• $200 million were unaccounted under him
• charged for bribery and corruption — jailed and fined for $10,000
• Harding was criticised of nepotism, there are doubts of how much did Harding know about the doings of the Ohio Gang
• Achieved little during his presidency, but he was elected to do little — less role of government

Social issues

❖ Women’s Suffrage
- Main figure: Alice Paul
  - organised suffrage parades in Washington from 1912 to 1920
  - tactics
    - influenced by the British suffragette
    - maximise publicity and disruption
    - hunger strike in prison, picketing the White house
- Nineteenth Amendment
  - passed in 1920 as a result of the suffrage parades
  - gave women the right to vote
  - Support
    - by 1916 had support from both Republican and Democratic party — President Wilson agreed with women’s suffrage
    - widespread appreciation of women’s work during the war
  - Against
    - textile factories owners — feared for demand of wage raise and better working condition
    - Suppliers of alcohol — feared of their support for prohibition
- Success or failure?
  - the Nineteenth Amendment was a success
  - however, although women can vote legally, it did not make much changes to the social status of women, and there are definitely no equal opportunity for women in the society

❖ Prohibition
- Eighteenth Amendment was passed in 1919
  - banned the sale, transportation, and manufacture of intoxicating liquor within US
  - the Treasury was in charge of the enforcement
  - John F Kramer — first Prohibition Commissioner

unprecedented degree of government involvement — shows the contradiction of federal policies in America at the time

1 appointing close friends and relations to high posts
2 the right to vote
3 drink containing more than 1/2% of alcohol