**FDR Review**

**Summer 2020**

\*wealthy family

\*natural optimism

\*role of Eleanor as social conscience

\*Assistant Secretary of the Navy

\*polio and the way he fights it

\*As Governor: unemployment insurance bill in NY

\*Goal: give confidence

\*His team: committed allies, not rivals

\*Fireside chats

*The Modern Presidency*:

* Expectation of a Strong president
* A revolution in Government--the Demand for presidential government

1789-1933: First Republic of US?

1933-Present: Second Republic of US?

The Depression

Hoover's ideas about Depression and his solutions

FDR's ideas on the Depression

Election of 1932

\*Public support for dictatorial presidential powers during depression

Brains trust (not the specific people, but the diversity of the ideas)

\*The method of FDR decision making – competitive)

*Theories of the Governmental Role in the Economy*:

Money circulates and as long as it does, everything is fin

1. Classical Liberalism

* Market Forces
* Business Cycle as self-regulating
* Minimal Government Role

2. Modern Liberalism

* John Maynard Keynes
* Business Cycle as sometimes non-self-regulating
* Importance of Government Role

*FDR's New Deal*:

1. Government Role in the Economy:

* patronage
  1. WPA
* regulatory policy
  1. NIRA and NRA Eagle
* redistributive policy
  1. Social security

2. President's Role:

Legislator-in-Chief

3. Enlargement of Federal Government

White House Office

Executive Office of the President

"Presidential Branch"

4. Precedents and Expectations

100 Days

Federal Government as Provider of Services

5. Electoral realignment

The New Deal Coalition (This is very important; we discussed it twice)

FDR's leadership and bringing hope to the US people