Radio in the White House

On February 8, 1922, President Warren G. Harding had a radio installed in the White House. At the time, radio was the hottest technology out there. In the 1920s and 30s, people gathered around their radios to listen to programs or the latest news. On June 14, 1922, President Harding was the first president to broadcast a message over the radio. In 1933, President Roosevelt delivered regular updates to the American public known as "fireside chats."