



## FDR's New Deal

### In A Nutshell

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt assumed the presidency at the darkest hour of the [Great Depression](#), pledging to restore prosperity through expansive government intervention in the economy. While Roosevelt's New Deal did not, in fact, end the Great Depression, it did permanently alter American society and create many of the structures that sustained prosperity following [World War II](#).

### Why Should I Care?

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Why does Franklin Delano Roosevelt still matter, sixty years after [he died](#) just 82 days into his unprecedented fourth term in the [White House](#)?

Because FDR made the [modern presidency](#).

Because the [New Deal](#) made [modern American society](#).

Whether you [love](#) FDR's politics and policies or [loathe](#) them, it's impossible to imagine the world we live in today without them.

That's why Franklin Delano Roosevelt still matters.