



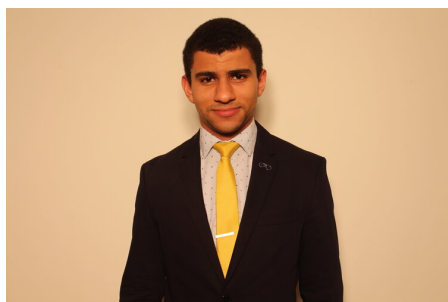
## [JCC] DON'T TRUST US: PROGRESSIVES IN THE BARON WASTELAND OF 1901, CABINET OF TEDDY ROOSEVELT

The year is 1901. The nation is divided by the growing income inequality across the country. The government, left reeling from the financial panic of 1893, has passed the federal baton to a young and fiery Teddy Roosevelt. Tension stirs.

Roosevelt has a variety of domestic and international goals. Domestically, the nation is divided. The cripplingly poor make subsistence wage working in the factories of the great Robber Barons. Internationally, Roosevelt is tasked with the difficult challenge of mitigating international growing tensions over China, Japan, Russia, and Latin America. While navigating a complicated period of foreign policy, he will need the support of his friends and enemies, the most beloved and hated men in history: the Robber Barons.

These barons, infamous for their greed, predatory pricing, are attempting to make money while pushing technology forwards. In order to accomplish their goals for international trade, the barons will need to fight or ally with the US government to build relationships abroad and navigate tariffs. Moreover, the Robber Barons need to assuage the populace's demands in order to profitably build railroads as well as provide the country with coal and oil.

Both will need to both battle and collaborate in order to protect their own interests as well as the interests of a modernized America in an increasingly turbulent time. A struggle for power will emerge as the nation wonders if the trusts have become too large to take down.



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