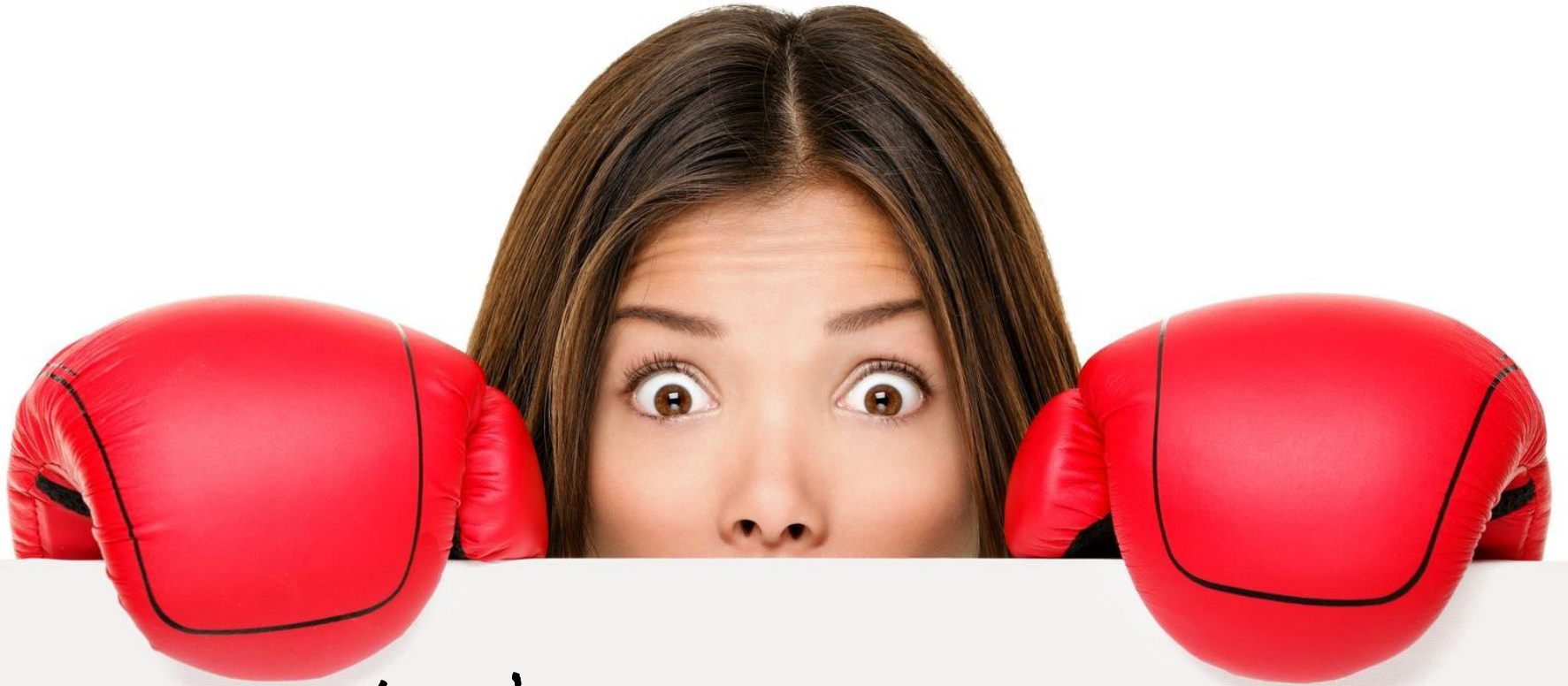


**ЗАПИСАЛСЯ  
ДОБРОВОЛЬЦЕМ?**



*Communists  
Socialists  
Anarchists*

CLOSE THE GATE.



First  
**The Red Scare**

**1919-1920**





**FEAR** of a **communist** takeover  
of the United States

# Palmer Raids

January, 1920

**TARGET:**

“Radical” Immigrants

*Thousands Arrested*  
*Hundreds Deported*



**A. Mitchell Palmer**  
*Attorney General*



**Suspected Radicals awaiting deportation hearings on Ellis Island**

# “Where the Blame Lies”

1891 Political Cartoon

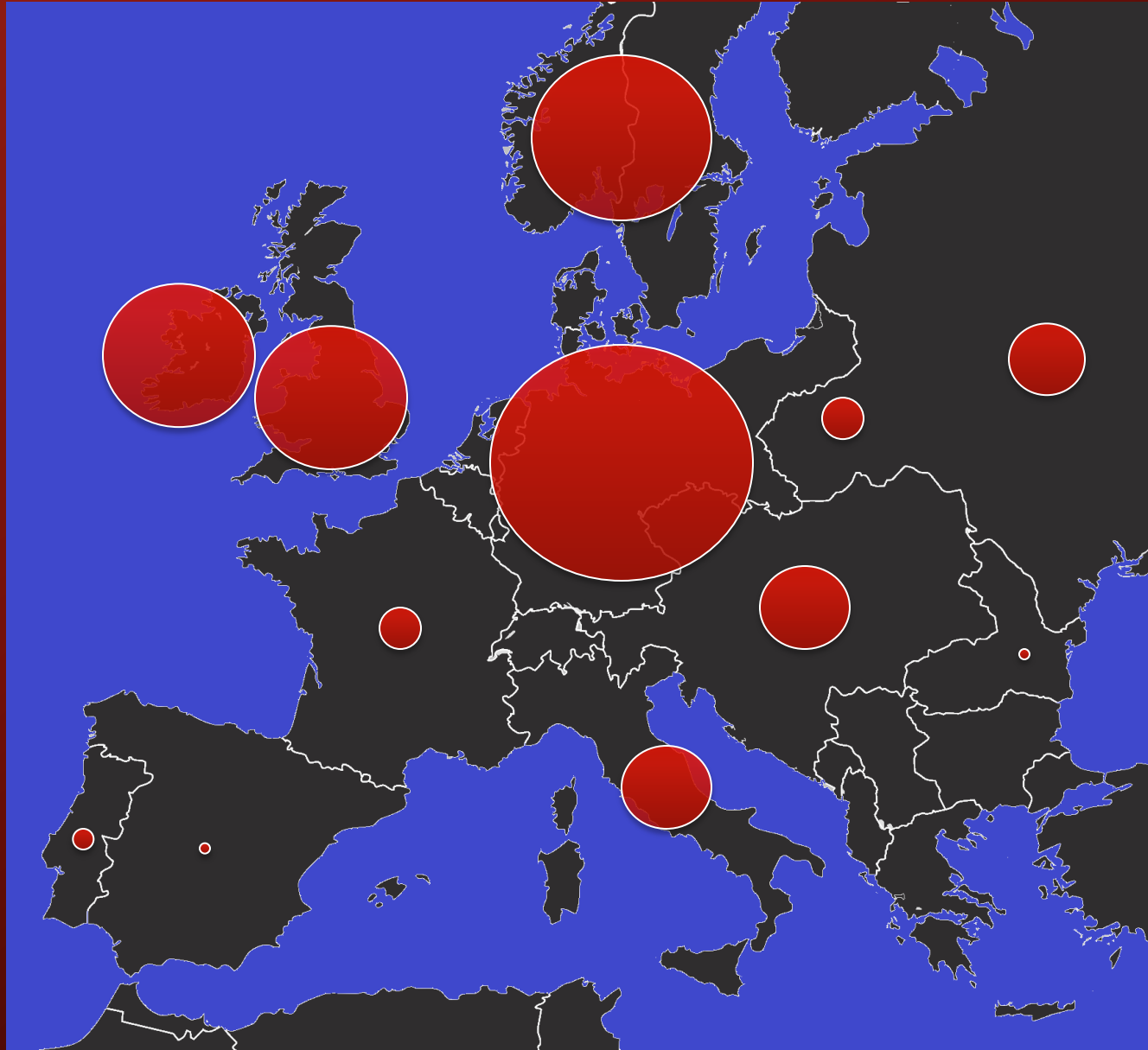
Before the 1920s, the US had **NO** restrictions on European immigration.



