

FDR and the New Deal



Franklin Delano Roosevelt:

- Born in NY (into a very wealthy family)
- Graduated from Harvard
- Elected 32nd President of the U.S.
- Polio (1921)

FDR's views

- Governor of New York
- Reform minded
- Hands on government
- “Can do and will do” attitude



His Philosophy:

- **“Reform” and “Progressive” President**
- Despite being wealthy, he truly cared about America’s poor and worked throughout his political career to improve their conditions
 - As governor (1931), he set up the nation’s 1st relief programs (**state welfare**)

"I pledge too you, I pledge too myself, a new deal for the American people."

New Deal:

- **Nick name given to FDR's plan to:**
 - Provide relief for the needy
 - Speed up economic recovery
 - Enact financial reforms



The first “Hundred Days”:

- From March 9 to June 16, 1933 congress passed 15 major pieces of legislation to fight the Depression
- These laws significantly **expanded** the government’s role in the nation’s economy.
- “Banking Holiday”
 - ALL closed, inspected by Gov’t

New Deal Programs

- Glass-Steagall Act
- Federal Securities Act
- AAA
- CCC
- NIRA
- NRA
- WPA
- TVA

New Deal Coalition:

- **A collection of diverse voting blocks that voted for Democrats from 1932 to 1966**
- **Included:**
 - **big city machines**
 - **labor unions**
 - **minorities (racial, ethnic and religious)**
 - **liberal farm groups**
 - **the South**

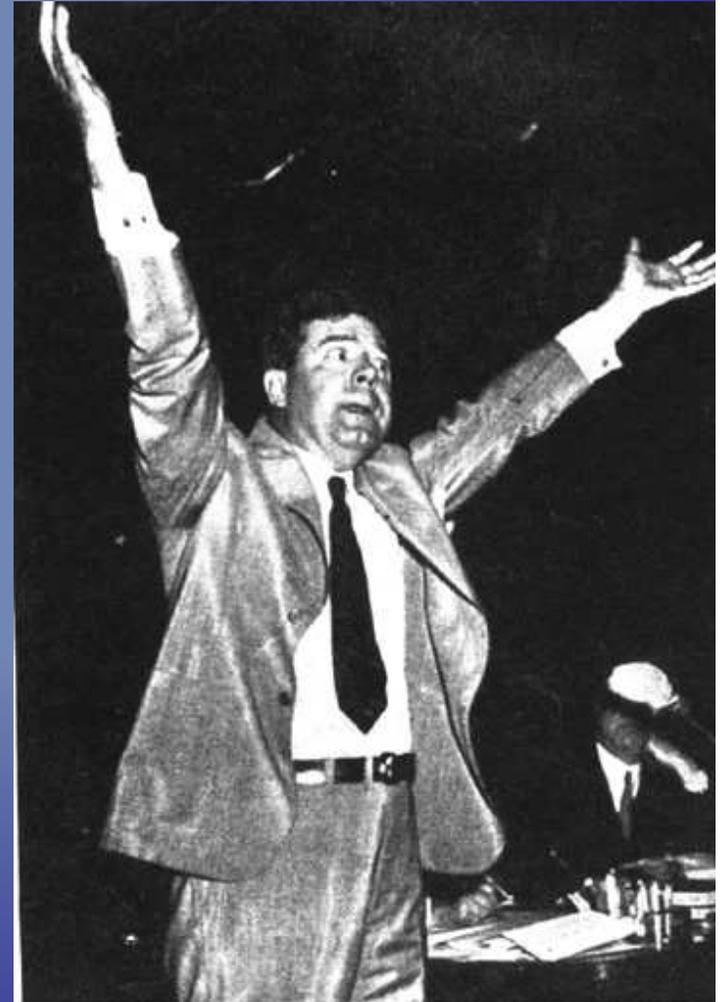
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Attacks on the New Deal:

1. Deficit Spending (when the government spends more than it takes in)
2. Huey Long
 - “Share-Our-Wealth” campaign
3. Some were upset with the AAA and the NIRA because they interfered with the free market



“Court Packing”

- **The Supreme Court reacts:**
 - Declares the NIRA and the AAA unconstitutional.
 - Court Packing: FDR appointed 7 justices to Supreme Court



Long term effects of the New Deal: (Read p. 517+ and describe each)

