

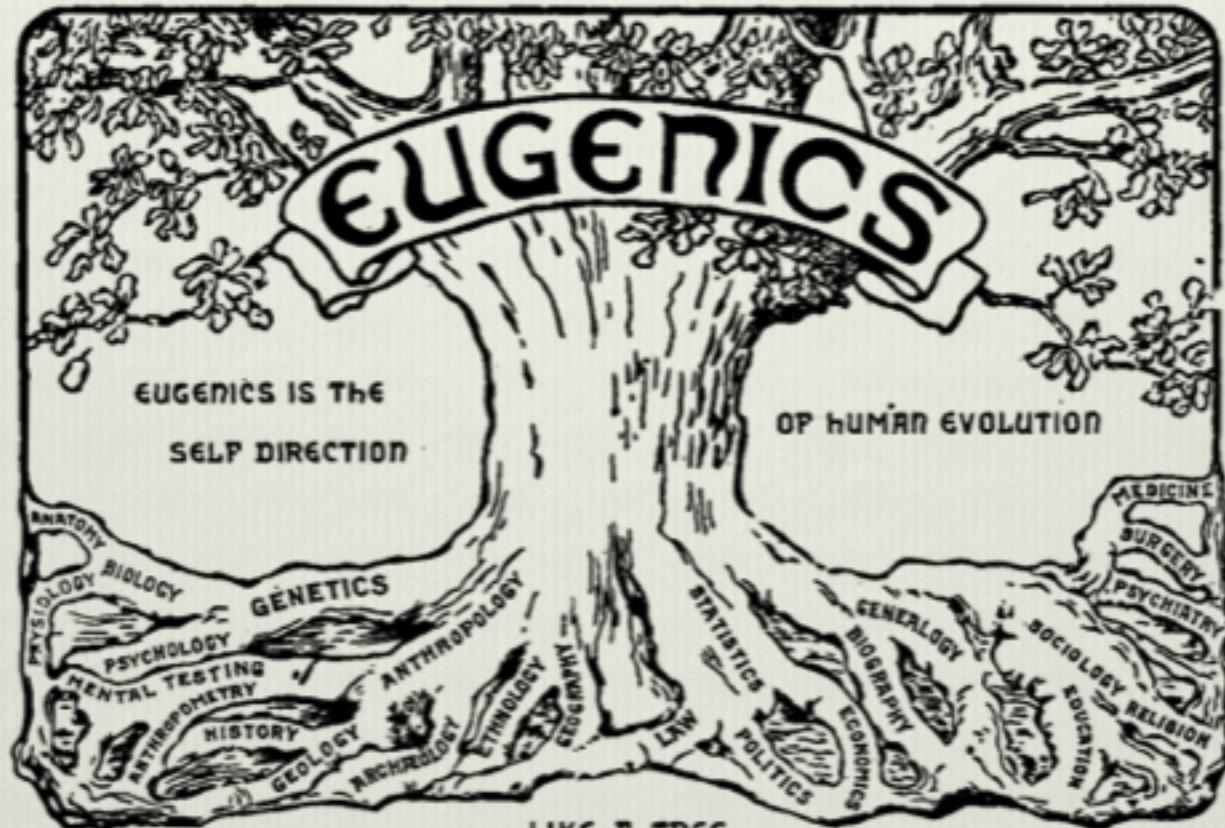
1924
Immigration Act

Immigration Act of 1882

“If on such examination there shall be found among such passengers any convict, lunatic, idiot, or any person unable to take care of him or herself without becoming a public charge, they shall report the same in writing to the collector of such port, and such person shall not be permitted to land.”

Immigration Act of 1891

Immigration Act of 1891 required that all immigrants entering the US be given a health examination by PHS physicians. The law stipulated the exclusion of "all idiots, insane persons, paupers or persons likely to become public charges, persons suffering from a loathsome or dangerous contagious disease," and criminals.



EUGENICS DRAWS ITS MATERIALS FROM MANY SOURCES AND ORGANIZES THEM INTO A HARMONIOUS ENTITY.

EUGENICS is the science which deals with all influences that improve the inborn qualities of a race; also with those that develop them to the utmost advantage. The improvement of the inborn qualities, or stock, of some one human population.

