

The President Woodrow Wilson House

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About Me

- From the East Bay in California
- Just finished my first year at the George Washington University
- Major: International Affairs+ Environmental Studies
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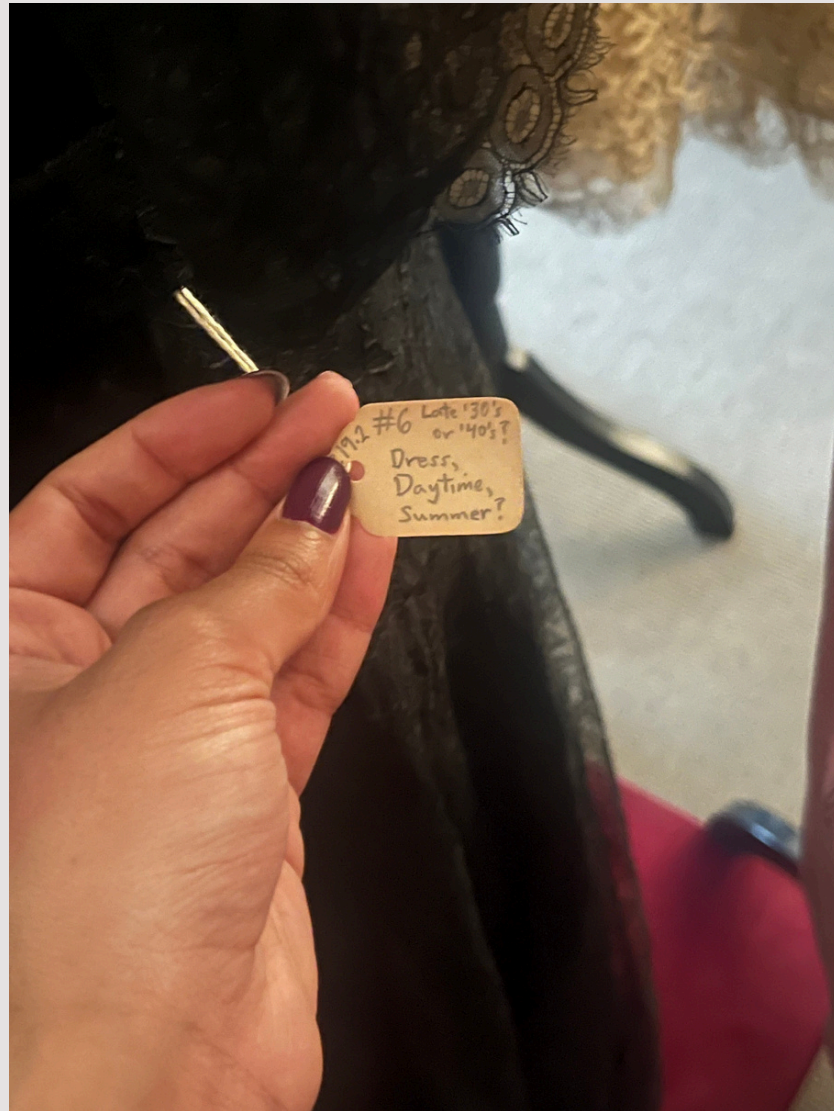
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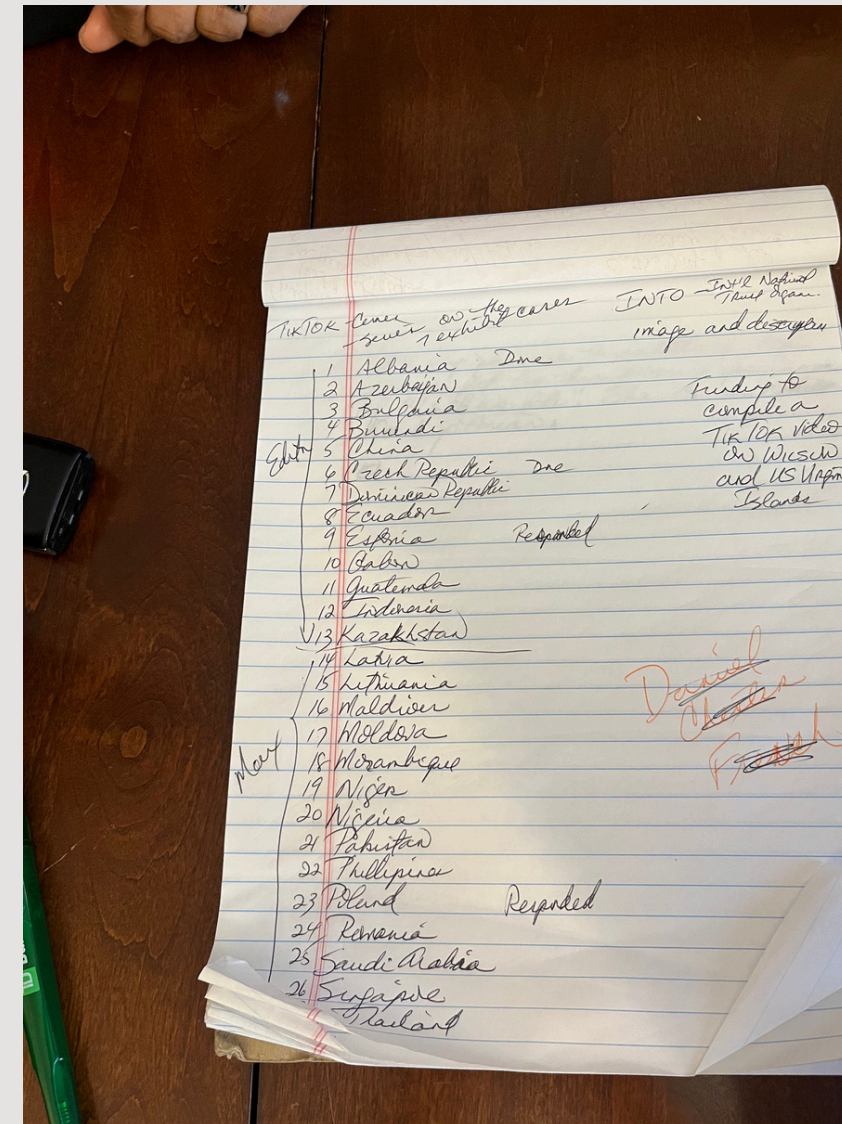
Moving Towards Transparency

