

How Acts of the New Deal tried to fashion a more Stable economy and a more equitable society

The Great Depression did much to undermine America's confidence. It hurt the economy so much that it took a new president and a new plan to revitalize the nation. The New Deal used the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Social Security Act, and the Works Progress Administration to make life more bearable in America. → could be better (3)

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First, the Agricultural Adjustment Act ~~was~~ tried to restart agriculture. Throughout the 1920s, many people lived the good life. This wasn't so for the American farmer. Farmers bought up land, and they went into debt for that. They tried to pay off the debts by planting excess amounts of crops. Eventually, the farmers had planted too many crops, and prices for their crops went down. With the onset of the Great Depression, farmers ~~was~~ were hit even harder, as they tried to plant even more crops to pay off their debts. Franklin Roosevelt designed the AAA to get the farmers ~~out~~ out of their slump. The AAA reduced crop production and commodities. As a result, six million pigs and 220,000 cows were killed. Farmers were encouraged ~~to~~ to kill crops, and they did so, by plowing over about a fourth of their crops. As a result, farm prices for crops went up, and farmers were back on their feet. From now on, they had a voice in government that they didn't have before.

One of the most long-lasting and ~~and~~ important social programs, the Social Security Act, was started by the New Deal. The Great Depression hit everyone hard, especially those who weren't working or could not work. Those were the elderly and unemployed. Roosevelt decided

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that never again would these people starve, so he established the Social Security Act. Before the act, grandparents, who were not working had to move in with grandchildren, and the unemployed had to find ways of surviving. The SSA started giving out money to people in 1940, at about ten dollars a month. It wasn't much, but it helped a lot. The SSA made America better, because it now give those elderly and unemployed a voice in government just like farmers. The SSA also helped the blind. It is one of the most important acts in American history, and it has been around for decades.

A third important act in the New Deal was the Works Progress Administration. Like other New Deal acts such as the CCC and CWA, this act employed many people. The Works Progress Administration or WPA was different, because it wasn't as temporary. It also was different, because of its huge five billion dollar budget. The WPA was a success, because it built 600 airports, 110,000 buildings, 109,000 bridges, and 500,000 miles in roads. It not only relieved the unemployed, but it reformed the areas needing things built.

The New Deal used the AAA, SSA, & WPA to make a better America. The New Deal had many long-lasting effects.

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