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* Intro
  + Factors Led to the great depression
    - Overproduction
    - Credit
    - WWI Debt
  + Solutions to bring back the economy
    - 21st Amendment
    - Big challenge
* Franklin Delano Roosevelt
  + Infantile Paralysis
    - Didn’t want people to see his wheelchair
    - this might’ve been good, prior he was somewhat arrogant?
    - Patience, tolerance, **Commpasion,** strong willed, humble
    - Charismatic speaker
    - FDR (D-NY)
    - Herbert Hoover (R-Incumbent)
* Herbert Hoover 1932 Election Hoover’s Platform
  + “Worst is Past”
  + “It might have been worse”
  + “prosperity is just around the corner”
  + Repeal of hawley smoot
* 1912 Presidential Election Roosevelt’s Platform
  + “Forgotten Man”
  + Speeches written by “Brain Trust”
  + “Happy Days are here again”
* 1932 Presidential Election Results
  + Shift of power from republicans to democrats
  + Landslide victory for FDR
  + the Black vote shifted to democrats
  + No chance for Republicans
  + Hoover now a “lame duck”.....?
* Inaguration speech
  + “The only thing we have to fear is fear it’self”
* Three R’s
  + National banking holiday
    - 4 days
  + Hundred Days Congress
    - Democratic Majority
      * POTAS had the backing of congress
  + New Deal/ Meaning
    - Relief
    - Reform
    - Recovery
  + FDR has more power than any president has ever had, or will ever have
  + Back to progressive ideals
    - we need to change something
* Managing Money
  + Emergency Banking Relief Act 1933
  + “Fireside Chats”
  + He had to persuade people to put their money back in the banks
  + Glass-Steagall Banking Reform Act (FDIC)
  + Private Holdings of Gold to Treasury
  + Goal was Inflation... What would that do?
  + Gold up from $21 to $35
* Creating Jobs
  + 25% unemployment
  + “Prime the Pump”
  + DD
  + Reforestation, firefighting, flood control, swamp drainage
* Crisis of the New Deal
  + Father Charles Coughlin “Social Justice”
  + Too much power
  + Calls FDR a communist
  + Calls him a dictator
  + “Democrats and republicans aren't even americans”
* Huey Long of Louisiana
  + Senator
  + Pro-socialism
  + “Pour down wealth”
  + none shall work to much none shall work to little none impoverished
  + everyone is average
* Influence of Women
  + Eleanor Roosevelt
  + Most active first lady
  + “Main associate to franklin”
  + Francis Perkins: Sec. of Labor
  + Mary McLeod Bethune: Minority affairs
  + Pearl S Buck: 3rd american to win the nobel prize for literature
  + Eleanor Roosevelt “had a lot to do with this”
* Industry and Labor
  + National Recovery Administration (NRA)
    - industry, labor, unemployed
    - set work hour limits
    - minimum wage
    - Allows workers to unionize
  + Public Works Administration (PWA)
    - Grand Coulee Dam (columbia river)
      * provides irrigation to farmers/power and creates a booming economy in surrounding areas
  + Beer Act and eventually.. 21st amendment
    - 3.2% limit for beer
* Dust Bowl
  + Drought + Winds= Dust Storms
  + During the depression
  + Dust bowl migrants (“Okies”, “Arkies”)
  + Makes growing anything impossible
  + Grapes of Wrath (Steinbeck)
* Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
  + Most revolutionary programs
  + Employment, electric power, housing, soil, reforestation, flood control
* Housing and Social Secuirty
  + Federal Housing Administration (FHA)
    - small loans for improvements and building new homes
  + Outlasted FDR
  + Social Security Act
    - Fed/ State Unemployment Insurance
    - Old age Payments
    - Had to be employed
* 1936 President Election
  + 20th Amendment passed: “Lame Duck” amendment...Inauguration dates
  + FDR continues New Deal Reforms
  + Supreme Court essentially against FDR
  + 6/9 over 70 years of age
  + Supreme court is ultra conservative
    - anti-new deal
    - make decisions for generation thereafter
* Court Packing
  + FDR’s Rationale?
  + FDR’s idea:
    - New justice to SC for anyone over 70
    - Maximum on Bench: 15
    - “New Blood”
    - Caught nation by suprise
    - negative mark on FDR
* Changing of the Court
  + FDR and dictator?
  + Criticized for attemptinng to break down checks and balances
  + Congress passes Court reform bill ( FDR’s first major legislative defeat)
  + FDR gets his court but not without costs