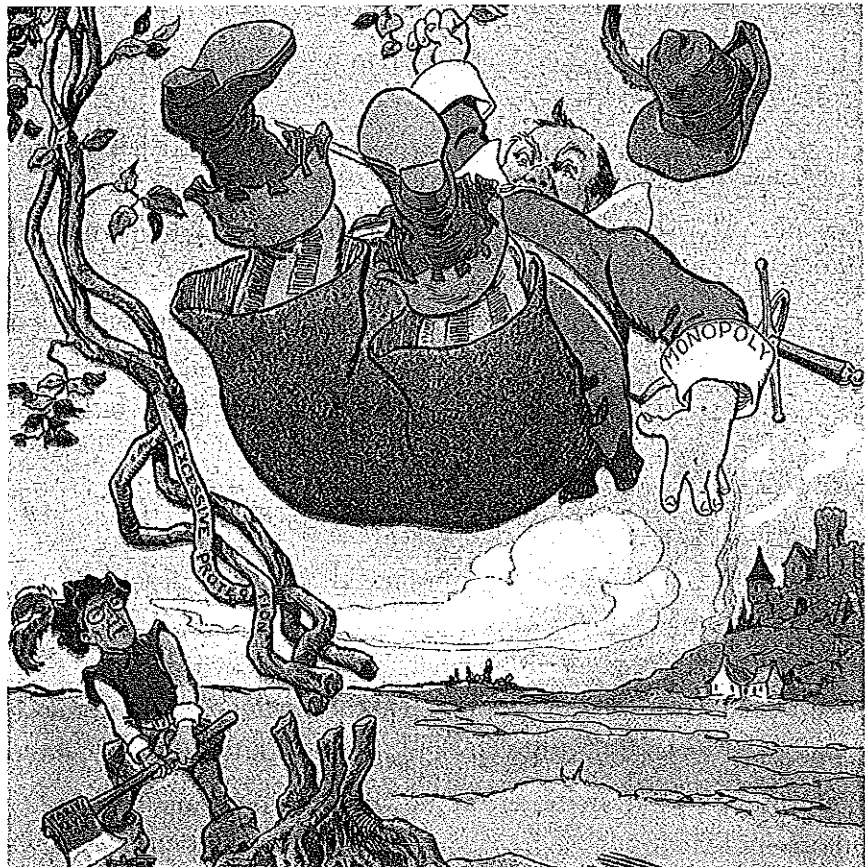


THE PROGRESSIVE ERA
Interpreting a Political Cartoon

One of the ways that President Woodrow Wilson attacked the "triple wall of privilege" was by convincing Congress to lower tariffs on foreign goods. This allowed consumers to buy foreign goods if American companies' prices were too high. The political cartoon below illustrates the effect of lower tariffs. ♦ As you look at the cartoon, think about what the cartoonist wants to suggest about the effect of lower tariffs. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow. Refer to the passage entitled "Congress Lowers Tariffs and Raises Taxes" in Section 5 of your textbook to better understand the role of tariffs.

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Questions to Think About

1. On which fairy tale is this political cartoon based?
2. Who is the person holding the axe? How can you tell? Explain.
3. Interpret Images How are monopolies portrayed in this political cartoon?
4. Interpret Images How do you think the cartoonist felt about lower tariffs? Explain.