- gathered items
- researched through rediscovery
- glued together the panels mounted on the walls of the exhibit

At the House



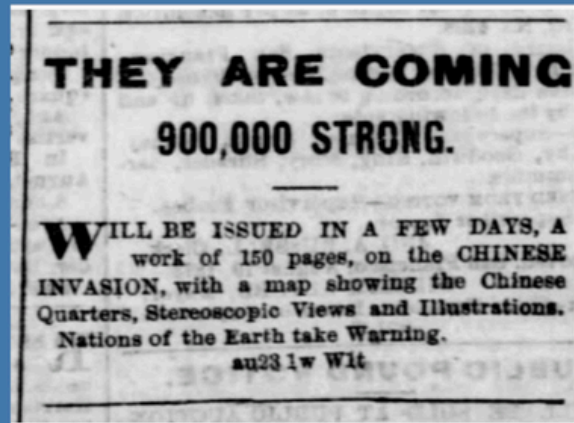
- assisted in finding Edith Wilson's black dresses to display downstairs



Fashioning Power, Fashioning Peace

- contact list for embassies
- created guest list
- packaged invites
- created gift bags

Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914 Brochure



<https://exhibits.stanford.edu/riseup/feature/timeline-of-systemic-racism-against-aqi>

Racial Issues

Although the Harrison Narcotics Act was the first federal law of its kind, some states previously had regulatory measures. Often times, this had to do with racist views that connected to drug use. In California, there was a large Anti-Asian sentiment. This resulted in a ban on smoking opium because of its prominence within the Asian American community at the time. The African American community was also targeted. Cocaine addiction was more severe in the South and Americans falsely tied this to the Black community.

