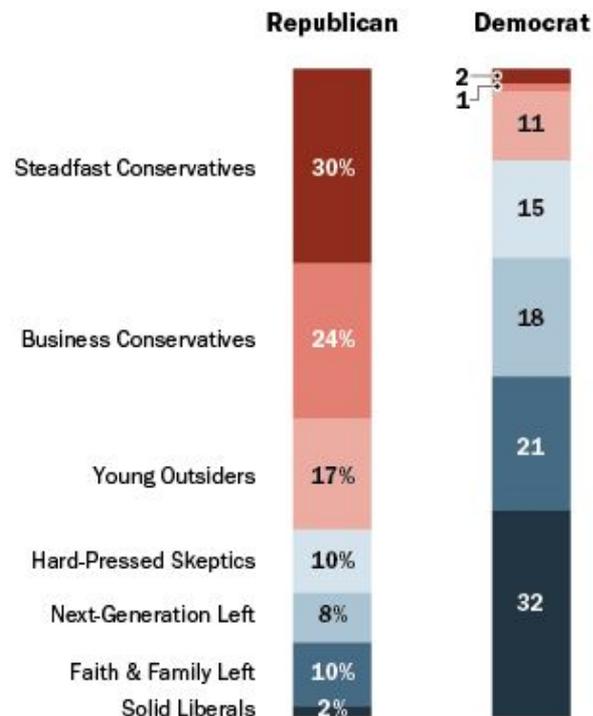


# Political Spectrum

**The Great Depression**

## Diversity Lurks Beneath Party Labels

*Percent registered voters in each party who are...*



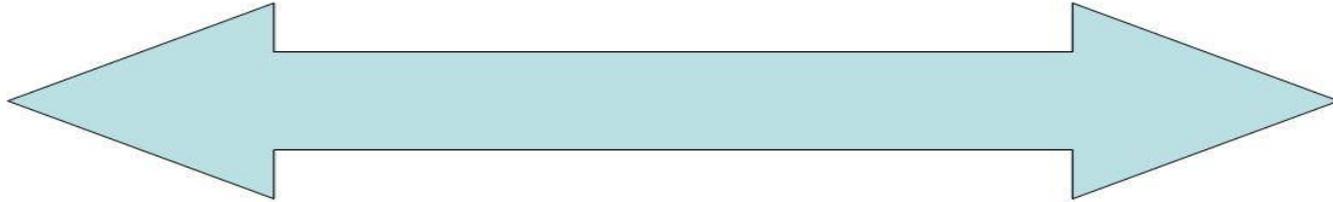
Note: Republicans include Republican-leaning independents; Democrats include Democratic-leaning independents.

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# The Economic Spectrum

LIBERAL

CONSERVATIVE



Economic liberals favor ***broad*** government involvement in economic policymaking and regulation of business.

Economic conservatives favor ***limited*** government involvement in economic Policymaking and regulation of business

