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 (VF)**

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: 88,893
**WILLIAM Z. FOSTER [COMMUNIST]** POPULAR VOTE: 102,733
**WILLIAM D. UPSHAW [PROHIBITION]** POPULAR VOTE: 12,833
**WILLIAM H. HARVEY [LIBERTY]** POPULAR VOTE: 42,826
**VERNE L. REYNOLDS [SOCIALIST-LABOR]** POPULAR VOTE: 23,791

**CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS**

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