

Alphabet Agencies

Alphabet agency (Initials and in full)	Who this would help...	Details	Relief, Recovery or Reform

Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA)



- Led by Harry Hopkins, a former social worker, this agency sent funds to depleting local relief agencies. Within two hours, \$5 million was given out .
- Gave Federal money to individual states to help the homeless and unemployed.
- Formed May 1933

- The government gave each state \$1 back for every \$3 spent on the relief of poverty. Spent \$500 million in total



Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA)

To help farmers to increase their profits.

- Schemes were introduced to reduce their production and so to drive up the price of their produce.
- May 1933



- Government money was used to pay farmers to slaughter their animals and to destroy their crops.
- This was very controversial at a time when people were starving.

National Recovery Administration (NRA)

To encourage employers to improve industrial workers' pay and conditions and to charge fair prices for goods

From 1933-1935



- Codes of practice were drawn up minimum wage, hour and conditions companies that signed up to the scheme were allowed to display the Blue Eagle Flag



Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

- Set up to help farmers and others in the Tennessee valley half its population 2.5 million people were living below the poverty line.
- Farming had become poor in the Tennessee valley due to over cultivating, flooding and soil erosion.



- Provided cheap Hydroelectric Power to the farms.
- 20 Dams were constructed to prevent flooding and provide cheap electricity.
- Millions of trees were planted to prevent soil erosion.
- September 1933



Works Progress Administration (WPA)



- 11,000 schools were built.
- 70,000 km of roads were constructed.
- La Guardia airport in New York was put up.
- FDR paid photographers to record the Depression.

- 12,000 Actors were paid to put on plays and concerts to relieve the depression.
- Paid artists to make paintings for schools and public buildings.
- Employed 2 million people a year.
- May 1935



Farm Credit Administration (FCA)



- Helps farmers refinance their mortgages over a long period of time.
- Gives them better interest rates than banks.
- March 1933

- Helps farmers recover from the dustbowl.
- 20% of farmers in the USA were helped by this.
- Farmers in danger of losing their properties kept their farms



Civil Works Administration (CWA)



- Creates jobs for millions of people.
- Jobs were mainly temporary for the harsh winter of 1933-1934. It ended soon after.



- Construction jobs were created.
- Set up along with the CCC or Civilian Conservation Corps
- Laid 255,000 miles of roads, 40,000 schools, 3,700 playgrounds and 1,000 airports

Public Works Administration (PWA)



- Concentrated on the construction of large scale public works buildings like bridges and dams.



- Created lots of jobs in construction from 1933-1935 then 1938.
- Also built railroads, courthouses, schools and hospitals which still exist
- These were all long lasting buildings – like the Lincoln Tunnel in New York or the Overseas Highway in Florida

Emergency Banking Act (EBA)

- All banks were closed for 10 days and only those approved by the Federal Government were allowed to reopen.
- Made in March 1933.
- The president encouraged people to invest their money in these banks and not under the mattress, in a series of 'Fireside chats' on the radio.



Home Owners Loan Corporation (HOLC)



- Tried to refinance home owners mortgages so that they would not be victims of foreclosure.



- Granted long term mortgages (20-25 years) to over 1 million people who faced the loss of their homes.
- June 1933



Federal Housing Administration (FHA)

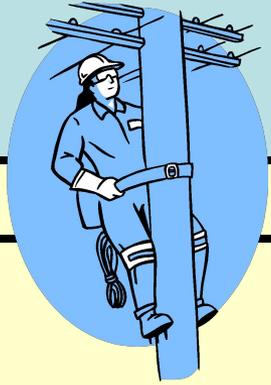


- Tried to improve housing standards and conditions.
- Regulated the interest rate on mortgages so it wouldn't suddenly rise.
- 1934

- Gave help to a number of people say they could afford a down payment on a house and so could get on the property ladder.



Rural Electrification Administration (REA)



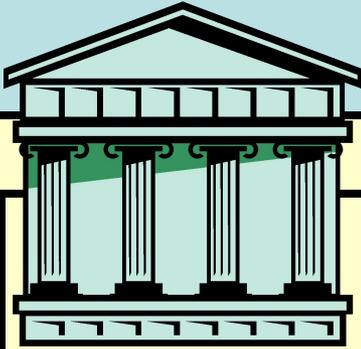
- The USA was lagging significantly behind Europe in ensuring that all farmland areas had access to electricity.
- Only 10% of rural farmhouses had electricity in 1930.

