

The Election of 1932

Herbert Hoover

- Republican
- Viewed as uncaring
- Still didn't believe in govt. aid



Franklin Delano Roosevelt

- Democrat
- Seemed concerned
- During campaign; brainstormed with experts how to solve Great Depression

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Secret Illness



Advisors

1. Picked experienced reformers for his cabinet
2. Chose a labor reformer as secretary of Labor (first female)
3. Urban reformer for Secretary of the interior
4. Placed African Americans in govt. positions
5. Wife played an important role



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Hundred Days



- Congress met during this time; passing FDR's New Deal Programs
 - series of govt. programs
 - Intent: to pull country out of depression
 - create jobs/provide for the people



The New Deal

- Only allowed stable banks to re-open
- Created FDIC: protected bank accounts
- Created Home Owners Loan Corp: offered low interest/long term mortgage rates
- Federal Emergency Relief Admin: gave relief money to the states to distribute
 - By 1935 spent 3 billion
- Civilian Conservation Corps & Civil Works Admin: provided jobs

Controversy & The 2nd New Deal

- Critics of New Deal led to a reform → 2nd New Deal
- 2nd New Deal:
 - Social Security Act; distributes money to retired workers over 65
 - gave insurance to unemployed
 - Benefits to families of male workers who died

Election of 1936

- Economy improving but millions still unemployed
- Republican, Alfred Landon runs
 - against many of the New Deal programs; waste of money
- Roosevelt wins



FDR & The Supreme Court

- Supreme Court kept striking down the New Deal
 - Roosevelt tried to increase the number of judges from 9 to 15 → **SHUT DOWN**
 - next 4 years; 7 justices died or retired
 - Roosevelt appointed justices that agreed with New Deal



“Roosevelt Recession”

- Roosevelt tried to reduce federal aid → Economy declines again:
 - 1938 unemployment shoots back up
 - Roosevelt reinstates aid
- The Depression does not end until WW2 hit
 - due to wartime production

