Labor Unrest

- Veterans return to work with poor working conditions and poor purchasing power due to inflation Employers aggravated resentment by using the end of war to rescind benefits they were forced to give during war Refused to recognize unions In 1919, unprecedented wave of strikes Walkout of shipyard workers in Seattle Washington evolved into a general strike that put city in standstill

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Red Scare

Labor unrest brought forth overall resentment toward labor unions and any "left wing" philosophy Russian Revolution and Communist interest in Europe made American anxious toward Eastern European Immigrants Big Business used propaganda as well as business friendly administration to condemn communist ideology and "infiltration" FBI-J Edgar Hoover and A Palmer Mitchell <u>Sacco-Vanzetti</u>

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Prohibition

- 19 states by 1917
 - Condemned Germans (brewers and distillers)
 Volstead Act over Wilson's veto
 18 amendment passed in Jan 1919

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The Tide Turns for Suffrage

Jeanette Rankin was first women elected to the House of Representatives 1916

1916
Alice Paul led unpopular demonstrations in front of the White House during WWI

Arrested, went on hunger strikes, force fed

January 1918 Wilson announces support for the Anthony Amendment
Support in World WarI
Women were able to enlist in the military for the first time

Nurses, clerical jobs, domestic workers

19th Amendment passed by exactly 2/3 vote of Congress State Legislatures ratify 19th Amendment August 26, 1920

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Politics of Normalcy

Warren G. Harding runs on a 'return to normalcy' Harding dies suddenly in 1923

A conservative impulse will grow from 1919 to 1932 in response to the Progressive Era