- Loaned money to local electricity companies to get them working on projects to get electricity to rural areas.

- 288,000 more Houses had Electricity by 1939.
Started in 1936.



Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)



- Made sure that all stocks and shares sales had to be disclosed publicly.
- Looked into all Wall Street businesses and tried to clear up any corruption.
- Started 1934.

- Brought to justice many sellers found to have committed fraud during the Wall Street Crash.



Social Security Administration (SSA)



- Started to give out benefits people out of work. The first recipient was a man called Ernest Ackerman who got 17 cents in 1937.
- 1935.

- Also gave out retirement benefits monthly to those who had earned it.
- Ida May Fuller got a pension \$22.54 from 1940.

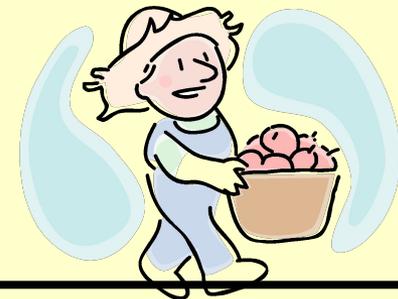


Farm Security Administration (FSA)



- Undertook rural rehabilitation efforts to improve the lifestyles of poor farmers.
- Purchased land owned by poor farmers and resettled them on group farms.
- September 1937.

- Helped 455,000 farming families.
- Widened awareness of their problems through a photography scheme that showed the people in towns how tough times were.



Fair Labour Standard Act (FLSA)



- Established a national minimum wage in 1938
- Banned employers from using 'oppressive child labour'
- 1938

- Guaranteed time and a half for overtime in certain jobs.
- This minimum wage was 20 cents (Around £3.85 in today's money)



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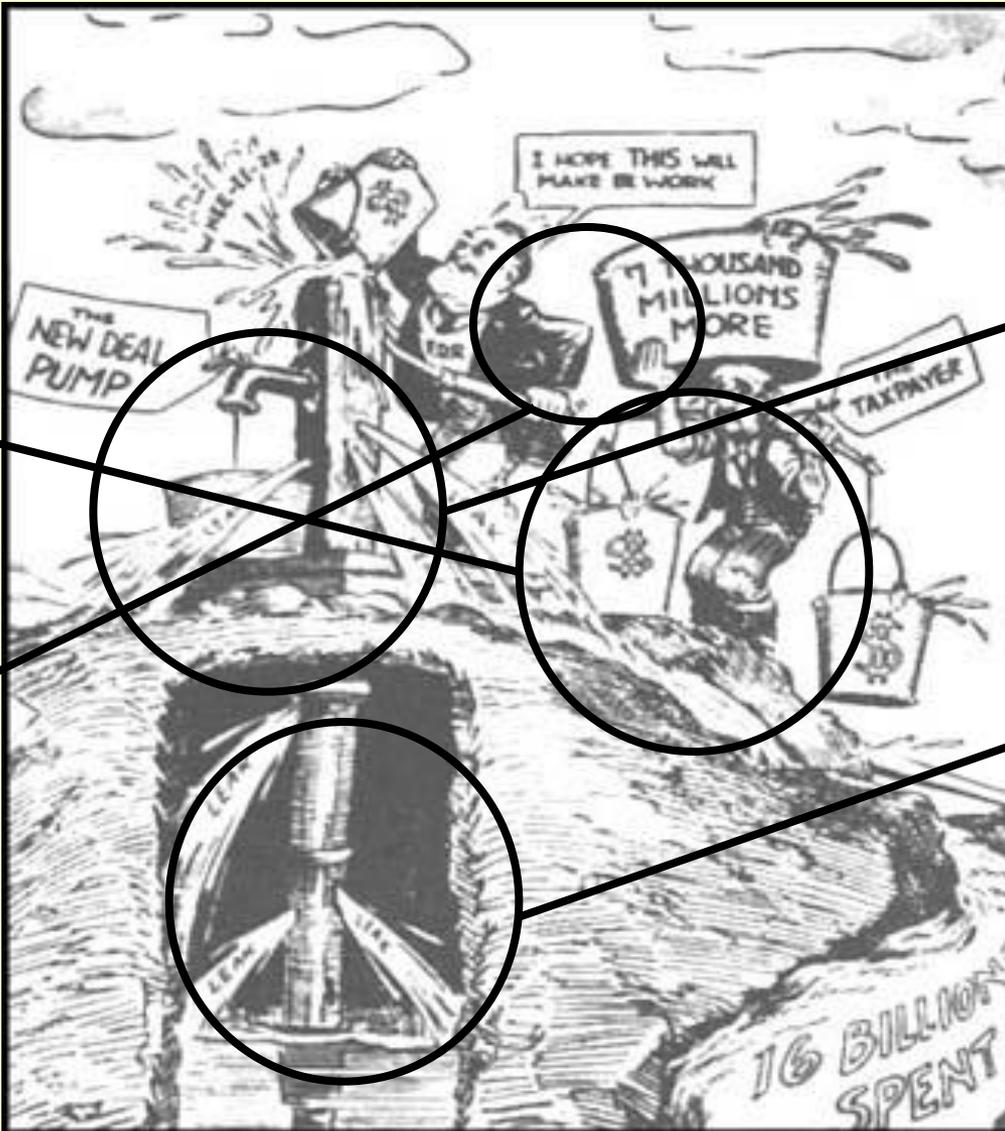
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Look at this source below.
What does it suggest about the New deal?

