The Rise of Nativism
Anti-Immigration Sentiment in the late 19th and early 20th centuries
What is Nativism?

A movement which began in the late 19\textsuperscript{th} century & continued into the early 20\textsuperscript{th} century

Goal: to restrict and control immigration & immigrants (by controlling their behavior, & limiting their movement, opportunities, schooling, etc.)
Who were the Nativists?

• Supporters of the Nativist Movement included:
  – *Employers* (wanted to control dangerous, immoral behavior, (drinking on the job, etc.))
  – *Social reformers* (blamed immigrants for social ills, saw them as weak and lacking morals)
  – *Government officials* (feared the destruction of American society and govt., sought to limit numbers/types of immigrants)
  – *Native white workers* (feared job competition)
  – *Protestants* (feared Catholics particularly, sought to limit Catholic influence in America)
Anti-Immigration Themes

• Immigrants are lazy, indigent, drug/alcohol abusers, prostitutes, competition for jobs, etc.

• Chinese immigrants:
  – Competition with native-born Americans for jobs/money
  – Images of Chinese women as prostitutes and men as drug abusers

• Irish immigrants:
  – Fear of an invasion by the Pope
  – Representation of the Irish as drunkards, lazy, poor, savages
THE GREAT FEAR OF THE PERIOD

That Uncle Sam may be swallowed by foreigners.
Irish Immigration & Anti-Catholic Sentiment
The Great Fear: The Pope Invades!
Everybody Works But Father

Mother Takes In Washing.

So Does Sister Ann.

What Is Home Without A Mother?

Everybody Work In Our House But My Old M
EVERYTHING CONSTITUTED TO US, SHALL BE NULLIFIED.
IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC IS NOT BY THE GUN AND POWDER OF UNCLE SAM'S
ABOLISHED.
SLAUGHTER OF PEACEFUL CITIZENS, MASSACRE OF THE DUTCH.
HANG THE DUTCH GOVERNOR.
ENGRAVING.
THE IRISH PAPERS.
CONTRASTED FACES.

"Look on this picture, and then on that."—SHAKESPEARE.
Anti-Chinese Immigration

A General Boycott has been declared upon all CHINESE and JAPANESE Restaurants, Tailor Shops and Wash Houses. Also all persons employing them in any capacity.

All Friends and Sympathizers of Organized Labor will assist us in this fight against the lowering Asiatic standards of living and of morals.

AMERICA vs. ASIA
Progress vs. Retrogression
Are the considerations involved.

BY ORDER OF
Silver Bow Trades and Labor Assembly
and Butte Miners' Union
The Unguarded Gates (Thomas Bailey Aldrich)

Wide open and unguarded stand our gates,
And through them press a wild, a motley throng—
Men from the Volga and the Tartar steppes,
Featureless figures of the Hoang-Ho,
Malayan, Scythian, Teuton, Kelt, and Slav,
Flying the Old World’s Poverty and scorn;
These bringing with them unknown gods and rites,
Those tiger passions, here to stretch their claws.
In street and alley what strange tongues are these,
Accents of menace alien to our air,
Voices that once the tower of Babel knew!
O, Liberty, white goddess, is it well
To leave the gate unguarded? On thy breast
Fold sorrow’s children, soothe the hurts of fate,
Life the downtrodden, but with the hand of steel
Stay those who to thy sacred portals come
To waste the fight of freedom. Have a care
Lest from thy brow the clustered stars be torn
And trampled in the dust. For so of old
The thronging Goth and Vandal trampled Rome
And where the temples of the Caesars stood
The lean wolf unmolested made her lair.