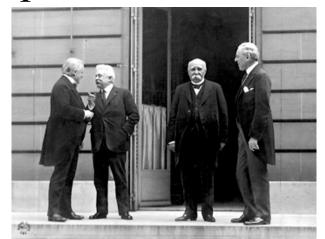


A Peace Without Victors?

The Big Four

- USA Woodrow Wilson
- UK David Lloyd George
- FRA Georges Clemenceau
- ITA Vittorio Orlando
- 1919 Met at Versailles with a bunch of other people to end WWI
- Wilson wants "a peace without victors"



Fourteen Points

- Wilson's ideas that connect free trade, democratic institutions, and human liberty
- Allied leaders didn't agree→
 - UK problems w/ freedom of the seas,
 - FRA wants reparations, alliances
 - JPN wanted land in Pacific/CHN; racial equality
 - ITA wants AUT



League of Nations

- 1. One vote/member nation
- 2. Executive Council US, UK, FRA, ITA & JPN*
 - Recommends economic sanctions/military support
- 3. Unanimous consent required for action
- 4. Permanent International Court of Justice
- Article X Preserve against aggression & protect political independence of members (623)



Treaty of Versailles

- Wilson has to revise 14 Points for Big 4 approval
 - FRA/UK push for harsh reparations including pensions
- Makes some compromises and such, but pretty satisfied overall on self-determination, economic freedom, and protection of peace (625-626)



Struggle for Ratification

- Reservationists (35 Moderates)
 - Might be forced to withdraw Monroe Doctrine
 - US might lose some of its influence
 - League might be a financial drain on postwar recovery
 - Article X violated Washington's message on alliances
 - US might be committed militarily w/out Congress
- Irreconcilables (14 Progressive GOP & 4 Dems)
 - US should create a model society to emulate, not get involved in international affairs



Henry Cabot &%#@ Lodge

- Saw how personal League/Treaty was to Wilson & how willing he was to make treaty a referendum on his foreign policy in 1920 elections
 - Already lost both houses on war policy in 1918
 - Packed Foreign Relations committee against Wilson
- Believed League was a threat to sovereignty
- Put faith in armies/navies/Balance of Power/TR
- Lots of anti-Wilson Irish & Italian constituents
- **BLUM**: Hated Wilson as Wilson hated him (627)





Wilson's Collapse

- Wilson refused to compromise, and he was likely in the right not to do so, but that doesn't matter w/ politics→ refused to compromise at all
- 8000-Mile-37-stop speaking tour→ not one vote
 - 10/2/1919 Blood clot in his brain didn't affect Wilson mentally, but in all other ways
- 11/6 Lodge presents his reservations to Senate
 - Seen in bad taste by Dems→ rejected



Partisanship Kills

- 20M Americans, FRA/UK encourage compromise & ratification
- Wilson would not hear of it; Obsessed?
- Lodge wouldn't negotiate either & followed Irreconcilables & his own feelings
- 3/8/20 23 Dems & 12 Irreconcilables vote it down
- BLUM: Partisanship to blame; revealed how much domestic policy can damage foreign policy (629)

 TREATYOF VERSAILLES

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WHO WANTS TO PASS THE TREATY?