**Nativism & the Klan**

* Many Americans wished to cap 20th century immigration
* Gained strength in years prior to the war
* Immigration became associated w/radicalism



* Emergency immigration act was passed in 1921
* Immigration couldn’t exceed 3% of the number of that nationality who were in the US in 1910



* Immigration fell from 800,000 to 300,000
* *National Origins Act of 1924:* banned immigration from east Asia
* Euro immigration would be reduced to 2%
* Quota based on 1890 numbers, which had much fewer E. and S. Euros
* Further restrictions capped immigration at 150,000 total

The New Klan

* Leo Frank, Jewish factory manager, was found guilty of murdering a female employee (1915)



* Nativists stormed the jail and lynched Frank



* DW Griffith’s film *Birth of a Nation* further inflamed nativists
* The new Klan targeted “insubordinate” AAs at first
* After WWI, Catholics, Jews, and immigrants became targets
* Klan membership spread quickly to Northern industrial cities
* By 1924 the Klan had over 4 million members



* Klan members portrayed themselves as patriots and community leaders
* Klan feared anything seen as posing a challenge to “traditional values”
* Klan wished to enforce prohibition
* They also pushed for compulsory Bible reading in schools
* Klan membership declined after 1925
* David Stephenson brought negative attention to the Klan
* The Klan was effectively dead by WWII