

John D. Rockefeller

“I believe it is every man’s religious duty to get all he can honestly and to give all he can”

“Competition is a sin.” --Quotes from John Rockefeller

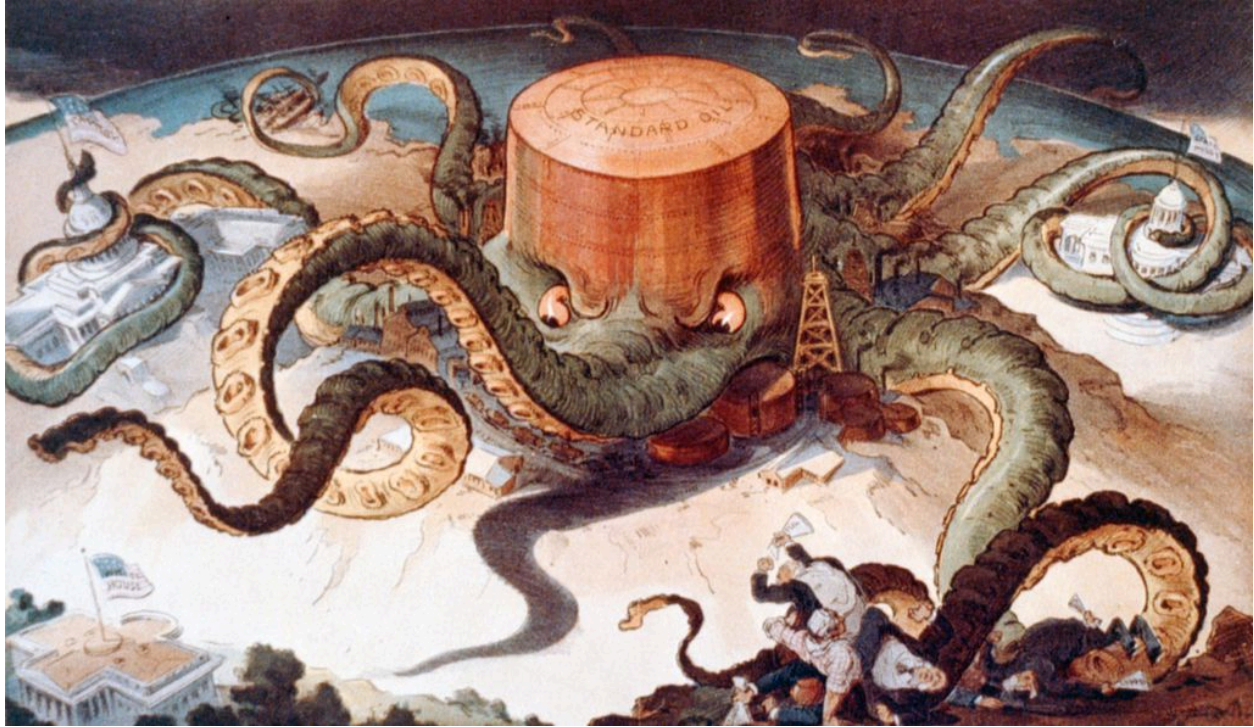
Source	Sourcing Information & Contextualization
John D. Rockefeller and the Rise of Standard Oil Biography	Secondary Source - History Channel
John D Rockefeller - Biography	Secondary Source - Biography Channel
"The New Tycoons: John D. Rockefeller" (Overview)	Secondary Source - US History
Political Cartoon - What a funny little government	Primary Source - illustrates how much more powerful than the government Rockefeller was
John D. Rockefeller Defended (Foundation for Economic Education)	Secondary Source - Foundation for Economic Education
A History of the Rockefellers (start with John D. after the Civil War)	Secondary Source - Business insider
The Richest Man Who Ever Lived --video	Secondary Source - Biography of Rockefeller as told by a historian
Rockefeller Testimony	Primary Sources - Testimony from antitrust trial
Ludlow Massacre - Rocky Mountain PBS	PBS mini documentary on Ludlow Mine Massacre & Labor Rights Movement
Ludlow Massacre - John D. Rockefeller Jr. Testimony	Primary Source - testimony by Rockefeller’s son on company’s treatment of workers

(Note: this is John D. Rockefeller's son)

Below are additional political cartoons and information about Rockefeller and Standard Oil.



"The Trust Giant's Point of View: What a funny little government"--Caricature of John D. Rockefeller holding White House and President McKinley in the palm of his hand; Capitol and Treasury Dept. in background as "Standard Oil Refinery".



Political cartoon showing a Standard Oil tank as an octopus with tentacles wrapped around the steel, copper, and shipping industries, as well as a state house, the U.S. Capitol and one tentacle reaching for the White House.

