The Progressive Movement and the Transformation of American Politics Questions

70pts

1. Compare & contrast the Founders view of natural rights to the Progressives view of historical relativity.
2. Explain in your own words the differences between the Founders & Progressives views on the purpose of government. Think about government "creating individuals" versus "protecting individuals."
3. What is the “social compact” view of the Founding Fathers? By contrast Progressives like Charles Merriam argued rights have their source where?
4. How did the Founders view religion and God as compared to the Progressives?
5. To the Founders what was the purpose of government? Why to them did government need to be limited? What view did Progressives have of the private sphere/realm? Why was gov. control important for Progressives?
6. Summarize in several sentences the views of the Founders & Progressives on domestic policy.
7. Summarize in several sentences the views of the Founders & Progressives on foreign policy.
8. Who should rule in the view of the Founding Fathers? Who should rule in the view of the Progressives?
9. You’ve read the article and compared and contrasted the Founders and the Progressives visions. Write a minimum of a THREE PARAGRAPH response in which you explain which view of American government & politics you most agree with and why. Give specific examples to back up your position. Consider these two summarized perspectives to help focus your response:
   1. **Founders:** “People are naturally flawed. They can make bad decisions for themselves and even worse ones for other people. That’s why we need checks and balances and strict limits on government power.”
   2. **Progressives:** “People are naturally good. They can and should be made better through government action and policies. This will help to promote justice and end social & economic inequality.”