# U.S. Immigration

1880-1889

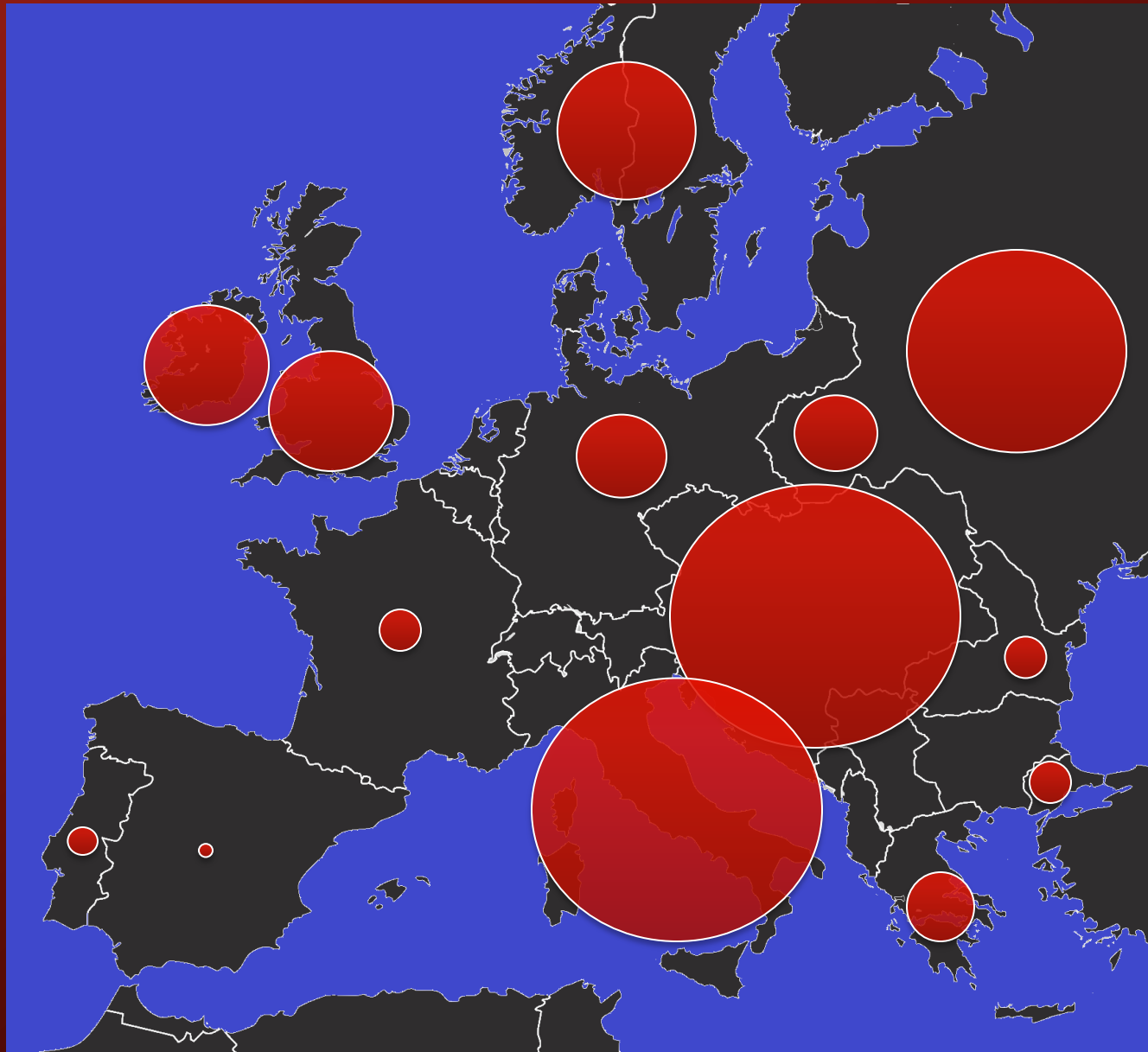
**COMPARE**  
to 1900-1909



# U.S. Immigration

1900-1909

**COMPARE**  
to 1880-1889



# Immigration Quota Acts

Emergency Quota Act  
(1921)

National Origins Act  
(1924)