- **Debt and employment:**
- **Expanded role of the Government in the economy (FDIC and SEC):**
- **Protecting workers rights (Wagner Act):**
- **Social Security:**

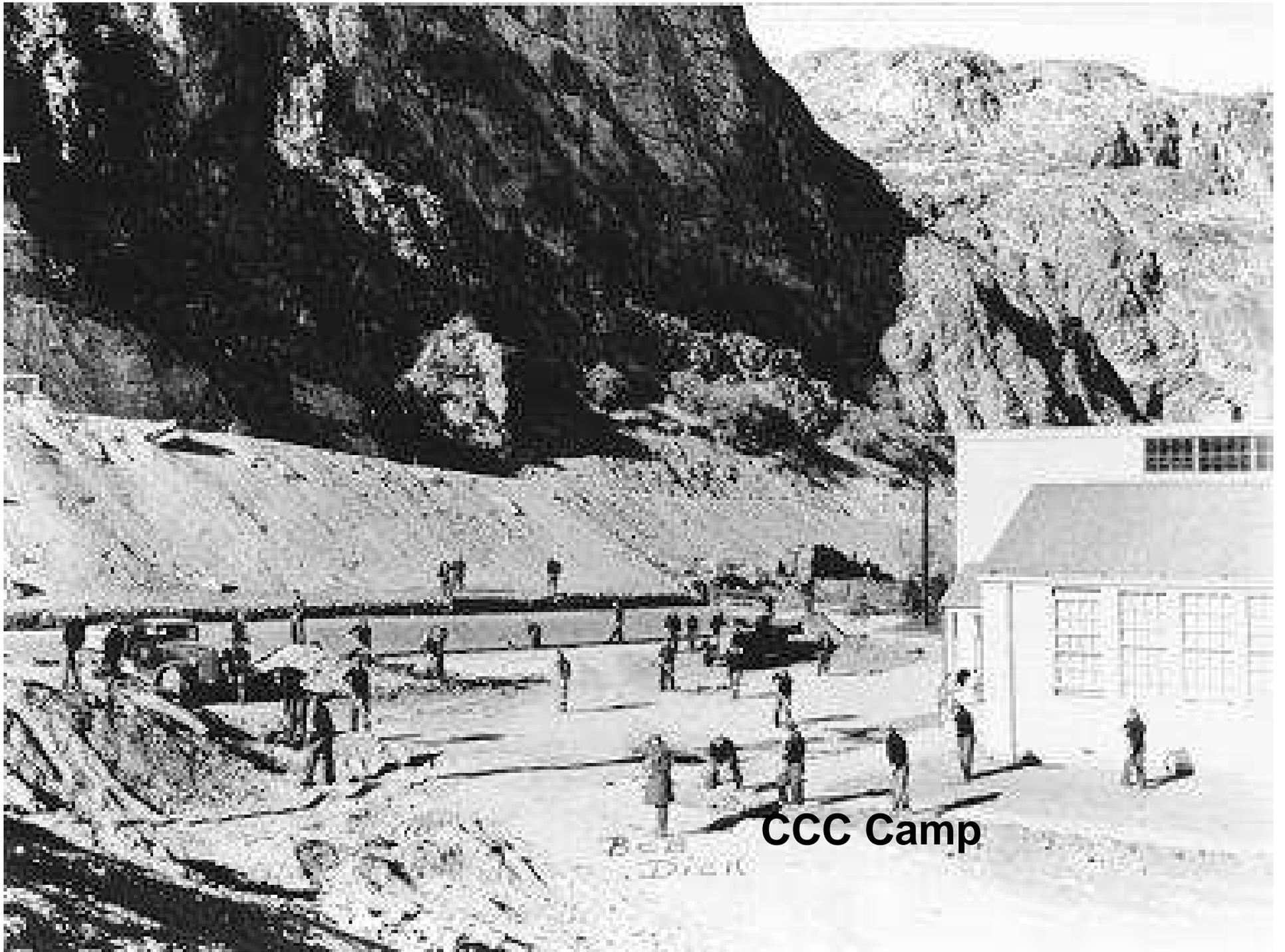
Agricultural Adjustment Act



Scene in county agent's office, San Augustine, Texas. Farmer is receiving his AAA check. Photo by Russell Lee, April 1939, LOC.

Franklin Roosevelt at a CCC Camp, 1933





CCC Camp

NRA

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