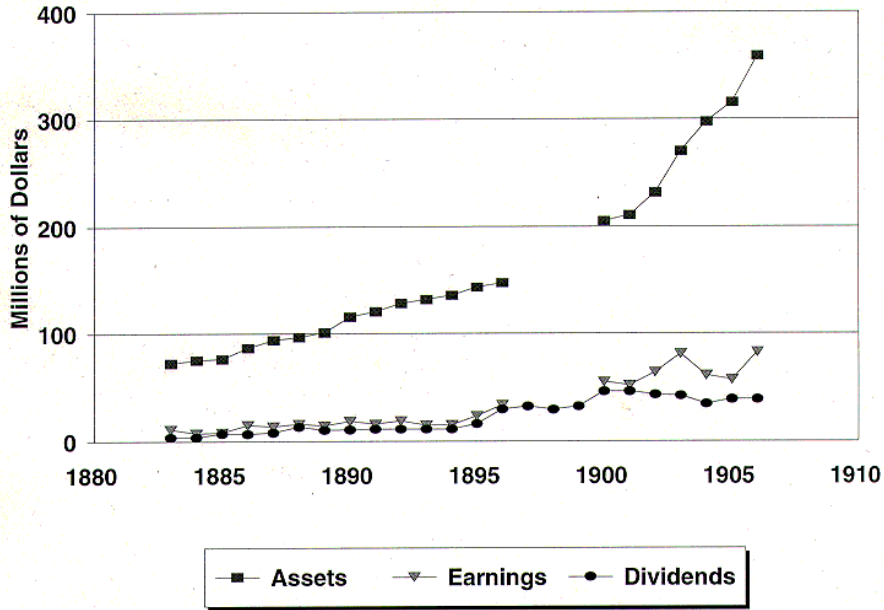


"The King of Combinations"-- In this cartoon Rockefeller's crown is labeled with the names of rail lines that he effectively controlled, while he stands on his platform of Standard Oil. 1901

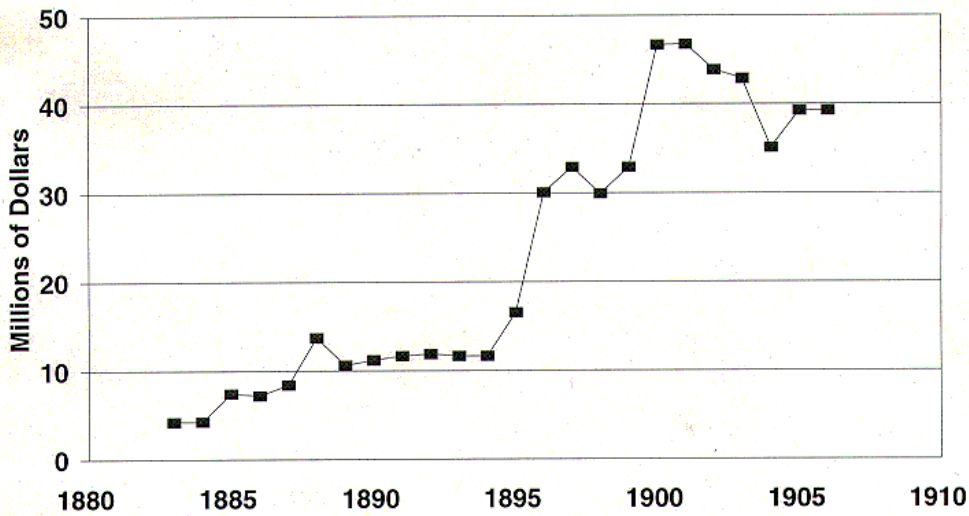


Two early images of Standard Oil refineries.

Standard Oil Assets, Earnings and Dividends

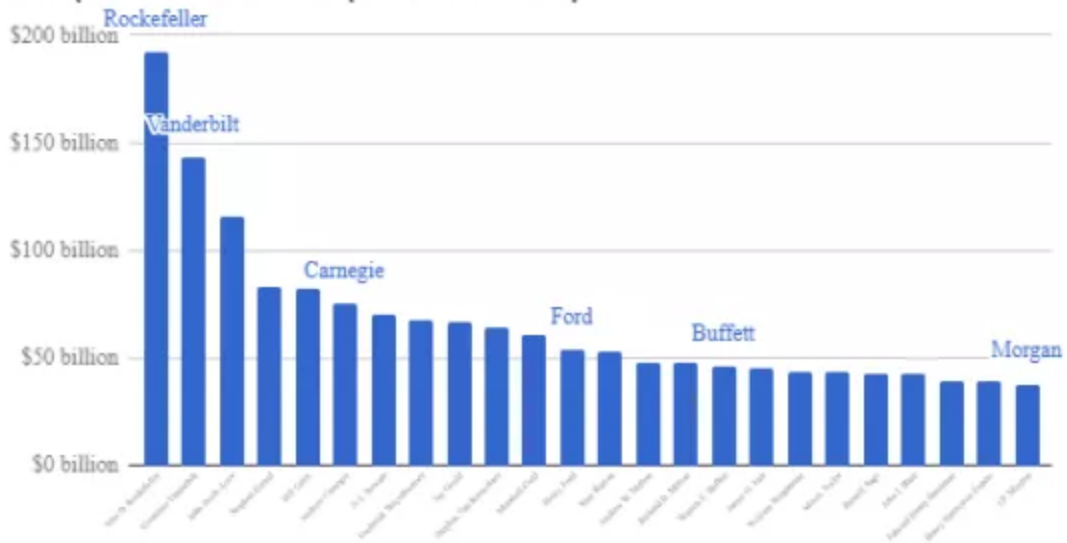


Standard Oil Dividends



Dividends are portions of a company's earnings, paid out to shareholders who have invested in the company.

History's wealthiest Americans by share of the economy



Source: Klepper and Gunther via the New York Times, 2007