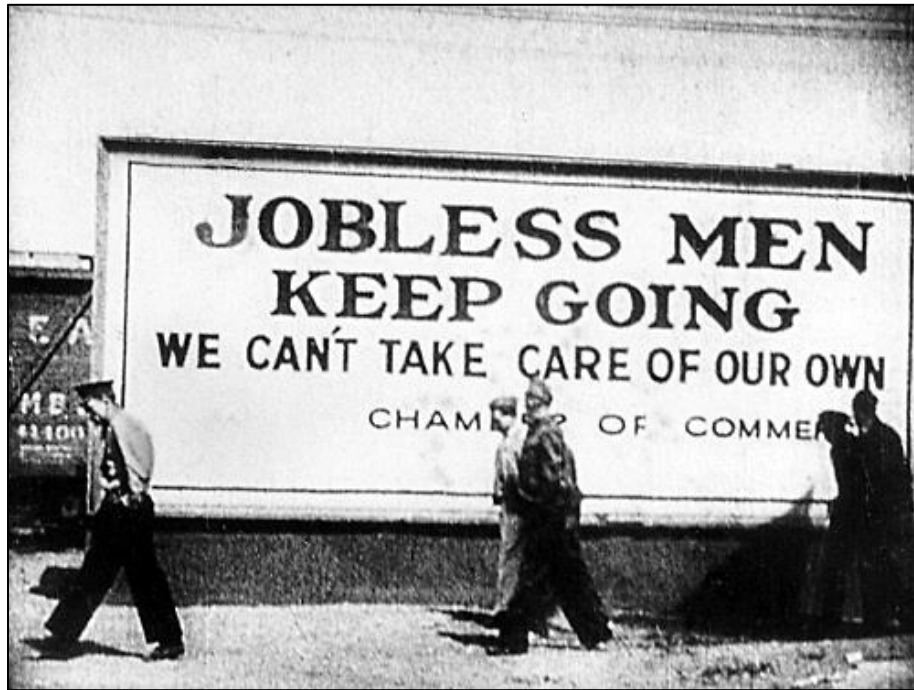


## Warm-Up: No Help Wanted



Traditional roles within the family changed during the 1930s. Men finding themselves out of work now had to rely on their wives and children in some cases to help make ends meet. Many did not take this loss of power as the primary decision maker and breadwinner very well. Many stopped looking for work, paralyzed by their bleak chances and lack of self-respect. Some became so frustrated that they just walked out on their families completely. A 1940 survey revealed that 1.5 million married women had been abandoned by their husbands.

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1. According to the photo, what message is being sent? Why do you think town's posted signs like these?
2. How did the loss of work impact men (and by consequence women and families) during the Great Depression?

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3. What were *two* steps that families took to avoid waste during the Great Depression?