

1932

Socialist (Norman Thomas)

- had worked in a slum settlement area
- tried to point out that most Americans were not sharing in any prosperity
- platform called for immediate federal government relief, plus government programs for public works
- called for old age pension, as well as a national health insurance program

PV = 884,781
EV = 0

Democrats (Franklin Roosevelt)

- FDR was 2-term governor of New York
- selected Speaker of the House John Garner as V-P nominee
- FDR flew to Chicago to accept the nomination, partly to show that his handicap wasn't a hindrance
- platform called for a balanced budget, reduced federal spending, repeal of 18th Amendment, aid to agriculture, public works, & relief for the unfortunate
- "I pledge you, I pledge myself, a new deal for the American people"
- FDR brought in a "brain trust" from major universities to help him with creating policy
- some newspapers thought that FDR sounded much like Hoover, and some editors called him "Herbert Roosevelt"
- some Republicans accused FDR of being under the influence of radical nations
- platform called for a "balanced budget," as well as federal assistance to the states
- called for the end of prohibition (repealing the 18th Amendment)

PV = 22,809,638
EV = 472

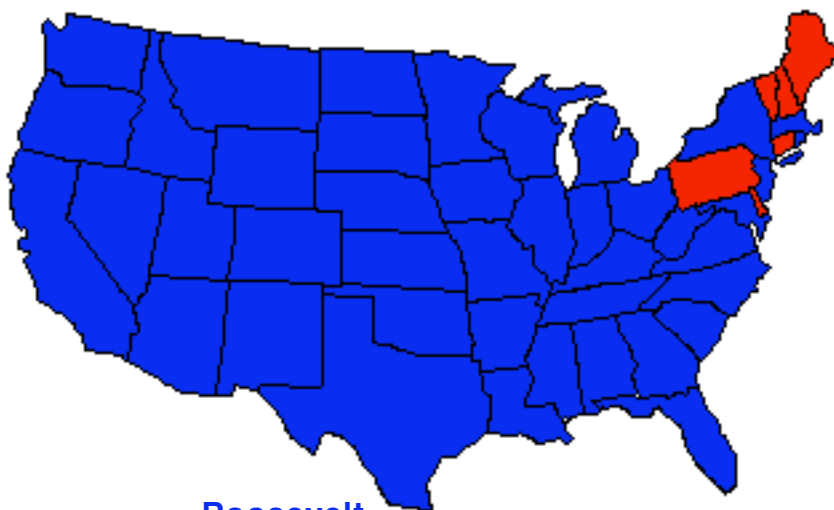
73rd Congress -> House = 310; Senate = 60
74th Congress -> House = 319; Senate = 69

Republicans (Herbert Hoover)

- the joke around Washington was that Hoover asked an associate to loan Hoover a nickel so that he could buy a friend a soda; the associate gave Hoover a dime and said, "Treat all your friends!"
- the Depression shattered Hoover's reputation as a skilled administrator during times of crisis
- by the time of the convention, the economy was at its lowest ebb
- Republicans needed to nominate Hoover or face the fact that Hoover's policies had failed
- platform called for a balanced budget, protective tariff, and repeal of 18th Amendment (by a vote of the people)
- Hoover claimed that the Depression originated in WW I and from policies abroad. He was doing his best to bring us out of it.
- Hoover's calling out of the Army to squash the "Bonus Expeditionary Force" hurt him politically

PV = 15,758,901
EV = 59

73rd Congress -> House = 117; Senate = 35
74th Congress -> House = 103; Senate = 25



Roosevelt