*Restricted immigration from  
Southern and Eastern Europe*





# Sacco and Vanzetti Trial

**TWO STRIKES:**  
Italian Immigrants  
Anarchists

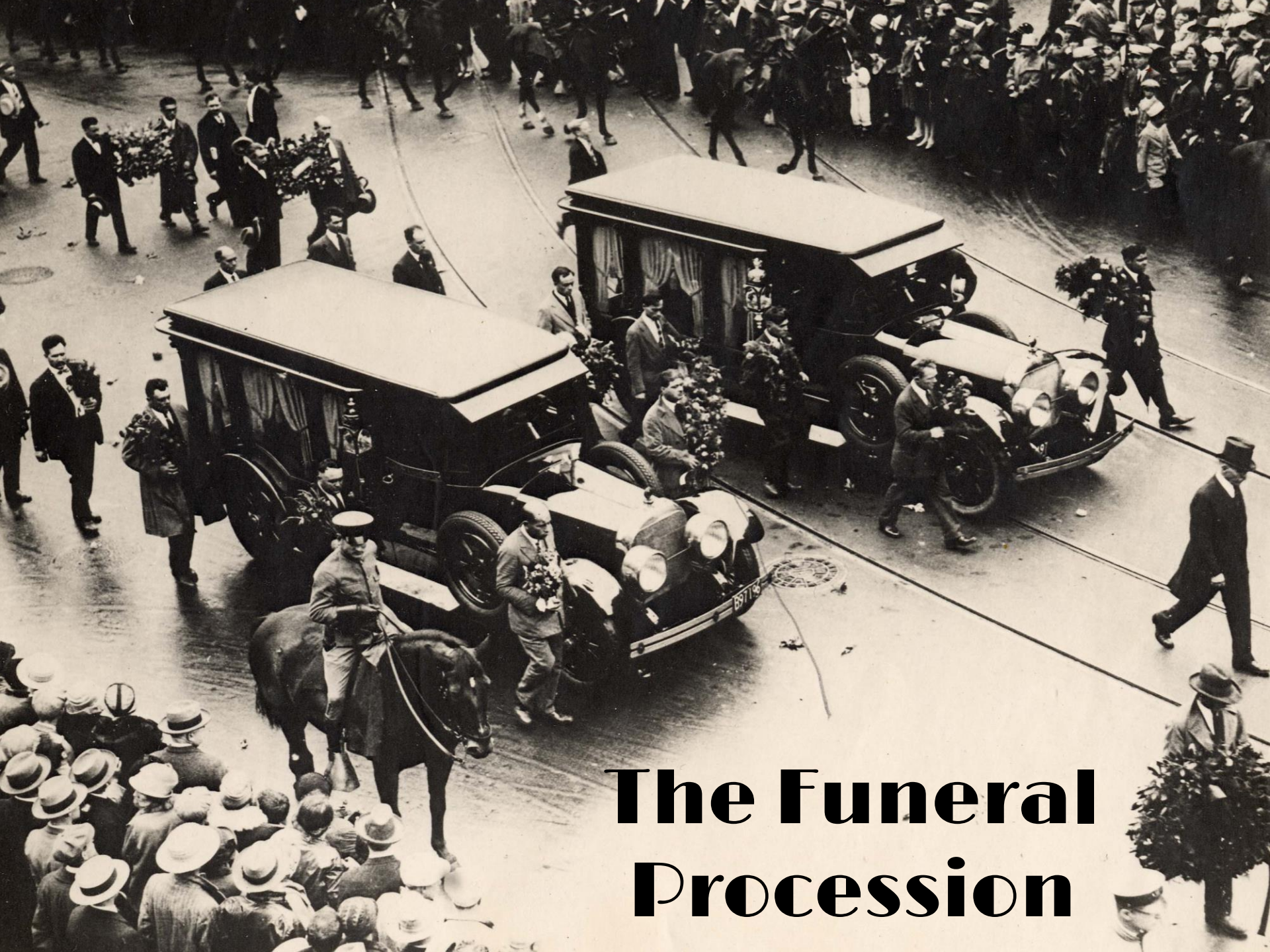
The Evidence



REMEMBER

**JUSTICE  
CRUCIFIED**

AUGUST 22, 1927



# The Funeral Procession

**Womanhood**

**Circa**


**1920**



# 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**Women  
can  
vote!!!**

**POLLING  
STATION**



**But they didn't do  
much to influence  
politics.**

# Home Needs



"I don't mind Housekeeping a bit!"

*The Universal Housewife Says—*

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*The Universal Housewife Says—*

**N**O wonder—with **UNIVERSAL** Home Needs to do the hard work. Really—they make housework a pleasure. And how they do cut down the bills!

With the **UNIVERSAL Coffee Percolator** it's the matter of a few minutes to make coffee of delicious flavor. The **UNIVERSAL Food Chopper** makes delicious dishes from left-overs that would ordinarily go to waste. Saves its cost many times over in the food it saves.

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And with **UNIVERSAL Aluminum Ware** gleaming from shelf and cabinet—the Universalized Kitchen is truly a wonderful "workroom" of the home.

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*On sale at Hardware, House-furnishing and Department Stores.  
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Solve the Servant Problem "



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Electric Grill**  
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Vacuum Cleaner**  
No. E701  
\$47.50



**UNIVERSAL  
Electric Waffle Iron**  
No. E930 \$20.00



**UNIVERSAL  
Electric Iron**  
No. E905 \$8.50



**UNIVERSAL  
Electric Toaster**  
No. E946 \$8.50



**UNIVERSAL  
Electric Washer**

A black and white photograph of four women in 1920s flapper fashion. They are wearing short, light-colored dresses and headbands. Each woman is striking a similar pose, with one leg raised and bent at the knee. The word "flappers" is written in a large, stylized, reddish-orange font across the center of the image.

# flappers







Hey! Is that *MY* cigarette?



