Mr. Beckett

Progressives in the News

**Directions –** For each “old” progressive below, read the document attributed to each author and answer the questions. Then, using google.com/news, find a modern article that is comparable to the topic/subject (subject is better) from the past. Answer the “modern” questions using this “new” article.

**Lincoln Steffens – The Shame of the Cities**

<http://wwphs.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_10640642/File/bugge/Chapter%2021/Lincoln%20Steffens%20The%20Shame%20of%20the%20Cities.pdf>

1. What is Mr. Steffens concerns regarding voters, political bosses and elections?

2. What damage is done to democracy because of disenfranchisement and political corruption?

**Modern Article Examination**

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Arthur:

Headline:

Simple Summary:

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**Ida Tarbell – The History of Standard Oil**

[**http://wwpsd.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\_10640642/File/bugge/Chapter%2021/Day2ReadingsCombined.pdf**](http://wwpsd.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_10640642/File/bugge/Chapter%2021/Day2ReadingsCombined.pdf) **(1st story)**

**Clarifiers**: “Standard” or “Standard Ring” refers to the Standard Oil Company led by John Rockefeller. “South Improvement Company” refers to a holding company (led by Rockefeller) that secured lesser RR freight rates for Standard by receiving rebates from the RR companies

1. How does the refusal to testify or producing documents to an investigative panel (the Senate in this case) create an atmosphere of corporate dominance?

2. How did Standard secure lower shipping rates than its competitors (mention rebates in your answer)?

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