Cooperative Federalism

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What is Cooperative Federalism?

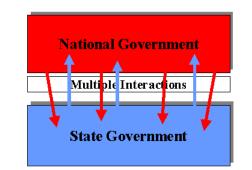
- **Cooperative Federalism** is the equal sharing of government responsibilities between the national and state government.
- They were independent and interdependent with the financial resources and shared administration.



The Three Elements

- National and states agencies undertake government functions jointly instead of exclusively.
- Nations and states sometimes share power
- **Power is not concentrated** at any government level
 - However during this time period, the role of the national government increased.

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How Cooperative Federalism started

• During the **Great Depression** in the 1930s, dual federalism faded as cooperative federalism arose in society. The people turned to the national government for help and provisions.



The New Deal

- The state and national government worked together to create new agencies, programs and policies that tried to alleviate the financial suffering of the citizens in the Great Depression.
 - Social Security
 - Federal Housing Administration (FHA)
 - Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA)
 - National Recovery Administration (NRA),
 - Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC),
 - Serviceman's Readjustment Act (GI Bill)

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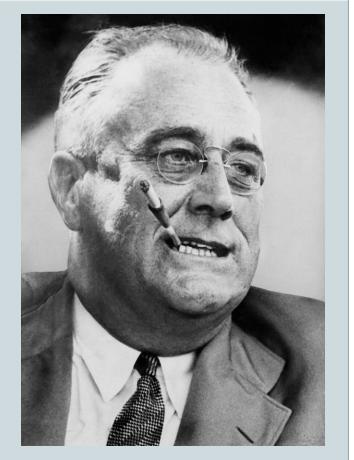
- Both the state and national government worked to create jobs through public works projects, like construction of infrastructure
- The New Deal programs greatly increased the role of the national government
- The New Deal acted to increase **confidence** in the national government





Reactions

- Many feared the increasing power of the national government challenged the Constitution and the laissez-faire (hands off) policy
- Franklin Roosevelt desperately wanted to pass his programs, which led to the Court-Packing Plan.
 - The plan suggested the enlarging of the court size from 9 to 13 justices.
 - The plan was unpopular and undermined his leadership.



Reactions

Some feared that the sudden increase in scope of the national government was unconstitutional

- The Court ruled that some parts of the New Deal exceeded Congressional authority, which caused some programs to be declared unconstitutional
- After the Court Packing Plan, however, the Court reversed some decisions and permitted Congress had authority to regulate commerce

Court Cases

• Court upheld the constitutionality of the New Deal Programs

- NLRB v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Co.
 - × Authorized collective bargaining between unions and employees
- Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938
- Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938

• United States v. Butler (1936)

• Determines whether certain provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act conflicts with the Federal Constitution.

West Cost Hotel Co. v. Parrish (1937)

• The court upheld the state authority to set the minimum wage for women as heralding the creation of a new Court majority.

Legislation

Fair Labor Standards Act 1938

• Prohibited interstate shipment of goods made by employees earning less than minimum wage

Agriculture Adjustment Act

• Provided crop subsidies to farmers

 Committee on Civil Rights argued that federal aid be denied to any state that practiced segregation in public facilities. (1946)



Social Change

- New Congressional authority allowed the creation of minimum wage and maximum hours, as well as child labor regulation
- The cooperation of all levels of government led to the establishment of **political machines** in the local governments
- The people had **more influence** on the national and state level than they had before.
- People became more **dependent** on the national government for their needs.

World War II

- The national and state government worked together to try and **increase support** by making programs to persuade people to get involved in the war effort
 - Persuading women and minorities to join the workforce.
 - Selling bonds.
 - Persuading young men to join the military.
- The **Federal grant-in aid programs** made national government a major player in domestic policy. They were constructed to cooperate with states to assist the states to protect health and welfare of citizens.

• Cooperative federalism witnessed an **increase in federal spending**

• **Categorical grants:** The national government will grant a certain percentage of funds to the states for a certain cause.

Amendments

• 20th Amendment

• Shortened time between November elections and starting date of the new Presidential term. It eliminated the possibility that the nation would have to endure two more months without a new president.

21st Amendment

- Repealed prohibition (18th amendment)
- The first time an amendment had been repealed. Was the first and only amendment to be approved by the state conventions instead of popular vote

22nd Amendment

- Called for limiting presidential terms to two terms.
- FDR ran for 4 terms \rightarrow 22nd amendment

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