**What's  
NEXT???**

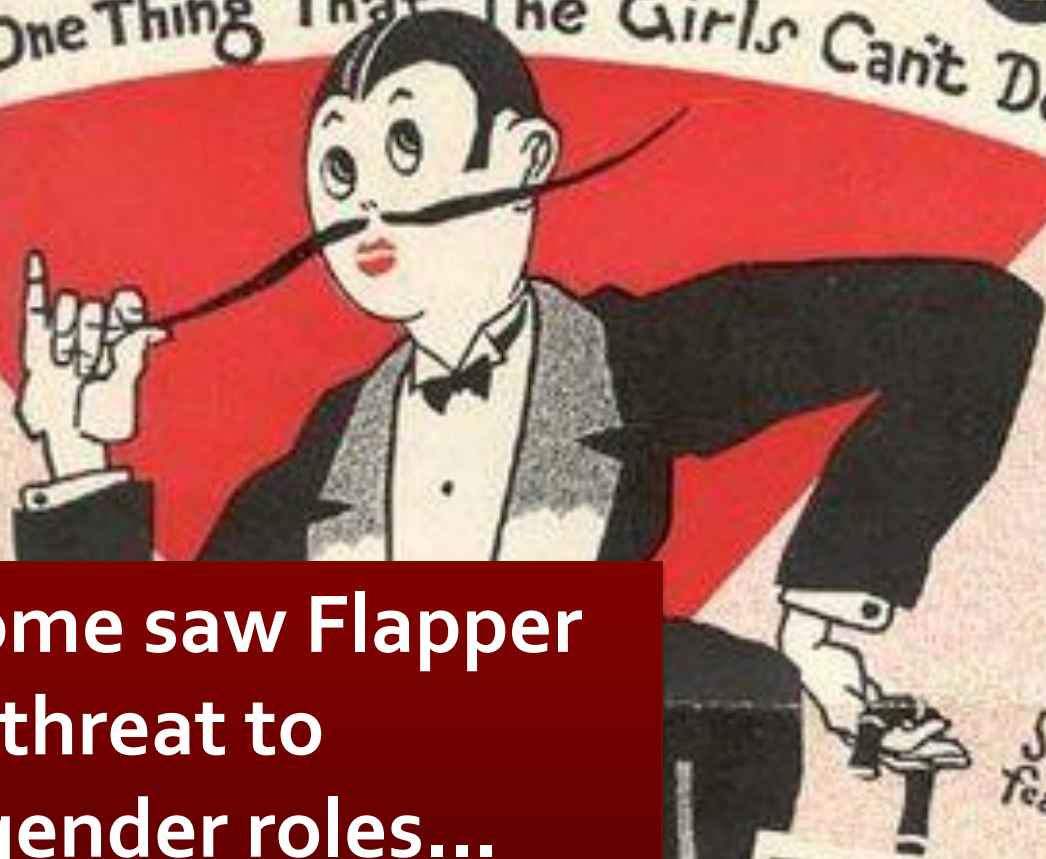


*K.S.P. 9611*

# We Men Must Grow A Mustache

COMPLIMENTARY COPY

That's One Thing That The Girls Can't Do!



Although some saw Flapper culture as a threat to traditional gender roles...



**Most women were content to stay home and play with their new toys.**

# Temperance Movement

19<sup>th</sup> c.



1854. & PUB. BY N. CURRIER.

Illustration of the original in the year 1854 by N. Currier, in the office of the American Society of the Temperance Cause of N. Y.

22 SPRUCE ST. N. Y.

THE DRUNKARDS PROGRESS.

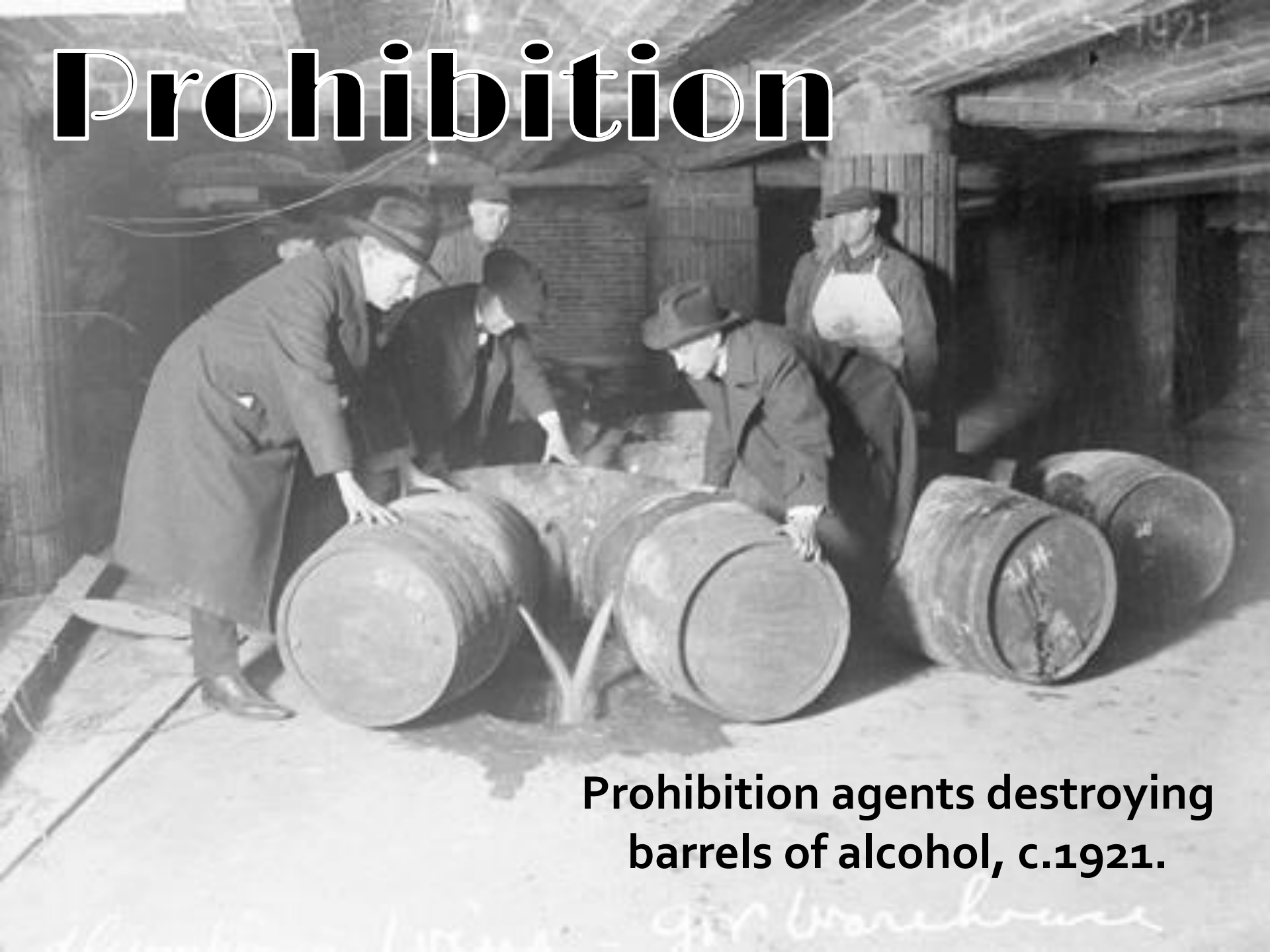
FROM THE FIRST GLASS TO THE GRAVE.

# 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment

U.S. IS VOTED DRY

36th STATE RATIFIES DRY AMENDMENT JAN. 16

# Prohibition



Prohibition agents destroying  
barrels of alcohol, c.1921.

*Alcohol - 1921 - 9th Warehouse*



# BOOTLEGGERS APPREHENDED

R. W. Weech was arrested last Friday morning by City Marshall S. M. Nielsen charging Weech and one of his clerks of bootlegging.

“**Bootleggers**”

*Illegal Alcohol Smugglers*



# Organized Crime

## Professional Bootlegging

Prohibition advocates had thought that government action could make the nation safer.

