

FDR's Endorsement of Benito Mussolini Is Stunningly Tone Deaf and Troubling

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Earlier last century, President Franklin Roosevelt endorsed Italian dictator Benito Mussolini [as an admirable Italian gentleman.](#)

He also said, in a letter to an American envoy, of all people, that [I am much interested and deeply impressed by what he has accomplished.](#)

People, I think it's time to reassess Mr. Roosevelt.

Now, I'll probably catch heck from the Roos-a-bots among us, but, really, what has our president accomplished? Sure, he speaks well, but this "New Deal"? Where are the results?

Some of you speak of him being in the mold of Abraham Lincoln, but, to be honest, I'm starting to miss Warren Harding. And, really, was Calvin Coolidge so bad?

Now, before you start accusing me of being a Hooverite, I'll have you know I contributed 75 cents to help elect Mr. Roosevelt and spent many an evening last fall shouting "FDR" from the window of my tenement apartment at the top of my lungs so that my neighbors knew where I stood.

But endorsing that thug Mussolini? It's just too much. How tone deaf is this man?

Mark my words: Few will remember Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and those who do won't have much good to say about him.

Now, I'd like to promise you that I'll stick around to address any of your comments, but that butter's not going to churn itself, is it?