# The Social/Political Spectrum

LIBERAL

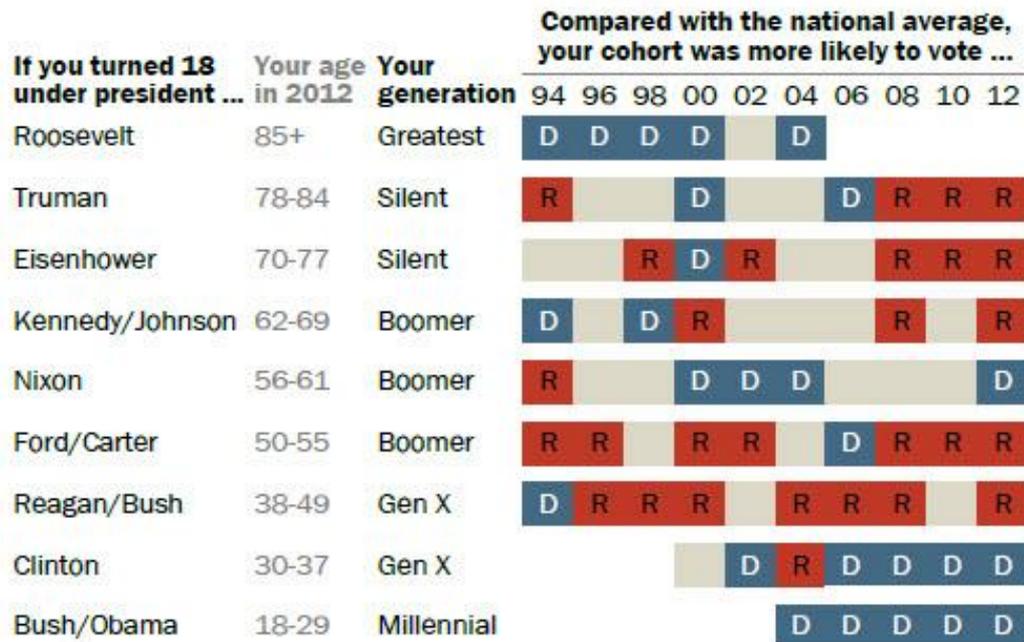
CONSERVATIVE



Social and political liberals favor **limited** government regulation of individual behavior

Social and political conservatives favor **broad** government regulation of individual behavior

## Presidential Legacies? How Generations Have Voted

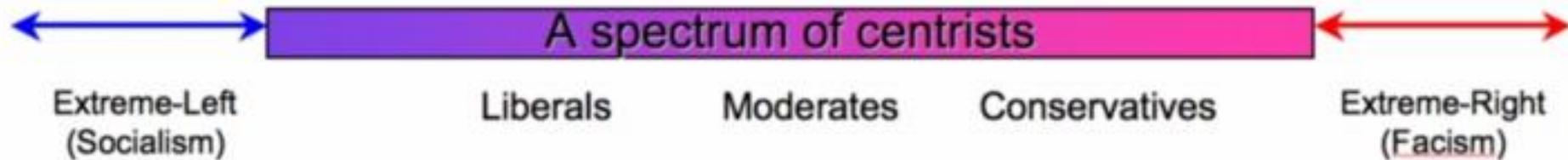
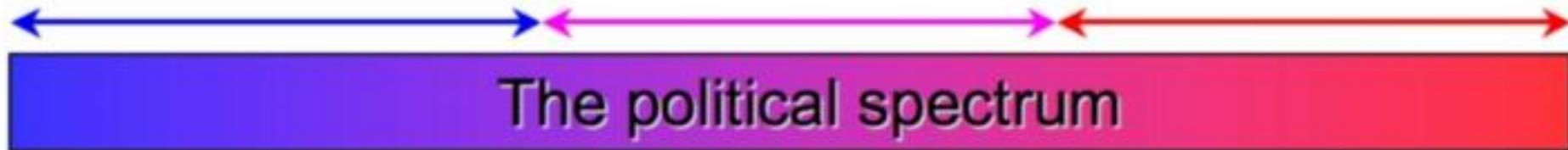


Tan boxes represent years in which an age group's vote was roughly equal to the national average. Data from some years not available for oldest and youngest generations due to small sample sizes. Based on likely voters in pre-election polls conducted in each election year. **Your Generation** shows where the majority of that age group is traditionally categorized (e.g., most people who turned 18 under Clinton are Gen X, though the very youngest are classified as Millennials).