It must be introduced into the national conscience, like a new religion. It has, indeed, strong claims to become an orthodox religious, tenet of the future, for eugenics co-operate with the workings of nature by securing that humanity shall be represented by the fittest races. What nature does blindly, slowly, and ruthlessly, man may do providently, quickly, and kindly. As it lies within his power, so it becomes his duty to work in that direction. The improvement of our stock seems to me one of the highest objects that we can reasonably attempt. (Sir Francis Galton, “Eugenics: Its definition, scope and aims” 1904)

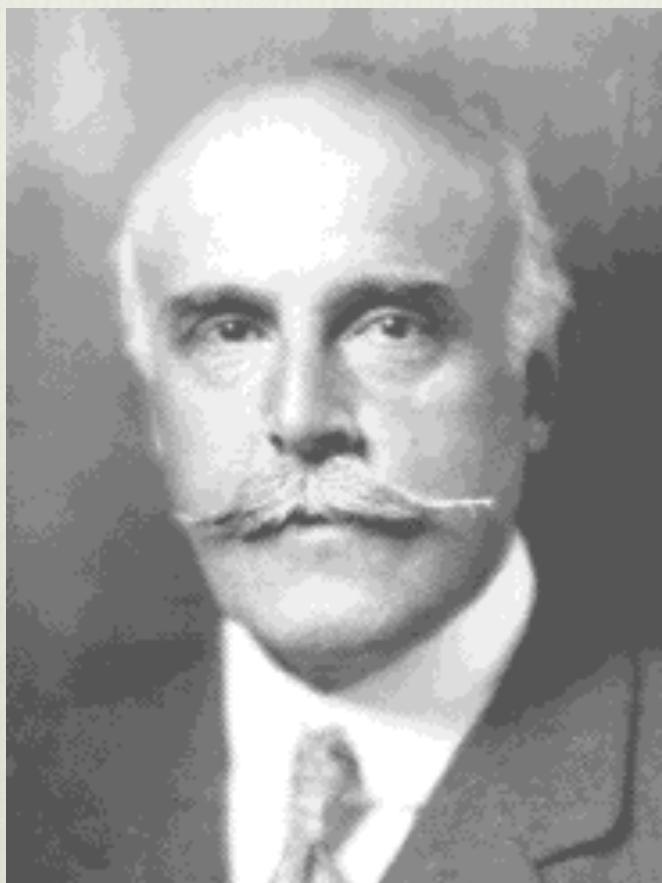


President Theodore Roosevelt warned in 1903 that immigrants and minorities were too fertile, and that Anglo-Saxons risked committing "race suicide" by using birth control and failing to keep up baby-for-baby. In one speech, Roosevelt said: "The chief of blessings for any nation is that it shall leave its seed to inherit the land. The greatest of all curses is sterility, and the severest of all condemnations should be that visited upon willful sterility."

Immigration Restriction League

We should see to it that the breeding of the human race in this country receives the attention which it so surely deserves. A considerable proportion of the immigrants coming are from races and countries ... which have not progressed but have been backward, downtrodden, and relatively useless for centuries. If these immigrants ‘have not had opportunities,’ it is because their races have not made the opportunities.” ... The league opposed, not all immigration, but only that which “lowers the mental, moral, and physical average of our people.” In this connection he noted that of recent immigrants, “three-fifths were of the Slavic and Iberic races of southern and eastern Europe.”

(Jacobson 80-81)



Madison Grant
1865-1937

THE PASSING OF THE GREAT RACE

OR
THE RACIAL BASIS OF EUROPEAN HISTORY

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As Grant saw it, in cities like New York “old stock” Americans were being literally driven off the streets” by “swarms” of immigrants—primarily Polish Jews—who “adopt the language of the native American; they wear his clothes; they steal his name; and they are beginning to take his women but they seldom adopt his religion or understand his ideals.” (Jacobson 81).

