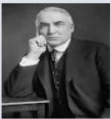


USA: The New Deal 1932 -41: Chapter 7: The Supremes



Learning Gain:

Will have developed and strengthened understanding on the US political system, describe how and why The Supreme Court opposed Roosevelt's New Deal and analysed why they and other groups resisted the New Deal.



Learning Steps:

- Reinforce our understanding of the USA "Checks and Balances" system of government.
- Explore why the Supreme Court opposed the New Deal and evaluate if they were correct to do so.

The USA is made up of 50 states.



It is a FEDERAL system, meaning that the STATES have powers to govern themselves which maybe unique to them and the National FEDERAL government also has some powers that operate over the whole country.

Example - death penalty only applies in some states.





USA Political System:

The founding fathers of the USA wanted a system that prevented too much power being held by one person or group.

So they created a system with checks and balances and which separated powers.

Executive - the President and government - empowers the laws.

Legislature - creates laws.

Judiciary - evaluates laws.

This is important stuff so damn well remember it!!!



Development



The Constitution of the United States is a sacred document. All law flows from it.



The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the United States of America. The first three Articles of the Constitution establish the rules and separate powers of the three branches of the federal government.

The Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787.

The Constitution has been amended seventeen times (for a total of 27 amendments) and its principles are applied in courts of law by

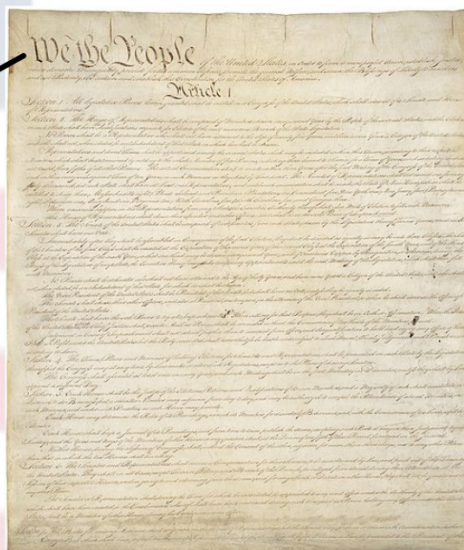


judicial review.

Judicial review is the *doctrine* (idea) under which legislative and executive actions are subject to review (and possible invalidation) by the judiciary.

"We the people..."

The Judiciary act as the watchdogs of the people.



The Supremes



Main



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It is the responsibility of the Supreme Court to decide if any act or law of the Executive (PRESIDENT) or Legislature (CONGRESS) is



UNCONSTITUTIONAL



i.e. breaks my rules!

If the Supreme Court feels that this is the case then they can block a measure and declare it illegal.



The Supreme Justices are supposed to be impartial but in fact they have their own political views and are appointed by Presidents.



What does impartial mean?

How might Presidential appointed judges affect Judicial Review?

Roosevelt was unfortunate in that a majority of Supreme Court Justices were Republican.

They felt that the New Deal gave too much power to the government and went against the constitution. They therefore declared some Alphabet Agencies were declared illegal.

1935: NRA declared illegal.

1936: AAA declared illegal because it was the individual States' responsibility to help agriculture not the Federal government.

In another 11 cases the Supremes voted against the Alphabet Agencies.

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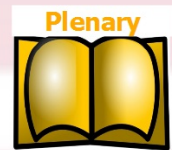


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★ Roosevelt was furious and after the his 1936 election victory he tried to add six Democrat Judges to the Supreme Court.

★ This threat made Roosevelt unpopular throughout America even with Democrats. Roosevelt backed down but so did the Supreme Court.

★ After Roosevelt's threat the Court never rejected anymore of the New Deal measures.



"Roosevelt was only trying to do his best for the country, so people were wrong to oppose his New Deal measures."

Explain whether you agree with this statement.



