

## AP United States History

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### Challenges to the New Deal

- 1937 Court Packing: The Judicial Reorganization Bill
  - FDR tries to increase the number of justices from 9 to 15: Rejected by Congress
  - Opponents called out FDR for abuse of separation of powers
- New Deal Coalition: Political Realignment
  - Union members, urbanites, the underclass switched to the Democratic Party
  - FDR even got the solid south because policies helped white farmers too
  - Election of 1936 was one of the most one-sided in history
    - Democrats in the north and south voted for FDR
    - African Americans vote democrat for the first time
- Roosevelt Recession
  - In 1938, 1939 at the bequest of conservative members of Roosevelt's brain trust, government cut spending
    - As a result, the economy begins to suffer around this time
    - FDR was influenced by Keynes and restarts deficit spending again