



THE GREAT DEPRESSION

PT. 2 HOOVER'S RESPONSE



HERBERT HOOVER

- **Inaugurated president March 1929**
- **Considered himself a Progressive**
- **Not an advocate of laissez-faire economics**
- **Cooperation between gov't & big business**



“We should use the powers
of government to cushion
the situation.”



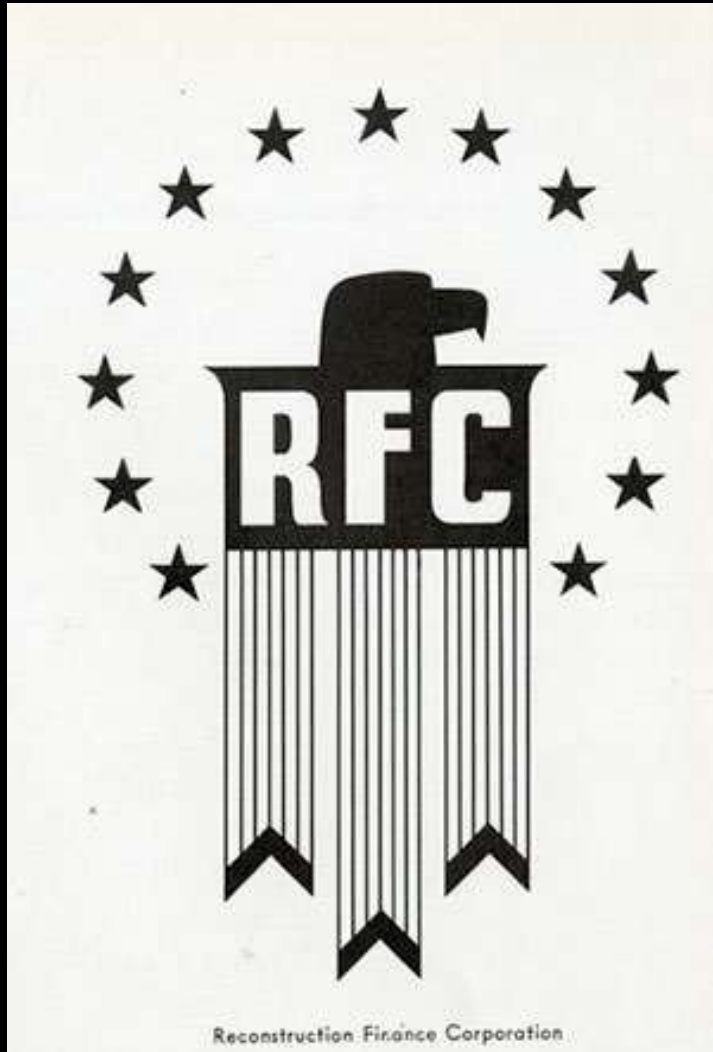
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- It is *not true* that Hoover did nothing to help fix the situation.
- He intervened more in the economy than any previous president had
- Increased federal spending by more than 50%



HOOVER DAM

- On the border of NV and AZ
- Construction 1931-36
- \$49 million



RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

- Provides federal money to organizations so they can rehire workers.



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- **Raised top income tax from 25% to 63%**
- **Forced businesses to keep wages high.**
- **Forbade yellow-dog contracts**



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- **Revenue Act of 1932**
- **Emergency Relief and Construction Act 1932**
- **This was not enough.**