

Title: FDR's New Deal was African Americans' Raw Deal

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The New Deal was a series of programs, public work projects, financial reforms, and regulations enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the United States between 1933 and 1936. It responded to citizens needs for relief, reform, and recovery from the Great Depression. The focus was on the problems of bankers, businessmen, farmers, laborers, and the unemployed. However, what the New Deal did not include was an equitable New Deal to the African American but rather a Raw Deal (Leuchtenburg). As the New Deal reached out every segment of society, this research will demonstrate how those policies and programs perpetuated inequality for African Americans. While the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933 codes enhanced white workers conditions, it excluded many African American workers from wage codes and left them at the mercy of their white employers. Likewise, the Agricultural Adjustment Act was not administrated in favor of African Americans. Local state officials Discarded African Americans from federal payments. White farmers denied proportionate shares of their black tenants and sharecroppers. The Civil Conservation Corps accepted African Americans, but forced them into segregated units. The Tennessee Valley Authority actions was inhuman by experimenting on residents of the valley by flooding thousands of people out of their homes. Farm owner were compensated for losses but tenant farmers a substantial number were African Americans received no compensation. Instead they were left homeless and jobless (Weaver).

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