

## 1932 Campaign Speeches

Franklin D. Roosevelt: Atlanta, GA - October 24, 1932

"The purpose of coming down here is not to get votes. My visit to the south is to carry out the purposes of my trips to the west, to the coast and indeed throughout the country, which is not so much to be heard as to hear, and not so much to talk to you as to let you talk to me. It was only natural that in coming to the south I should have as an additional objective a visit to Warm Springs where I have spent so many hours and where I have had the good fortune to make so many friendships that I shall always cherish through life."

Franklin D. Roosevelt: Boston, MA - October 31 1932

"As to immediate relief: The first principle is that this national government owes a positive duty that no one shall be permitted to starve. This means that while the immediate responsibility for relief rests with local, public and private charity, insofar as these are inadequate the states must carry the burden, and whenever the states are unable adequately to do so the Federal Government owes the positive duty of stepping into the breach."

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Herbert Hoover: Madison Square Garden, NY - October 21, 1932

"It is in the further development of this co-operation and a sense of its responsibility that we should find solution for many of our complex problems, and not by the extension of government into our economic and social life. The greatest function of government is to build up that co-operation, and its most resolute action should be to deny the extension of bureaucracy. We have developed great agencies of co-operation by the assistance of the Government, which promote and protect the interests of individuals and the smaller units of business."

Herbert Hoover: Chicago, IL - August 11, 1932

"The function of the Federal Government in these times is to use its reserve powers and its strength for the protection of citizens and local governments by supporting our institutions against forces beyond their control. It is not the function of the government to relieve individuals of the responsibilities to their neighbors, or to relieve private institutions of their responsibilities to the public, or of local government to the States, or of State governments to the Federal Government. In giving that protection and that aid the Federal Government must insist that all of them exert their responsibilities in full".