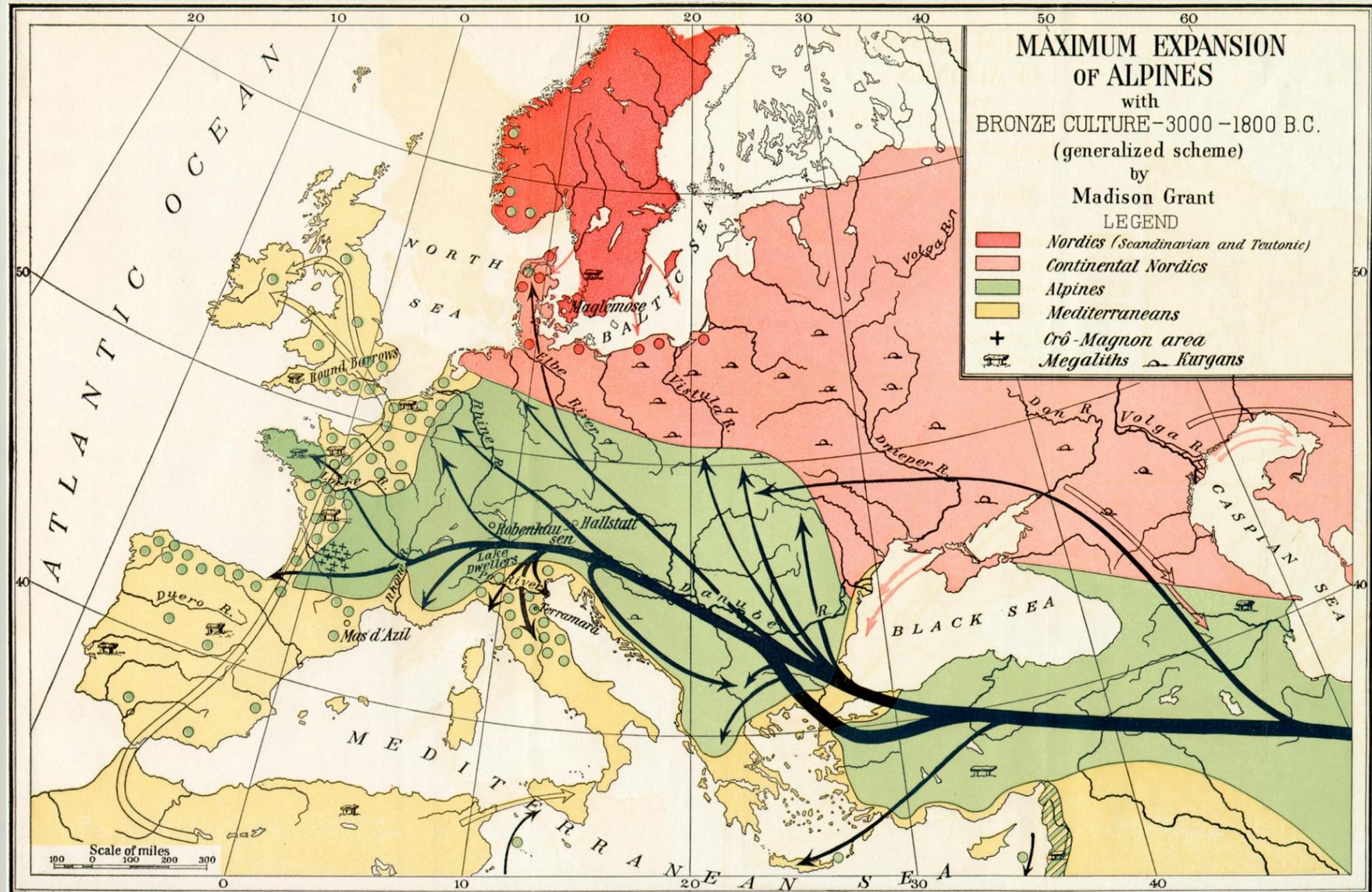
“A rigid system of selection through the elimination of those who are weak or unfit — in other words social failures — would solve the whole question in one hundred years, as well as enable us to get rid of the undesirables who crowd our jails, hospitals, and insane asylums. The individual himself can be nourished, educated and protected by the community during his lifetime, but the state through sterilization must see to it that his line stops with him, or else future generations will be cursed with an ever increasing load of misguided sentimentalism.

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This is a practical, merciful, and inevitable solution of the whole problem, and can be applied to an ever widening circle of social discards, beginning always with the criminal, the diseased, and the insane, and extending gradually to types which may be called weaklings rather than defectives, and perhaps ultimately to worthless race types.

-Madison Grant

The Passing of the Great Race (1916)



- American Eugenics Society
- American Breeders Association
- Human Betterment Foundation
- Eugenics Records Office at Cold Harbor Spring Laboratories
- The Galton Society (Madison Grant & Charles Davenport)
- Various local eugenics societies, ran eugenics programs for schools and communities, ran contests
- Planned Parenthood
- Immigration Restriction League

Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, WEB Du Bois, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Jack London, Margaret Sanger

1924 Johnson Reed Act

Harry Laughlin framed immigration as “a long-time national investment in hereditary traits” created a proposed system of immigration quotas that became an eventual scheme of national origins quotas or “race quotas.”

Quota system based on 2 percent of each group’s population according to the 1890 census.

Determined by the Report of the Eugenics Committee of the United States Committee on Selective Immigration chaired by Madison Grant