## **Pro Political Machines**

- Political machines might be a little shady or immoral, but they're certainly no worse than the government corruption that takes place everyday. The American economy and society are structured in a way that favors those with an advantage, so everyone does what he can to level the playing field. Plus, they provide needed services and benefit people. They're necessary and help a lot of people: who cares as long as the ends justify the means?
- Resources: Machine Politics Then and Now; The Case for Bringing Back Machine Politics; Plunkitt of Tammany Hall\*\*\* make sure you read

## **Anti Political Machines**

- Political machines are corrupt and immoral institutions that ruin democracy and need to be stopped. They encourage dishonesty and create more chaos and problems while helping few, mostly themselves and their cronies.
- Resources: Corruption & Political Machines; The Shame of the Cities\*\*\* make sure you read; Battling a Ward Boss