

## Frances Perkins' New Deal

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***Frances Perkins dedicated her career advocating for workers' rights and became a high-profile leader helping to establish programs that are fundamental to the way our country runs today.***

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MADISON - Annually, our country honors the contributions of American workers on Labor Day, but perhaps it wasn't until this year, while living through a pandemic, when many really appreciated the essential role many workers have in our day-to-day lives.

Similarly, many Americans are unaware of the historical significance of the labor movement. Even lesser known are the leaders who helped strengthen workers' rights and establish the working standards we all know today. Like many other labor activists, the story of Frances Perkins is remarkable, yet very few know of her and her efforts to improve working conditions in our country.

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