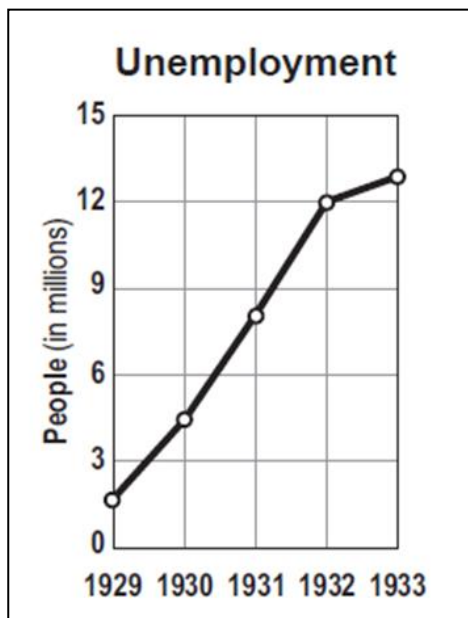


Warm-Up: Hoover's Response



On Thursday, October 24, 1929, the stock market crashed, barely eight months after Herbert Hoover became President of the United States. Hoover felt that the answer to the Great Depression was limited help for the unemployed from the states, private businesses and charities – NOT the federal government! While people continued to add to the bread lines and unemployed, he remained steadfast in his belief that the government shouldn't directly aid the population. Hoover took a "hands off" approach to the Depression, which gained him criticism from people everywhere.

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By the end of 1932, was at almost 25% and over 5,000 their doors. Americans, by the thousands were homeless and began forming "Hooverville" cities, bread lines worsened, and deeper into poverty, but would not provide direct for the welfare of the people.

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1. How far did unemployed rise from 1929 to 1933 (while Hoover was president)?

2. What did Hoover believe was the federal government's role during the Great Depression?
3. Do you think this was the best way to deal with the crisis?
4. Using the passage and cartoon, how did Americans show their anger at Hoover in cities across the United States?