

- The Supreme Court consistently supported big business in the Gilded Age, striking down any law that limited the powers of corporations. They argued that corporations are people, and have the same rights to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” (along with constitutional protection like due process and equal protection) as any American citizen.
- Should businesses get the same protection as people? Are they entitled to the same constitutional rights?
- Can corporations be trusted to act in the interest of the people?
- Does a laissez-faire economic policy benefit America? Why or why not?