

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR)

Background

- Wealthy New Yorker
- Distant relative of Theodore Roosevelt
- Assistant Secretary of the Navy
- Nominated for Vice President
- Had Polio & was crippled for the rest of his life
- Governor of New York

Bank Holiday 2nd day in office, FDR declared a 4-day bank holiday

- Emergency Banking Relief Act
- Only banks with enough money to meet customer demands could re-open
- Any bank that would reopen would be safe to use

Fireside Chats

- Radio broadcast talks from the White House → more than 30
- Everyone could hear them
- Explained everything he was doing clearly → public felt they understood him

- (ND) The New Deal - FDR's political programs that passed laws during the Depression
- lasted for 5 years
 - During first 100 days in office FDR passed a record 15 new bills
 - 3 Main Goals - Relief, Recovery, Reform

Response of the Supreme Court

- ruled 10 New Deal programs unconstitutional
- FDR "Packs" the court → call for an increase in the number of justices from 9 to 15
- Many thought he was going too far
- SC changed its mind on its own

Response of the Public

- Some thought the gov't was becoming too powerful, ND threatened individual freedom & free enterprise, ND programs increased National debt
- Employed millions, ended banking crisis, reformed stock market, saved people from losing their homes, gave Americans hope & restored faith in the gov't

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