

THE NEW DEAL

MEETING THE CRISES OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION

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During the early years of the Great Depression, Americans experienced economic hardship (25% unemployment) on a scale without precedent in U.S. history. This multimedia presentation explores the causes and impact of the Great Depression. It also examines the key aspects of President Roosevelt's New Deal, including the key philosophical and political ideas behind it, as well as the goals and outcomes of short-term programs like the WPA and permanent reforms such as Social Security. The talk also looks at the conservative challenge to the New Deal (eg, The Liberty League) and the formation of the New Deal political coalition that held together until the 1970s. Finally, it offers an assessment of the successes and failures of the New Deal.