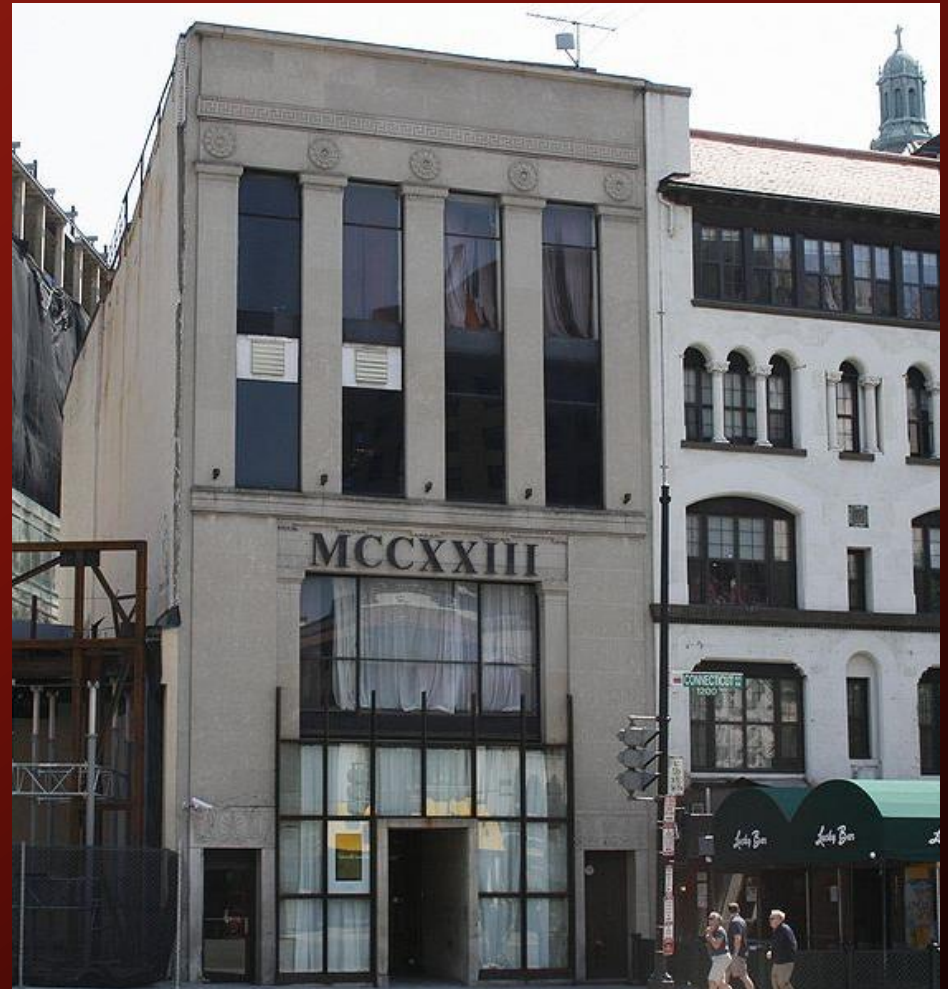
It had the opposite effect.



**Al Capone**  
Notorious Bootlegger

# Speakeasies

*Private Clubs Illegally  
Serving Alcohol*



**Mayflower Club**  
(Washington, DC)

# A Failed Experiment



**“There is not less drunkenness in the Republic, but more. There is not less crime, but more. There is not less insanity, but more. The cost of government is not smaller, but vastly greater. Respect for law has not increased, but diminished.”**

**-- H.L. Mencken**

# REPEALED 1933



*The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment is the only constitutional amendment to be specifically repealed by another.*

# The Scopes “Monkey” Trial



Photo by [Stuck in Customs](#)

