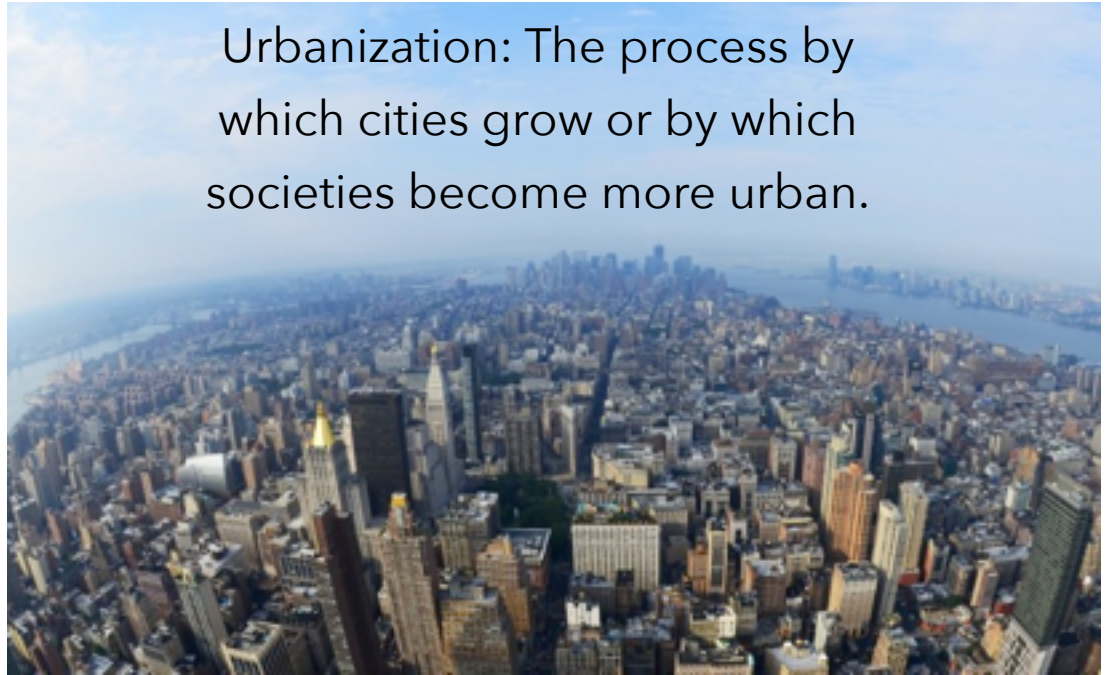


Chapter 6 Urbanization

1830's

Urbanization: The process by which cities grow or by which societies become more urban.



Skyscrapers and tenements were built during this time.

-**Skyscrapers** were tall, steel frame buildings that grew upward rather than outward. The first was built in 1885. **Louis Sullivan** was a famous architect who contributed to the design of skyscrapers.

Tenements are one-room apartments where typically working class people lived. The first was built in 1839.

Cities grew rapidly and **political machines** were made. These were informal political groups deigned to gain and keep power. The political machines were ran by **party bosses** who were supposed to control the city's finances but they grew rich as a result of fraud or graft. **George Plunkitt** was one of New York cities most powerful party bosses. **Graft and Fraud** was getting money through dishonest or questionable means.

William "Boss" Tweed was the leader of the Tammany Hall, this was the New York City Democratic political machine. This was during the 1860's and 1870's but Tweed's corruptness led to a prison sentence in 1874.

- During the 1800's all classes experienced similar issues such as crimes, violence, fire, diseases and pollution. The cities growth made these problems worse also making the urban governments respond to these problems which created more complications.
- Improper sewage disposal contaminated city drinking water and triggered epidemics of typhoid fever and cholera. Pollution remained a problem after the 1870's after proper sewage systems were installed because of smoke from chimneys, manure from livestock and ash and soot that came from coal and wood fires. These were the biggest threats to people during 1800's.



"The poor are the most grateful people in the world, and, let me tell you, they have more friends in their neighborhoods than the rich have in theirs."

**-quoted in William L. Riordan,
Plunkitt of Tammany Hall**

Riordan says since the poor are not as fortunate to have as much luxuries as the higher class they appreciate the things they have. They also know what it is like to suffer and are willing to help each other, that is why they have more friends.



This cartoon suggests that the senate was "owned" by the party bosses. Citizens were working and trying to make money, the party bosses would make the citizens pay them arguing that they were keeping the city running. Workers found the city treasury empty while party bosses were using the money for their own luxury.

