

ELECTION RESULTS

FDR won a historic mandate in 1932. After three years of economic depression, Americans decisively rejected President Hoover and the ruling Republican Party. Roosevelt defeated Hoover in a landslide, and Democrats seized control of Congress for the first time in 16 years. They dominated the new Senate by an overwhelming margin of 60 to 35 and enjoyed a 310 to 117 majority in the House.

Voters handed Franklin Roosevelt and the Democrats a blank check. Their only demand was action. What the public—and most Democratic leaders—did not know was what form that action would take.



DEMOCRATIC PARTY

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT | JOHN NANCE GARNER (VP)
POPULAR VOTE: 22,809,638 | PERCENT OF VOTE: 57.4% | ELECTORAL VOTE: 472

REPUBLICAN PARTY

HERBERT HOOVER

POPULAR VOTE: 15,758,901 | PERCENT OF VOTE: 39.7% | ELECTORAL VOTE: 59

OTHER PARTIES

NORMAN THOMAS [SOCIALIST] POPULAR VOTE: 881,951
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER [COMMUNIST] POPULAR VOTE: 102,785

WILLIAM D. UPSHAW [PROHIBITION] POPULAR VOTE: 81.869

WILLIAM H. HARVEY [LIBERTY] POPULAR VOTE: 53.425

VERNE L. REYNOLDS [SOCIALIST LABOR] POPULAR VOTE: 33,276

CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS

	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	SENATE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	310 (GAIN OF 90 SEATS)	60 (GAIN OF 12 SEATS)
REPUBLICAN PARTY	117	35
OTHER PARTIES	5	1