How is the tax payer presented?
why?



What does the Pump and water represent?

Why is it leaking?

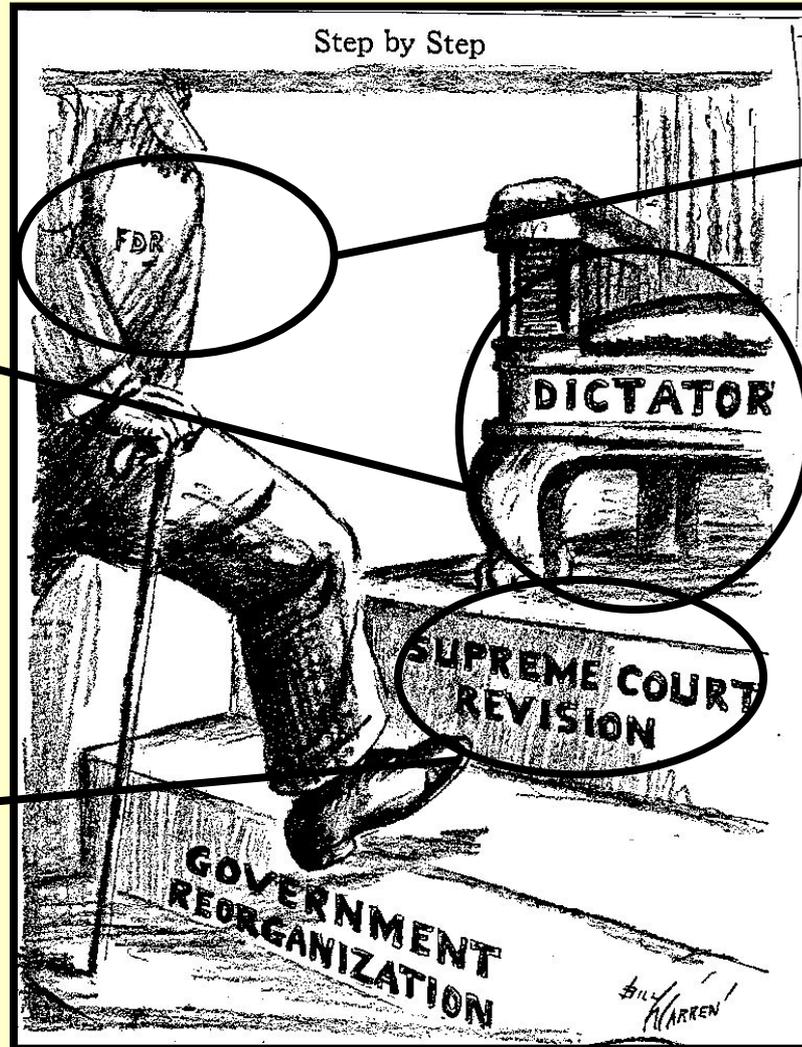
Who would agree with this?

What does this suggest?

From the sources below identify the attitude to the New Deal

What comparison is being made?

What does this suggest?



Who is this?

Who would agree with this?