

# Social Reforms and Conditions

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1. Working conditions
2. Regional responses
  - a. Germany
  - b. England
  - c. France
3. Trade Unions
4. Socialism
  - Aid to workers
    - o Paternalistic practices
      - Pension
      - Company housing
      - Insurance
      - Savings accounts
    - o Lacked uniformity
  - German Response
    - o 1st state to provide social legislation
    - o Bismarck
      - Hated socialists
      - Hated Catholics
      - Wanted to prevent workers from turning to socialism
        - Insurance for accidents, retirement, burial, some medical
  - England
    - o Poor houses until 1929
    - o Labour party
    - o Social legislation
    - o Eventually other two parties passed reforms too
  - France
    - o Very wide spread socialist reforms
    - o Disputes sent to *arbitration*
  - Trade Unions
    - o Legalized
    - o Taylorism
      - Method of managing the workplace
      - Work was measured; paid by amount of work produced

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- August Comte
  - Believed in the promise of science
    - 3 stages
      - Theological
      - Metaphysical
      - Positive
  - Positivism