**This is  
TRUE**

**HOLY  
BIBLE**

RED LETTER  
EDITION

CONCORDANCE

AN OFFICIAL  
REPRINTING  
EDITION

HOLY  
BIBLE

RED LETTER  
EDITION

CONCORDANCE

AN OFFICIAL  
REFERENCE  
EDITION

*...Or is it?*



# *Fundamentalism*

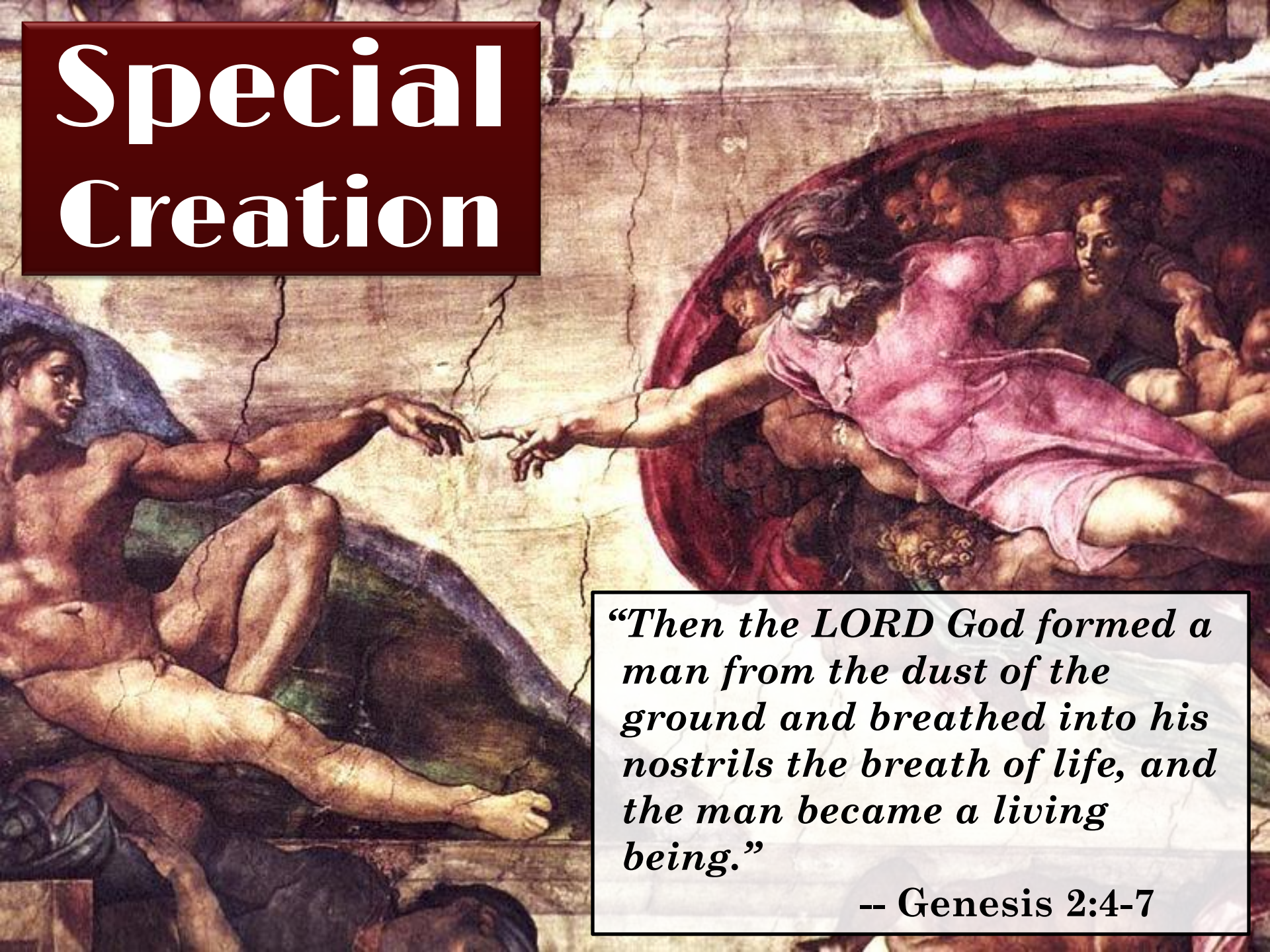


**Defense of  
Traditional  
Christian Doctrines**

[Wikipedia](#)

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# Special Creation



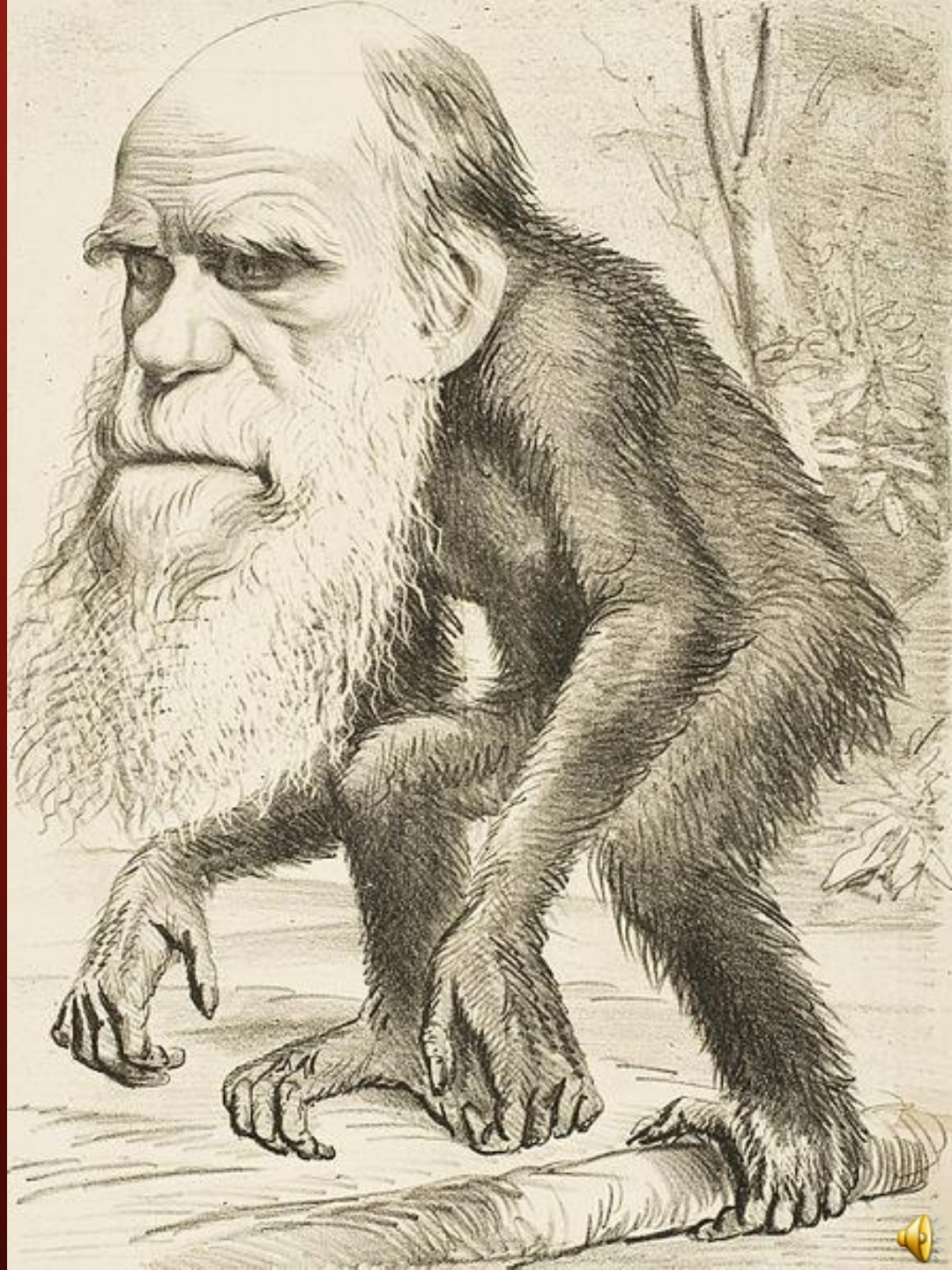
*“Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”*

*-- Genesis 2:4-7*

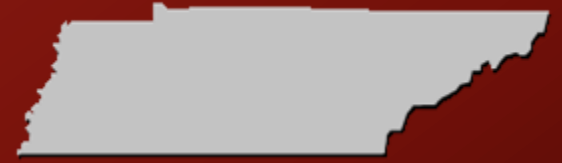
# Darwinism

## Human Evolution

## Special Creation



# Tennessee Law



**AN ACT** prohibiting the teaching of the Evolution Theory in all the Universities... and all other public schools of Tennessee...

