

# I. LAISSEZ-FAIRE

- The belief that the **government** should not become involved in the affairs of **business**.
- **Government** has no role in helping **working people**.
- Hands Off!















# I. WHAT CONDITIONS WERE WORKERS FACING?

- Long hours
- Low wages
- Unsafe conditions
- No benefits
- Child Labor
- Immigrant prejudice

## I. LABOR UNIONS

- The Knights of Labor: 1869.
- Founded by Terence V. Powderly.
- Included all workers. Skilled/unskilled. Woman, African Americans, immigrants.
- Membership of 700,000 by 1886.



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“An injury to one  
is a concern for  
all.”

--Terrence V. Powderly

- The American Federation of Labor(AFL): 1881
- Founded by Samuel Gompers.
- **\*\*\*Only Skilled workers allowed!! No woman, African Americans,immigrants**
- Shorter hours, higher wages, better conditions.
- 1.6 million members by 1904.





- International Ladies Garment Workers Union(ILGWU): 1911

- Founded by Mary Harris Jones.
- Safer working conditions.
- Formed after Triangle Shirtwaist Fire.

- “there are no limits to which powers of privilege will not go to keep the workers in slavery.”
- Mary Harris (Mother) Jones