Resources

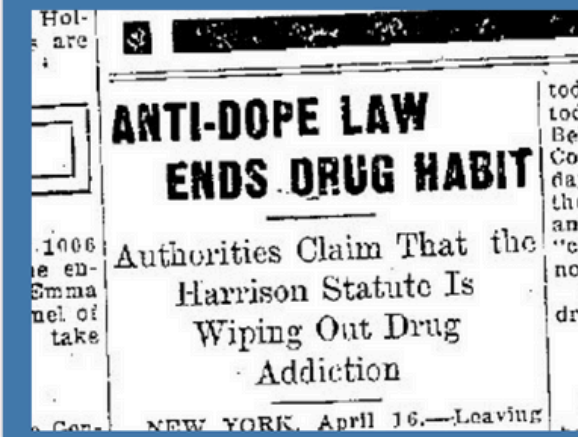
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<https://www.whitehousehistory.org/bios/woodrow-wilson>



The Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914

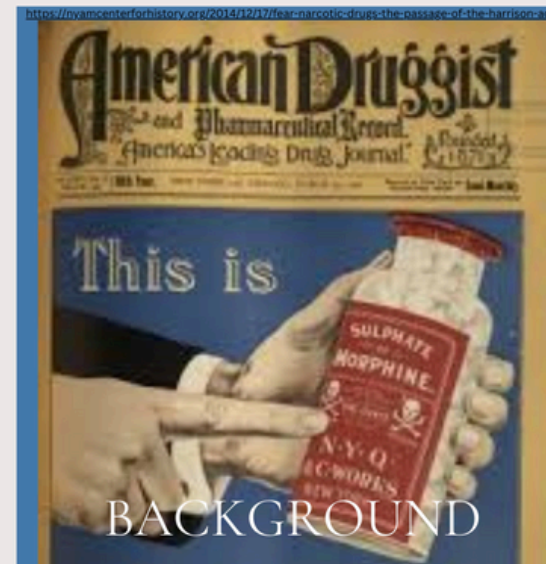
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<https://archives.lacrosselibrary.org/blog/la-crosses-drug-problem/>

About the Act

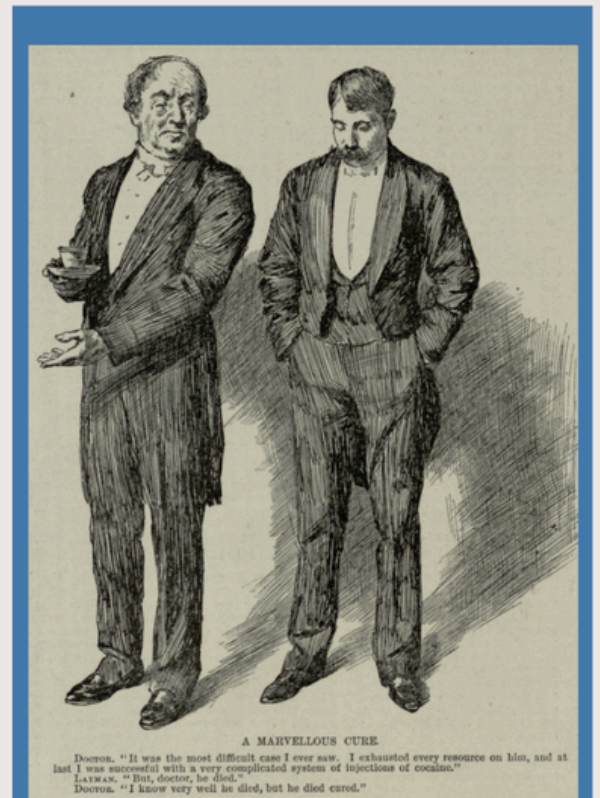
This act was passed while Woodrow Wilson was president. It aimed to reduce the supply of opioids and cocaine by making producers registering their business to a Commissioner of Internal Revenue.



- 1 During the Civil War, morphine was used to treat wounded soldiers
- 2 Addiction to morphine continued after this and opioids were sold as an alternative
- 3 The sale of opioids and drugs were unregulated during the 19th century
- 4 Addiction continued to increase and by 1900 there was an extremely high rate of drug use per capita
- 5 concern over drug use starts emerging

Impact

This was the first federal law of its kind and targeted the illegal distribution of drugs. It hoped to regulate the drug trade within the United States. However, this did not outlaw the medical use of opioids.



<https://nyamcenterforhistory.org/2014/02/17/fear-narcotic-drugs-the-passage-of-the-harrison-act/>

Thank you

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