

Effects of the New Deal



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Identify the social and political contributions of Eleanor Roosevelt, Frances Perkins, and other women involved in New Deal programs.
- Explain how the New Deal expanded economic opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities.
- Analyze how the New Deal changed the shape of American party politics and lessened ethnic and social divisions within American society.
- Evaluate the effect of the New Deal on the historical role of the federal government and Franklin D. Roosevelt on the presidency.

Women Play Significant Political Roles

Eleanor Roosevelt transforms the office of First Lady

She traveled across the nation visiting Reservations, Mines, & Farms

The first female cabinet members were elected

Frances Perkins helped end child labor & establish a minimum wage

Strong Political Voice for African Americans

The unemployment rate for African Americans during this time was 50%!

Eleanor Roosevelt fought against discrimination, sometimes even going “against the law”

Black Cabinet- Group of African American leaders who advised FDR

Although FDR would not favor an anti-lynching law for fear of losing Southern Support

New Deal Legislation for Native Americans

The administration began to notice the weak Dawes Act had violated the rights of various tribes

Indian New Deal- Program that gave Indians economic assistance & control over their own affairs

The BIA began to encourage Native culture use & funding allowed for schools & hospitals

The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934
restored tribal control over Native American land

New Political Coalition Emerges

New Deal Coalition- Alliance of Americans from various backgrounds & races in support of the New Deal

African American populations began to switch parties from Republican to Democrat

Roosevelt would be elected for FOUR terms!

New Deal programs began to also break down racial barriers & regional prejudices

New Deal Expands Role of Government

The New Deal made the Federal Government much more powerful & recognizable to the nation

New Deal Programs strengthened Capitalism & brought America into the current age

Welfare State- Government assumes the responsibility for welfare of children, poor, elderly, sick, disabled, & unemployed

The Executive Branch & power of the president was greatly expanded