

Lifelong Learning Academy
Session 3

CRASH, DEPRESSION, POVERTY, FEAR, NEW DEAL &
POLITICAL SYSTEM X

1. President Franklin D. Roosevelt - Courage in Times of Crisis
 - “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”
 - “This generation of American’s has a rendezvous with destiny.”
 - “Happy Days Are Here Again” - A “NEW DEAL” for the USA
 - “It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.”
 - Radio Broadcasts - Fireside Chats
 - The 3 R’s - Relief, Recovery and Reform

2. FDR - PRO
 - “Their ain’t no other nation in the world that would have sense enough to think of WPA and all the other A’s.”

- FDR - CON
 - “If you could get around the country as I have and seen the distress forced upon the American people, you would throw your darn NRA and AAA ,and every other ...A into the sea.”

3. What’s Fabian got to do with it?
 - Purpose is to advance the principles of democratic socialism via gradualist and reformist effort in democracies, rather than by revolutionary overthrow.

4. Stuart Chase Explains - Political System X
 - “The Road We Are Traveling”
 1. A strong, centralized government
 2. An executive arm growing at the expense of the legislative and judicial arms. In some countries, power is consolidated in a dictator, issuing decrees.
 3. The control of banking, credit, and security exchanges by the government.

4. The underwriting of employment by the government, either through armaments or public works.

5. The underwriting of social security by the government - old-age pensions, mothers' pensions, unemployment insurance and the like.

6. The underwriting of food, housing, and medical care, by the government.

7. The use of deficit spending to finance these underwriting.

8. The abandonment of gold in favor of managed currencies.

9. The control of foreign trade by the government, with increasing emphasis on bilateral agreements and barter deals.

10. The control of natural resources, with increasing emphasis on self sufficiency.

11. The control of energy sources - hydroelectric power, coal, petroleum, natural gas.

12. The control of transportation - railway, highway, airway, waterway

13. The control of agricultural production.

14. The control of labor organizations, often to the point of prohibiting strikes.

15. The enlistment of young men and women in youth corps devoted to health, discipline, community, service, and ideologies consistent with those of authorities. The CCC camps have just inaugurated military drill.

16. Heavy taxation, with special emphasis on the estates and incomes of the rich.

17. Not much "taking over" of property or industries in the old socialistic sense. The formula appears to be control without ownership. It is interesting to recall that the same formula is used by the management of great corporations in depriving stockholders of power.

18. State control of communications and propaganda.

Other Quotes from Chase:

- "Traditional nationalism cannot survive the fissioning of the atom. One world or none."
- "...Today the citizen can only save his home, and his country, by helping to save mankind."