incorporating 'ism' goes to C.H pierce. Philosophers like William James, W. H. Kirkpatrick and John Dewey enriched the philosophy of pragmatism to a great extent.

From the word 'pragma' practice and practical have been derived. In ordinary language, it means real treatment of things based mainly on their practical utility. Element of utility has the greatest appeal to the pragmatists. To a pragmatist, whatever useful is good and whatever good is useful. Utility is truth, truth is utility. Thus, pragmatists believe in utilitarianism.

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