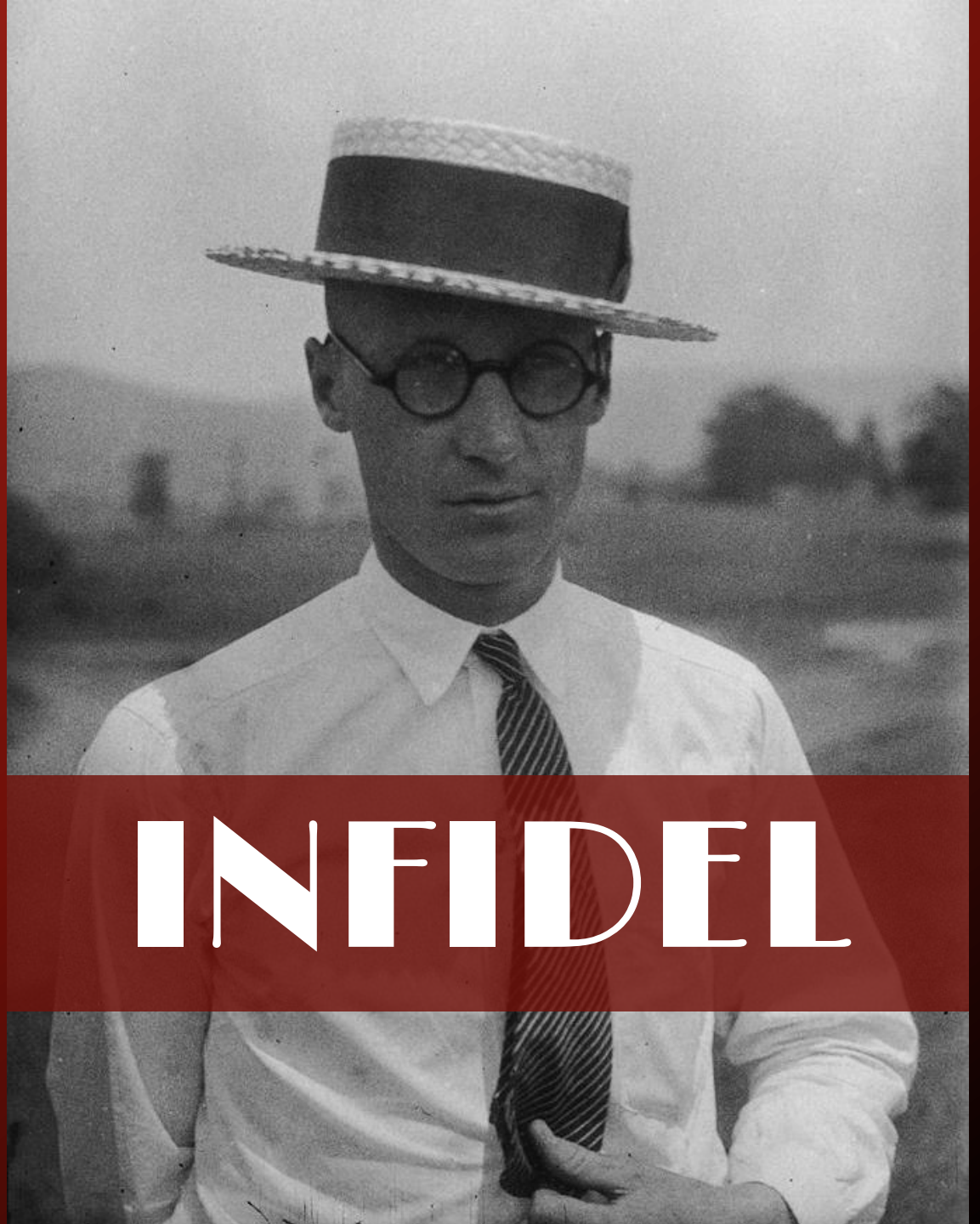
**Section 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,* That it shall be **unlawful** for any teacher in any [public schools]... to teach any theory that denies the story of the **Divine Creation of man as taught in the Bible**, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals.



# John Scopes

## Substitute Teacher

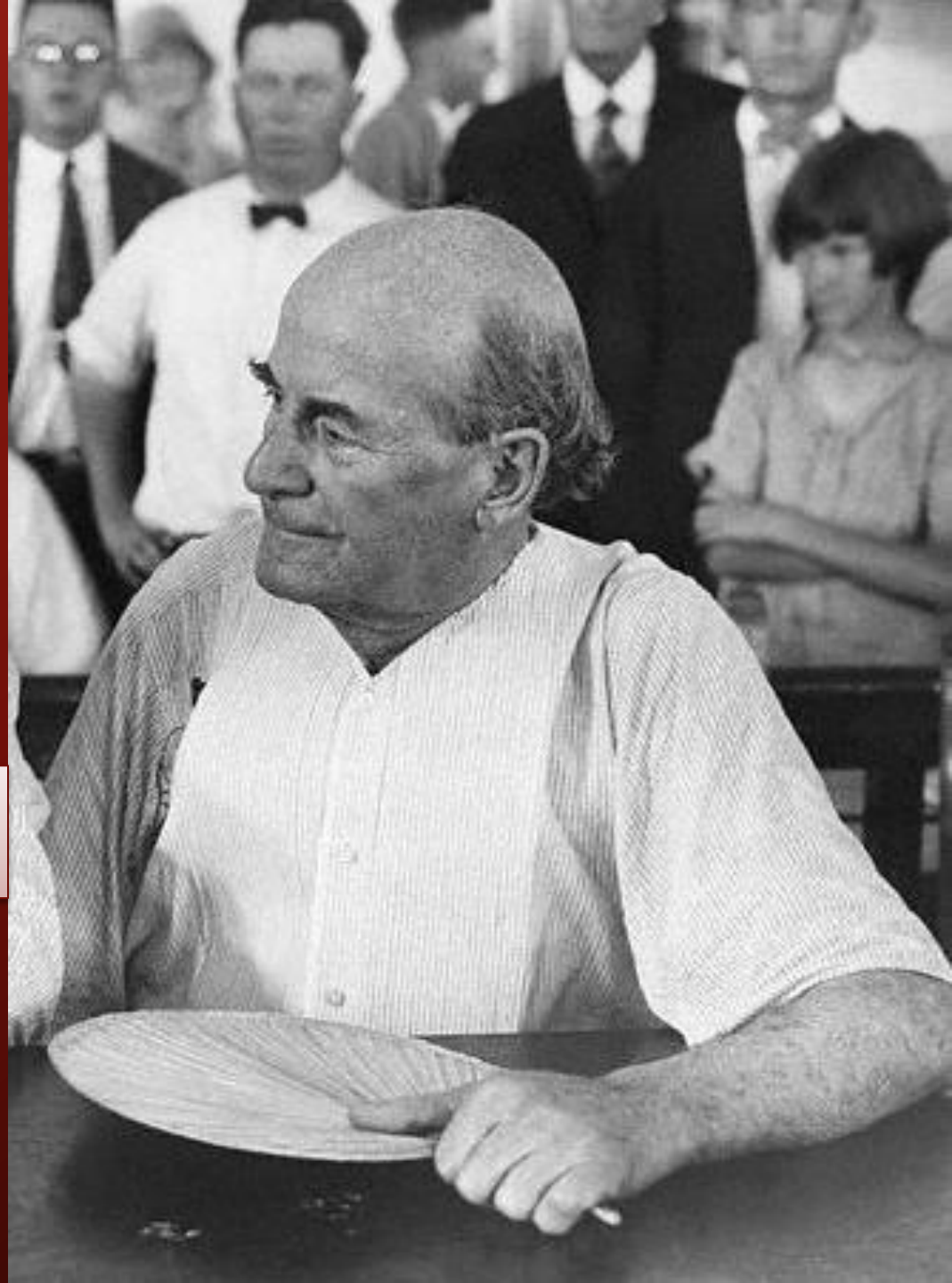
Taught a lesson  
on evolution to  
*purposefully*  
violate the law



**INFIDEL**

# William Jennings Bryan

**Fundamentalist**



# American Civil Liberties Union

The **ACLU** provided Scopes with free legal representation.



