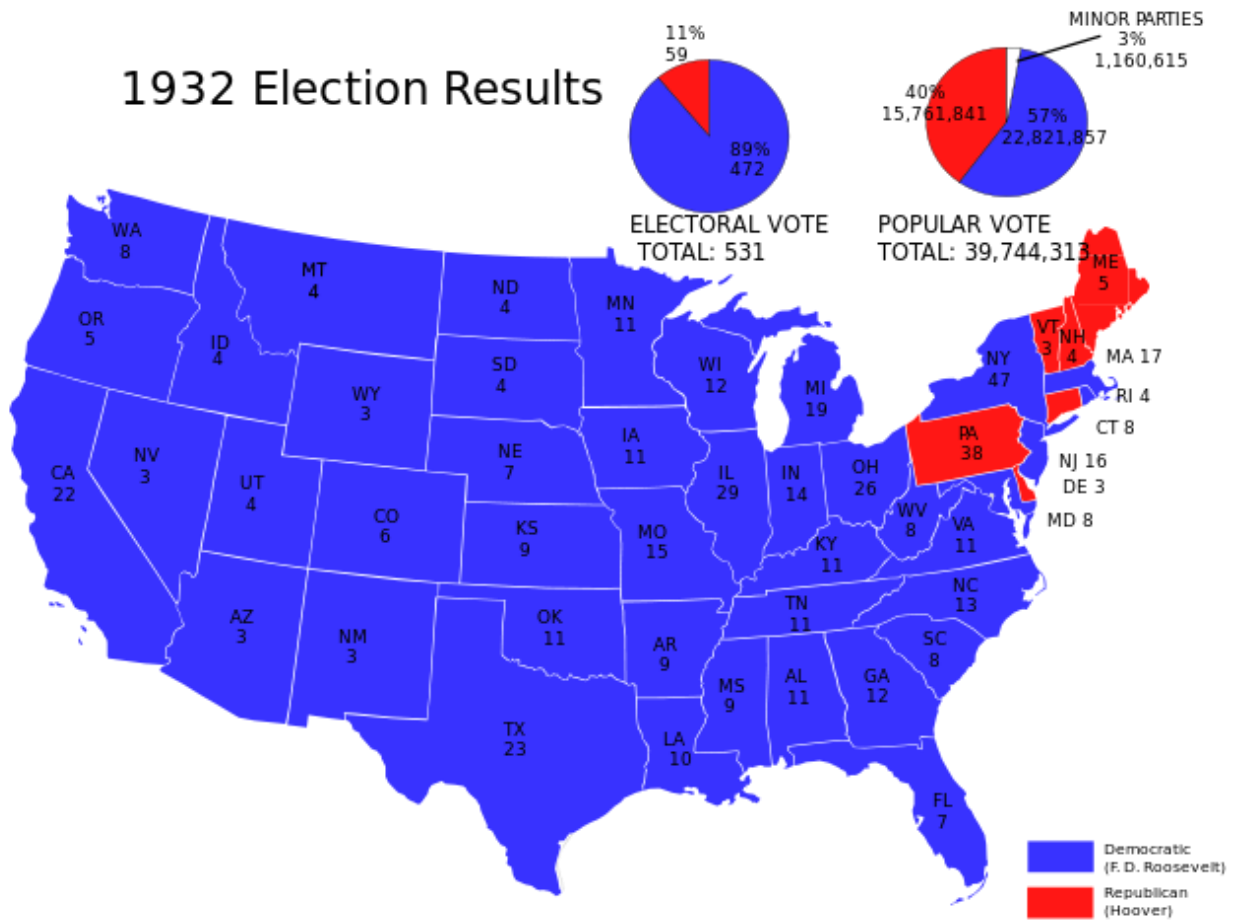


1932 Election Results



The election of 1932 was really only about one thing and that was the economy. The unemployment rate had risen steadily during the Presidency of Herbert Hoover and he had shown an unwillingness to do anything about it. Therefore, in November of 1932, Americans elected the former governor of New York, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as President of the United States. Roosevelt sensed that Americans were becoming upset with the government and they wanted a change. He promised a “New Deal” for all Americans. On inauguration day, he addressed the nation with confidence and optimism:

“This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into attack.”

1. How many states did Franklin D. Roosevelt win in the 1932 Election?
2. Why do you think Roosevelt won so many states and Hoover so few?
3. What were Americans looking for in a President in 1932?
4. From his quote, what does Roosevelt feel is the biggest problem facing America?
5. What are two ways fear hurt the economy?
6. Video: Why was FDR unable to use his legs?
7. Video: How did Hoover treat FDR on their way to the Capitol?
8. Video: How did Roosevelt appear to be walking?
9. Video: What kinds of letters did Roosevelt get after the speech?