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Center

Right

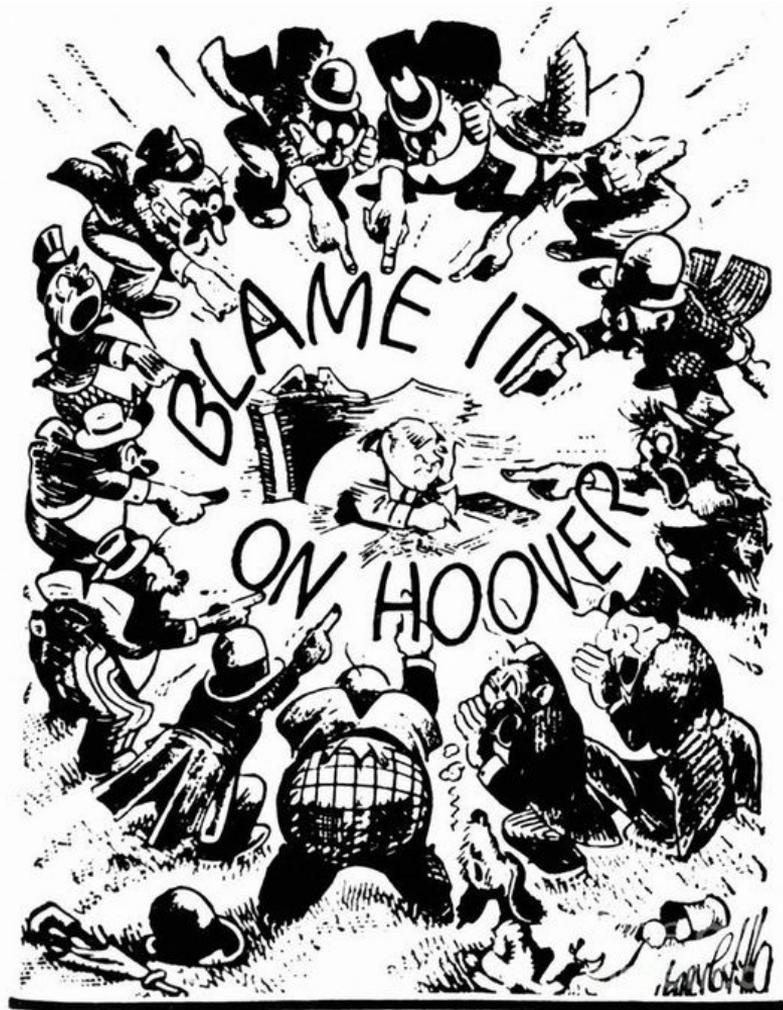


# The Great Depression

President Hoover  
v.  
President Roosevelt

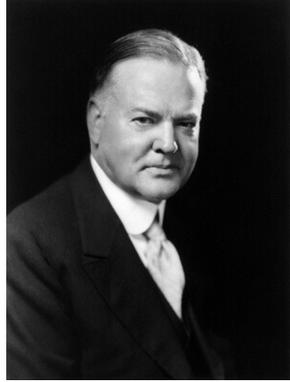
# President Herbert Hoover

“Rugged Individualism”



# President Hoover (1929-1933)

Republican Party



- Supported Laissez Faire government (Government=hands off!)
- Very intelligent---graduated from Stanford, President of Cornell University
- In WW1, organized food drive for starving civilians in Belgium
- After the war, organized a Relief for many European countries to help stabilize some of the economies
- Before becoming president, was known for being a great Humanitarian

# Hoover's 1st Year of Presidency

- Inaugurated March, 1929
- Economy was booming!
- Stock Market Crash, October 29th, 1929
- Common Perception= Economy was fine until Hoover came in...WRONG!

# Worst Phase: 1930-1933

- Hit farmers hard (huge surplus of food)
- Farmer Revolts, Bonus Army
- Bank Failures
- Unemployment – reaches as high as 25-30%
- Foreclosure/Evictions

## 4 Major Problems with Hoover

1. Once economy collapses, Hoover gets the blame
2. Hoover is a millionaire and is resented for that
3. The problems during the Great Depression are really bad.  
(Like-really, really bad.)
4. His policies during his presidency are ineffective

# President Franklin D. Roosevelt

The New Deal

# President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945)

Democratic Party

- Born into wealthy family in NY in 1882
- Stricken with Polio in 1921 and spent most adult life in wheelchair
- Won 1st Presidential election in 1932, 2nd in 1936, 3rd in 1940, 4th in 1944
- 1st 100 days in office were monumental
  - New Deal!
  - Fireside Chats

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/gather-round-hear-fdrs-first-fireside-chat>

# The New Deal

A series of federal programs, public work projects, financial reforms and regulations enacted in the United States during the 1930s in response to the Great Depression

# Goals of New Deal: Relief, Recovery, Reform!

**RELIEF:** to provide Americans with immediate assistance to help them with basic necessities of life, including food, direct monetary payments and employment

**RECOVERY:** a policy or program that has its primary goal to promote growth in the American economy

**REFORM:** a policy or program that was designed to ensure that effects of the Great Depression did not occur again