The growing number of reformers, union organizers, and workers' rights advocates who were calling for a radical transformation of American society. The centralization of industry and the increasing concentration of economic power, under the hegemony of capitalism, was a major concern. The spread of the semi-socialist movement and the increasing importance of workers' organizations in the political process underscored the need for a new revolutionary infrastructure in America. The spread of semi-socialism, particularly in the context of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and the Knights of Labor, was seen as a potential precursor to broader socialist and revolutionary change. The spread of the semi-socialist movement and the increasing importance of workers' organizations in the political process underscored the need for a new revolutionary infrastructure in America. The spread of semi-socialist movement and the increasing importance of workers' organizations in the political process underscored the need for a new revolutionary infrastructure in America.