

## Essay Questions for Essay #6

1. Evaluate the impact of the Depression on American society, 1929-1939.
2. 'The business of America is business'; 'The ideal of America is idealism.' How far do these sayings of Calvin Coolidge reflect the policies of his Presidency, 1923-9?
3. How accurate is it to describe the 1920s as a decade of conformity, intolerance and conservatism?
4. Consider the view that the New Deal was more significant politically than economically.
5. Which were the more typical of 1920s America: Prohibition and intolerance or the Jazz Age and increasing social freedom?
6. 'Flexibility was both his strength and his weakness.' How valid is this assessment of F. D. Roosevelt as President?
7. Which groups benefited the most and which the least from FDR's New Deal policies in the period 1933–1941?
8. Why was Roosevelt's victory in the 1940 Presidential election much more narrow than in 1932 and 1936?
9. 'A triumph of image over substance.' Discuss this verdict on the first two Presidential terms of Franklin D Roosevelt.
10. How accurate is it to represent the New Deal as a 'political revolution'?
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