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Era of Good Feelings

APUSH: Period 4

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### Overview

- Good Feelings
  - spirit of nationalism, optimism, goodwill
  - Democratic-Republicans dominated politics
- Not so Good Feelings
  - heated debates over
    - tariffs
    - internal improvements
    - slavery

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### Election of 1816/1820

1816  
ELECTORAL VOTE  
TOTAL VOTING: 217  
NOT VOTING: 4

1820  
ELECTORAL VOTE  
TOTAL VOTING: 285  
NOT VOTING: 3

Democratic-Republican

1820  
Democratic-Republican  
Federalist  
Independent Republican  
(J. Q. Adams)

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### Cultural Nationalism

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- characterized by generational enthusiasm
  - westward expansion
  - little interest in foreign affairs

American Population Density, 1820

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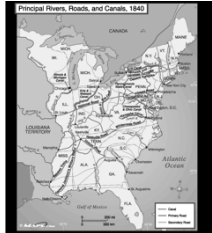
- patriotic themes
  - John Trumbull, John Krimmel

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## Economic Nationalism

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- Characteristics
  - internal improvements
    - roads and canals
  - protecting US industries
    - tariffs



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## Tariff of 1816

- first protective tariff in US history
- fear of British goods harming American manufacturers


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## The American System (Henry Clay)

- three part plan to advance economic growth
  - protective tariffs
    - raise revenue to build transportation network
  - national bank
    - provide a national currency
  - internal improvements
    - link the North, South, and West

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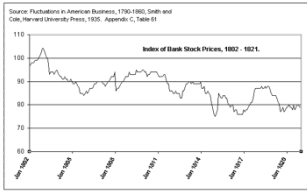
- Objections
  - Constitution did not say federal money could be used for roads and canals
  - Monroe vetoed funds



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## Panic of 1819

- Causes
  - tightened credit by Bank of the US



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- **Results**
  - state banks close
  - unemployment
  - bankruptcy
  - debt imprisonment



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- **Consequence**
  - shaken nationalistic beliefs
  - changes in political beliefs


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### Western Settlement and the Missouri Compromise

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### Reasons for Western Movement


- acquisition of native land
- economic pressures
- improved transportation
- immigration



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### Missouri Compromise

- **Factors**
  - Missouri's bid for statehood
  - balance in the Senate
  - slavery




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- **Tallmadge Amendments**
  - ignites the debate over Missouri
  - amendment called for
    - prohibiting further slave importation in Missouri
    - emancipation for children of slaves at 25
  - defeated in the Senate

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- Henry Clay's Proposal (Missouri Compromise)
  - 1. admit MO as a slave state
  - 2. admit Maine as free state
  - 3. prohibit slavery above 36°30' line



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- Results
  - preserved sectional balance for 30 years
  - led to internal conflict of nationalism v. sectionalism


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Foreign Affairs

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Canada

- Rush-Bagot Agreement (1817)
  - limited naval armament on the Great Lakes
  - limited border fortifications



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- Treaty of 1818
  - shared fishing rights
  - joint occupation of Oregon Territory
  - set the northern limits of the LA territory



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Florida

- Adams-Onís Treaty
  - Spain relinquishes Florida
  - US gives up any claims to Texas...for now



## + Monroe Doctrine

- Cause
  - European intervention in the W. Hemisphere
- Components
  - warned European powers to not interfere in Latin or South America

