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MISSION 5: "Up from the Dust"

"Billions of Govt. Spending"

In 1933, the first year of the New Deal, government spending reached 62.1 billion dollars. This amount of spending created a deficit (the difference between how much the government earned and how much it spent) of 35.2 billion dollars and left the U.S. with a national debt of over 22 billion dollars. Government spending continued to rise throughout Roosevelt's first term as President. Many Americans saw the government spending, needed to fund New Deal recovery programs, as financially wasteful and dangerous.



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