



## Blacks in the New Deal. The Shift from an Electoral Tradition and its Legacy

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GRIN Verlag GmbH Aug 2014, 2014. Taschenbuch. Condition: Neu. Neuware - Master's Thesis from the year 2010 in the subject American Studies - Miscellaneous, , course: American civilization, language: English, abstract: This thesis deals with the reasons behind the Blacks shift of commitment from the Republican to the Democratic Party during the New Deal period and its legacy. This recurrent phenomenon comes to the fore with every American presidential election since the first election of Roosevelt in 1932. By the coming of the New Deal they shifted their traditional electoral support to the Democratic Party. In addition, this research probes the motives behind this allegiance by examining Blacks political, social and economic situation and its effect on the political arena. The electoral powerlessness of Blacks in the 1896-1930 period was as much the product of party affiliation as it was the result of disfranchisement. A concrete reconsideration of this process began to happen in the 1930s, when the Roosevelt administration and the New Deal made circumstances favorable. The Black shift of allegiance is interpreted in different ways: First, in relation to Black protest movements and maturation of political consciousness by the beginning of the 20th century up until the New...

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