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| **Supporting Question 3:** | What did the US Government do with the evidence from the Hygienic Table Trials (Wiley) and the Neil-Reynolds Report (Sinclair)? |
| **Source 3E:** | This is an excerpt from an online textbook called OpenStax, published by Rice University. The excerpt is taken from a longer chapter on the Progressive Era. |
| Corbett, P. S., Janssen, V., Lund, J. M., Pfannestiel, T., Waskiewicz, S., & Vickery, P. (2014). 21.4  Progressivism in the White House. In *U.S. History*. OpenStax.  <https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/1-introduction> | |

“Early in his second term, Roosevelt read muckraker Upton Sinclair’s 1905 novel and exposé on the meatpacking industry, The Jungle. Although Roosevelt initially questioned the book due to Sinclair’s **professed** Socialist leanings, a subsequent presidential commission investigated the industry and corroborated the **deplorable** conditions under which Chicago’s meatpackers processed meats for American consumers. Alarmed by the results and under pressure from an outraged public disgusted with the revelations, Roosevelt moved quickly to protect public health. He urged the passage of two laws to do so. The first, the Meat Inspection Act of 1906, established a system of government inspection for meat products, including grading the meat based on its quality. This standard was also used for imported meats. The second was the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906, which required labels on all food and drug products that clearly stated the materials in the product. The law also prohibited any “**adulterated**” products, a measure aimed at some specific, unhealthy food preservatives. For Sinclair, this outcome was a disappointment nonetheless, since he had sought to draw attention to the plight of workers in the slaughterhouses, not the poor quality of the meat products. “I aimed at the public’s heart, and by accident, I hit it in the stomach,” he concluded with frustration.”

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| **Vocabulary:**  professed: publicly declared  deplorable: terrible  adulterated: altered (in a bad way) |

**Comprehension Questions:**

1. (Close reading) Why was Roosevelt originally skeptical of Sinclair’s claims?
2. According to this document, who seems to be responsible for the reforms to food safety laws in the United States?
3. (Close reading) What was the original purpose of Sinclair’s novel?