Roosevelt and Johnson:

- Franklin D. Roosevelt was responsible for the 1st significant steps forward since the Reconstruction:
  - Citizenship Act & Indian Reorganisation Act of 1934 (turning point for Native Americans)
  - Wagner Act in 1935 (recognised rights of trade unions)
  - Civil Rights Section of the Justice Department in 1938 (fed. govt. took racial matters seriously)
  - Executive Order 8802 issued in 1941 “No discrimination in employment of workers in defence industries and in government, because of race…”
  - Fair Employment Practices Committee (investigate incidents of discrimination)
  - Executive Order 9066 in Feb 1942 (Roosevelt was responsible for the unjust internment of thousands of American citizens during the Second World War due to their Japanese ancestry)
  - Wants to fight the war with segregated armed forces.

- Harry S. Truman left to end both these practices.

- Johnson played positive role in pushing acts through Congress:
  - 1964 Civil Rights Act (outlawed discrimination in voter registration, employment, hotels, restaurants & education)
  - 1965 Voting Rights Act (fed govt. replaced local registrars with federal registrars)

- Johnson appointed Thurgood Marshall in 1967 (1st AA to sit in Supreme Court)