

# The New Deal

## Verse 1

Just after world war in 1932  
America experienced a great depression  
This affected many men and women  
Migrated from where they used to live and  
went searching for places to make a living  
But before we begin  
We gotta give out the credit  
Dorothea Lange, she got it all documented  
With her phenomenal photography  
Let's begin the story please  
Franklin Roosevelt was elected in 1933  
Franklin together with all his democrats  
put together a group of people to get the  
country back  
On its feet, they called it the brain trust  
Funny fact...  
Instead of politicians it was made up of people  
that...  
Actually worked in all the various industries  
They understood the problems and  
contributed efficiently  
They made a plan  
That's how the New Deal came up  
Gave it 3 goals: relief, reform and recover  
Explanation, relief was sent to the unemployed  
And the poor just to make them feel secure  
Recovery to fix the economy and get people  
working again  
Last, but not the least, reform  
Was meant regulate the economy to prevent  
Another depression from happening ever again  
First 100 days of the implementation  
Roosevelt himself was speaking on a radio  
station

## Chorus 1

Called Fireside chats he would do some  
explaining  
On how the New Deal would bring a whole lot  
of changes

Ain't no deal like the New Deal, ain't no deal  
like the New Deal, yeah

He showed the people how it would affect their  
situations

And make it better; made it a personal  
conversation

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## Verse 2

First thing under the New Deal, he closed  
banks cuz a lot of them, due to the depression  
were outta money, for business owners  
to borrow to work with, known as the  
Emergency Banking Relief Act  
after that he reopened

Only the banks that had a higher performance  
This allowed a lot of failing businesses to  
function

After that, he signed the Glass Steagall Act  
and that established the F.D.I.C.

Which stated that...

Every bank account that had a minimum of  
5,000 dollars

Would be insured by the government

Even if the bank closed

You could still recover it

So people started doing a lot more depositing

Next was the S.E.C. for regulating the stock  
market

To stop banks from buying and selling stock for  
profit

Created the F.H.A. to provide home loans to  
Americans with tight budgets

## Chorus 2

As a form of relief for people living in  
Hooverilles

A little wooden shelter but let's be real

There ain't no deal like the New Deal

There ain't no deal like the New Deal, yeah

As a form of recovery, he created the AAA  
To make sure farmers were profiting  
Cuz there ain't no deal, ain't no deal like the  
New Deal  
Ain't no deal like the New Deal, yeah

### **Verse 3**

After the World War  
America had a surplus of crops  
Caused prices to drop  
Farmers were selling a lot  
But they couldn't make enough to pay back  
their loans  
So, the government paid them to harvest just a  
portion of the whole  
In order to create a little scarcity so prices  
would increase  
Just so farmers could make at least enough to  
keep their lands  
But on the other hand, it wasn't a benefit to  
the tenants and the sharecroppers  
So, they suffered so much that it led to a  
drought called the "dust bowl"  
Most of them were people who had migrated  
from Oklahoma  
So, the supreme court intervened  
cuz they thought the new deal disrupted the  
economy  
And so, they banned a couple of New Deal  
programs  
So, Roosevelt passed a new law that replaced  
all the old men  
In court who were 70 plus with younger people  
from his selection  
And so of course the plan was resurrected  
Next was the TVA, it was made to stimulate  
The economy of Tennessee Valley Irrigation  
Flood control and electricity provided  
Built a lot of Dams but one of them was later  
added

### **Chorus 3**

It was called the Hoover Dam cuz it built under  
the Hoover Administration  
but the name was changed and called the  
Boulder Dam

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### **Verse 4**

Roosevelt's cousin Eleanor was instrumental  
In directing economic activity  
She deserves a medal  
Cuz of her, he introduced the N.R.A.  
to help with price control and made workers  
get better pay and hours at work a day  
To create fair competition between businesses  
Another thing he did was the P.W.A., the C.C.C.  
and the C.W.A. where he used state money to  
hire and paid people to build roads

### **Chorus 4**

Built a lot of schools, hospitals, and a lot of  
public places  
Ain't no deal like the New Deal, ain't no deal  
like the New Deal, yeah  
And the WPA, where he paid people to paint  
and also other creatives like actors to stage a  
play man  
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### **Verse 5**

And then he brought the S.S.A.  
This followed a plan which was suggested  
for pensioners by a physician named  
Francis Townsend;  
It later included aid for the poor, unemployed,  
retired and the disabled  
Roosevelt was criticized a lot  
We had people like Charles Coughlin and Huey  
Long  
they called the New Deal an irrational,  
insufficiently radical plan but thank God he  
never stopped