Clarence Darrow  
ACLU Lawyer

Quotes

# GUILTY

*...but not really!*

The conviction was overturned by a higher court.

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## SCOPES FOUND GUILTY OF TEACHING EVOLUTION

End to Case at Dayton Comes Quickly After Bryan Testimony Is Expunged From Record, Arguments Are Waived, and Judge Charges Jury—Defendant, Fined \$100, Terms Tennessee Bill Unjust When Summoned Before Bar—Thirty Days Given for Appeal—Bond Is Fixed at \$500—Defense Counsel Expects to Go to Higher Court.

GOOD WILL AT WINDUP

[By the Associated Press]  
COURTROOM, DAYTON, Tenn., Feb. 21.—A verdict of guilty was returned in the Scopes case today. John T. Raulston, the defendant, was summoned before the bar; Judge John T. Raulston told him his conviction by the jury, read copy of the statute to him, and then fixed the fine at \$100, the minimum under the law. "Have you anything to say, Mr. Raulston?" asked the judge. "Your honor, I have been convicted of violating an unjust statute," replied Scopes. "Any action other than I have pursued would be in violation of my idea of academic freedom." The judge repeated the fine of \$100. Scopes then said that he would appeal.

Defendant in the Case



—Copyright P. and A.  
JOHN THOMAS SCOPES

History of Scopes Case

COURTROOM DAYTON, Tenn., Feb. 21



*Who Will*  
**DEFEND**  
*America?*

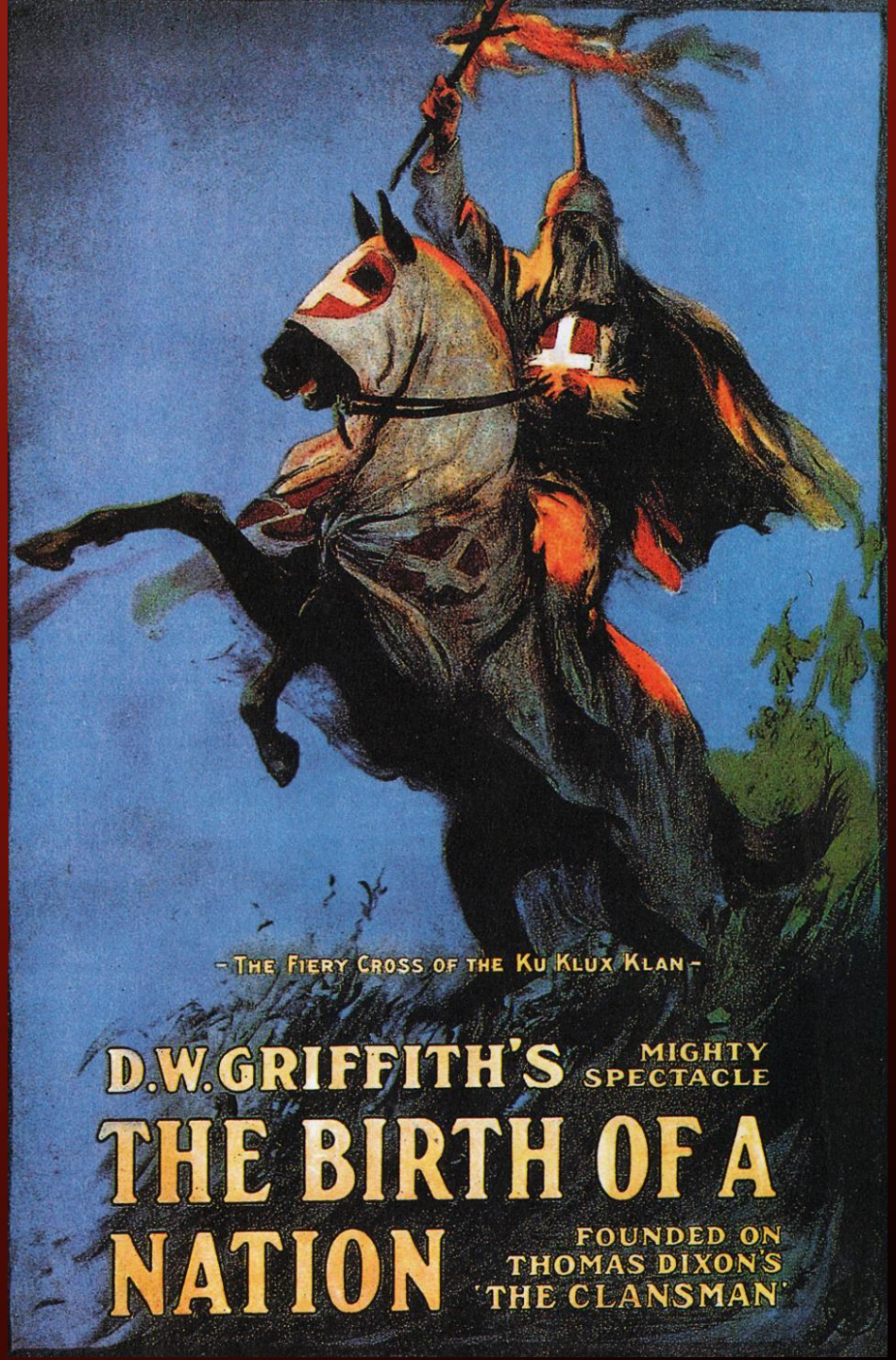
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OUR  
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Imperial  
Klans  
of  
America



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The Most  
SUCCESSFUL  
Silent Film  
EVER



**(Second)**

**Ku Klux Klan**

**Peak Membership:**

**5 Million (1925)**



# “100% American”



# **The True American**

*Circa 1920*

**White**

**Native Born**

**Protestant**



# **Un-American**



**Black**

**Foreign Born**

**Catholic or Jewish**

# March on Washington

1925





# Political Power



AJU Photography

# Moral Watchdog

The Klan claimed to hold  
its members to high  
moral standards.

(Supported Prohibition)



# Decline

By 1930, the Klan's membership declined sharply due to acts of violence and scandals involving its leaders.



Indiana Klan leader imprisoned for rape