

Chapter 15 Section 1

The New Deal



1932 Presidential Election

- Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) wins
- FDR was a Democrat



New Deal

- FDR's plan to fix the problems of the Great Depression
- 3 goals
 - Relief for the needy
 - Economic recovery
 - Financial reform



100 Days

- Congress passed 15 major pieces of New Deal Legislation
 - This was easy since he was a Democrat and Congress was controlled by the Democrats



Fireside Chats

- Radio addresses to the country by FDR
- Very informal



Financial change

- FDIC bank insurance established in 1933
- Federal Securities Act set up stock market regulation



Helping the People

- Government paid farmers money not to seed some of their land which would decrease supply. If supply is decreased, price goes up



Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

- Put men age 18-25 to work building roads, etc
- Paid \$30 month, \$25 went home to the families



- Workers were given meals, clothing, and shelter
- 3 million men worked for the CCC



Public Works Administration

- Provided money to states to build schools and community buildings



Battle with the Supreme Court

- Some of FDR's programs were unconstitutional according to the Supreme Court
- The Supreme Court was controlled by the Republicans



- Because of retirements, FDR was able to appoint 7 justices to the Supreme Court, swaying the court to the Democratic side



1936 Election

- FDR wins 2nd term
- 1st time most African Americans voted Democrat
- 1st time labor unions gave support to a candidate



Works Progress Administration (WPA)

- Gave jobs to 11 million people
- Built airports, roads, streets, public buildings



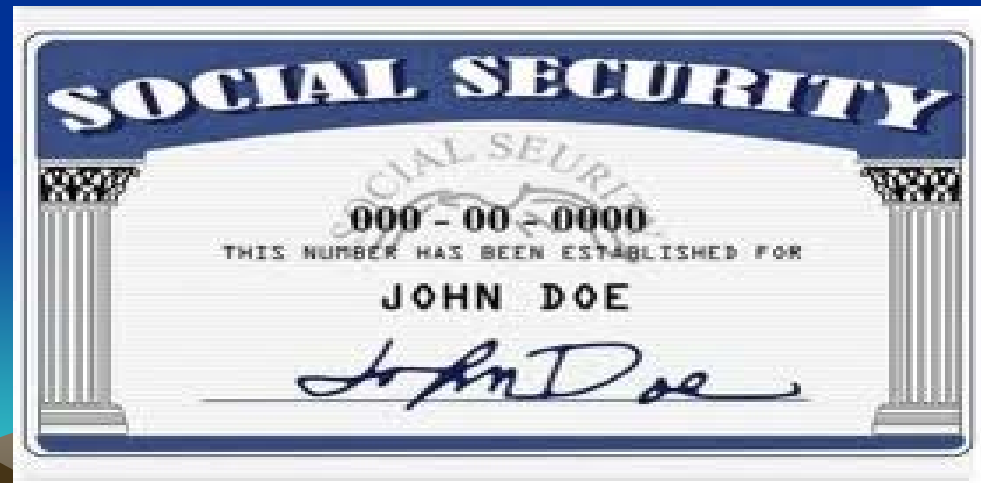
Wagner Act

- Protected rights of workers to unionize and collectively bargain new contracts



Social Security Act

- Established social security
 - Insurance for people 65 and older
 - Unemployment compensation
 - Aid to families with children and the disabled



Women During the New Deal

- Frances Parker was the 1st woman cabinet member
- Two female ambassadors and a woman federal judge were appointed by FDR



African Americans during the New Deal

- Phillip Randolph organized the 1st all black trade union
- 100 African Americans were appointed to key government jobs during the New Deal by FDR



Civil Rights During the New Deal

- FDR supported equality but did not do much for civil rights because he did not want to lose the Southern vote which he needed

- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was very
of the rights of women and
Americans



New Deal Coalition

- Was a group of diverse people/groups dedicated to supporting the Democratic party
- Helped the Democrats dominate politics during the 1930's and 1940's



New Union

- CIO formed
 - Unskilled workers (factory workers, miners, etc)
 - Were not wanted or represented well by the American Federation of Labor (AFL)



Big City Effect

- FDR won the 12 largest cities in the US in 1936 election
- Cities became centers of the Democratic party



Motion Pictures (Movies)

- Helped people escape problems of the 1930's (Depression)
- Famous movies
 - Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs
 - Gone with the Wind
 - Wizard of Oz



Radio

- Almost everyone in the USA had a radio
- Families gathered around to listen to their favorite programs (just like we do now with TV)
- Orson Welles broadcasts “War of the Worlds”



“War of the Worlds”

- October 30, 1938
- Scared people into thinking that aliens really landed
- Caused riots
- Power went out in Washington DC right after the program, people thought it was the aliens



Federal Arts Project

- Part of the New Deal programs
- Paid artists to make public art
- Grant Wood painted American Gothic (farmer and his wife with pitchfork)



American Gothic



Federal Theater Project

- Part of the New Deal
- Paid actors, directors, and writers to make plays across the country



Federal Writers Project

- Helped John Steinbeck write the *Grapes of Wrath*
 - About people leaving Oklahoma b/c of the dustbowl and ending up in California where it doesn't get any better for them



New Deal Criticisms

- Some people criticize the New Deal for making the federal government too powerful
- Other people criticize it did not do enough for social equality



Gov't and the Economy

- Established the FDIC and the SEC to monitor and regulate banking and investment trading (stocks)
- WWII eventually ends the Great Depression b/c of the need for mass production of military materials; created jobs



New Deal Legacy

- Gave hope
- Gave benefits and protection to people who needed it during the Great Depression

