



# The Republican Decade!!!

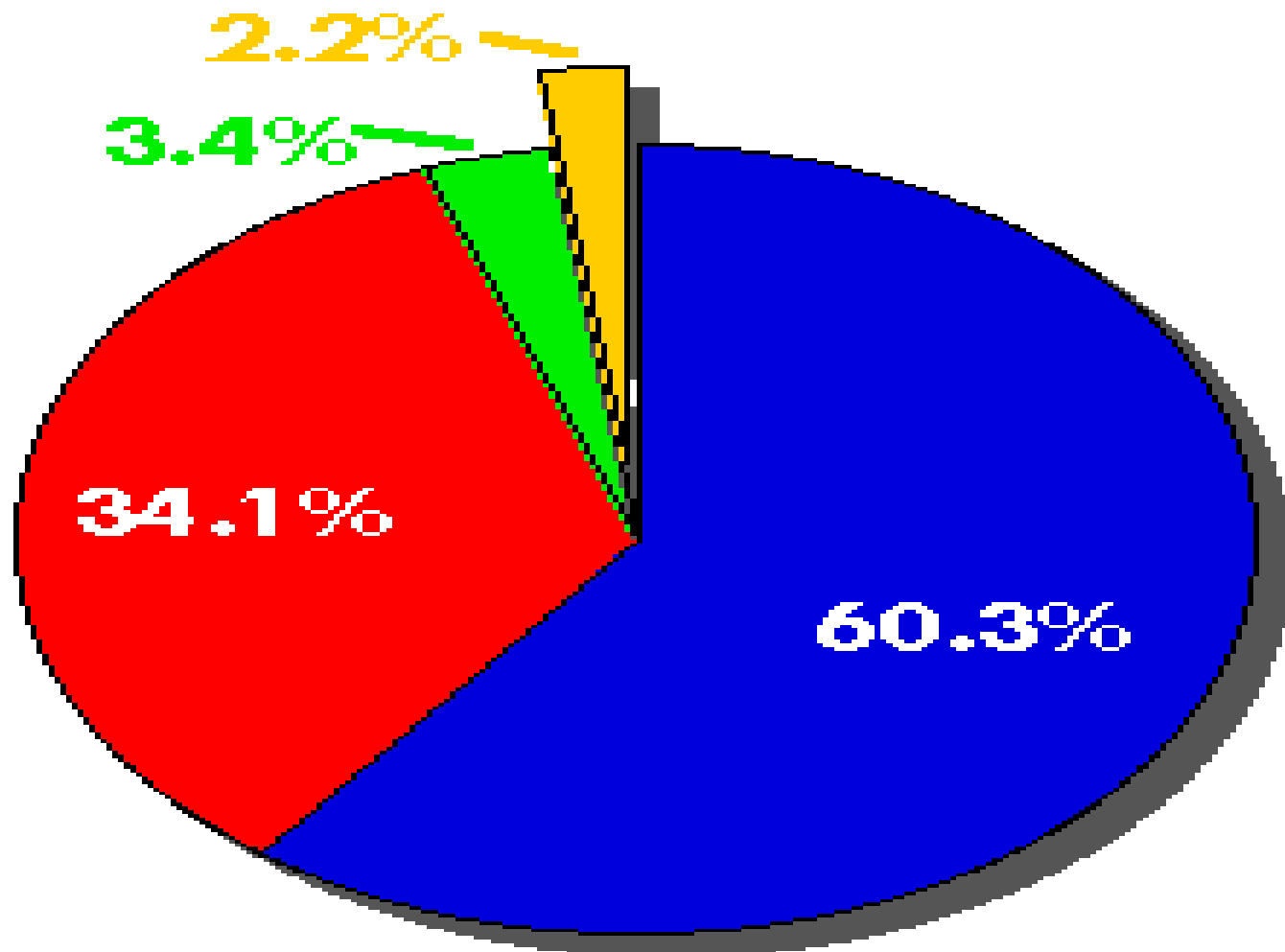
The politics of prosperity

# 1920 election



Warren G. Harding

# POPULAR VOTE

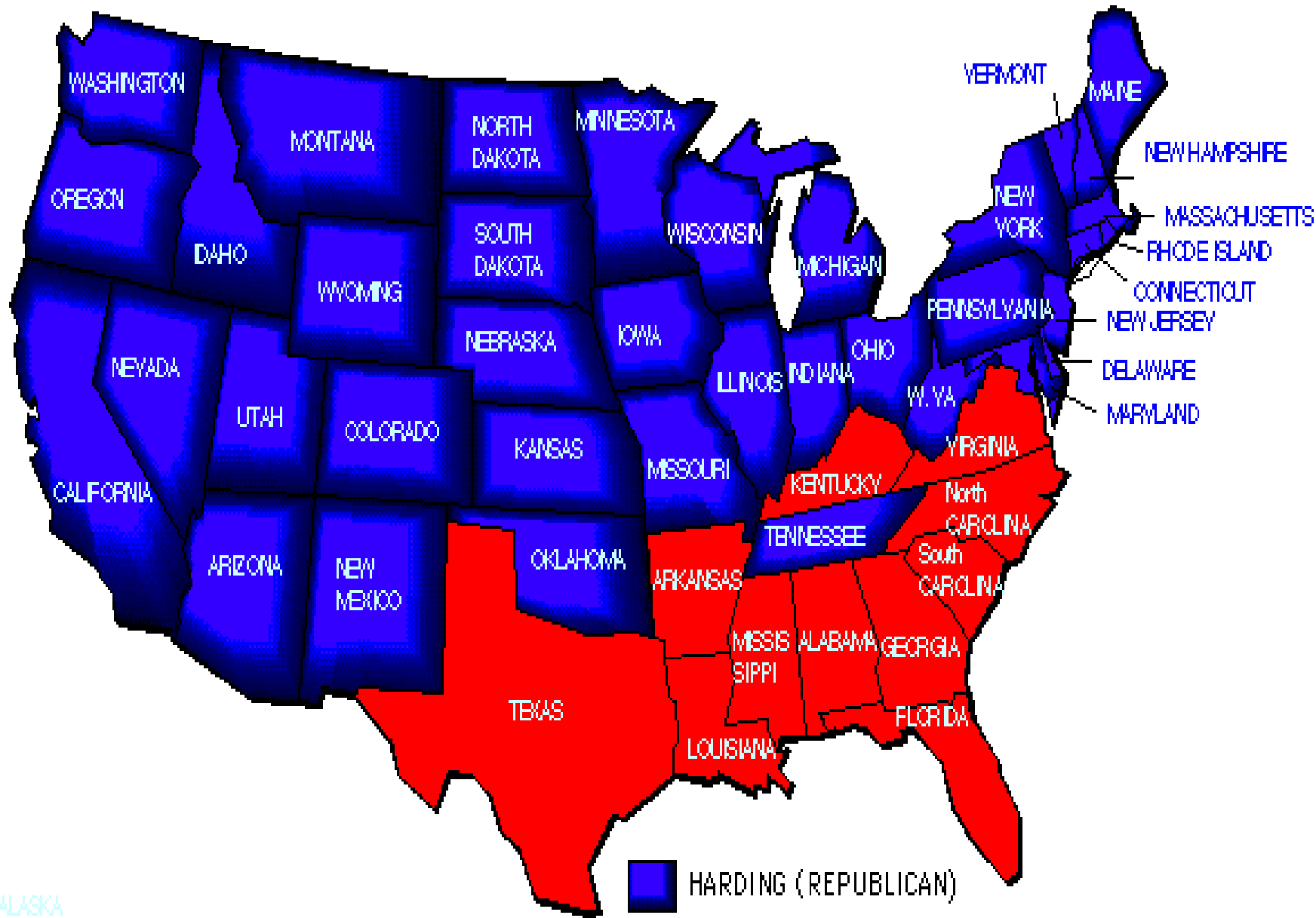


Warren G. Harding (R)

James M. Cox (D)

Eugene V. Debs (Soc.)

Other



ALASKA

-  HARDING (REPUBLICAN)
-  COX (DEMOCRAT)

# Warren Harding's Presidency:

Urged a “return to normalcy”, a word coined by Harding.

Preyed upon nostalgic feelings of Americans to gain popularity

As the decade unfolded, it became clear that “normalcy” included four major trends:

1. Redefinition of “Americanism”
2. Resumption of Racial Antagonism
3. Resurrection of “old-time religion”
4. Reaffirmation to prevent war through disarmament

# Harding's Policies

Policies were generally conservative, especially regarding taxes, tariffs, immigration restriction, labor rights, and business regulation

Harding's administration was plagued with scandals, most of which were made public after his death from a stroke in August of 1923

# Harding's Key Legislation

1. Fordney- McCumber Act: raised import tax to highest levels. Targeted goods that competed with American Goods
  
2. Dawes Plan: Designed to help Germany recover from WWI.
  - a. set up reparation payment schedule
  - b. reorganized the German Bank
  - c. gave loans to Germany

# Harding's Scandal's

1. Government officials accepted bribes
2. Teapot Dome Scandal: An official gave oil drilling rights on government property to private companies in exchange for \$300,000.



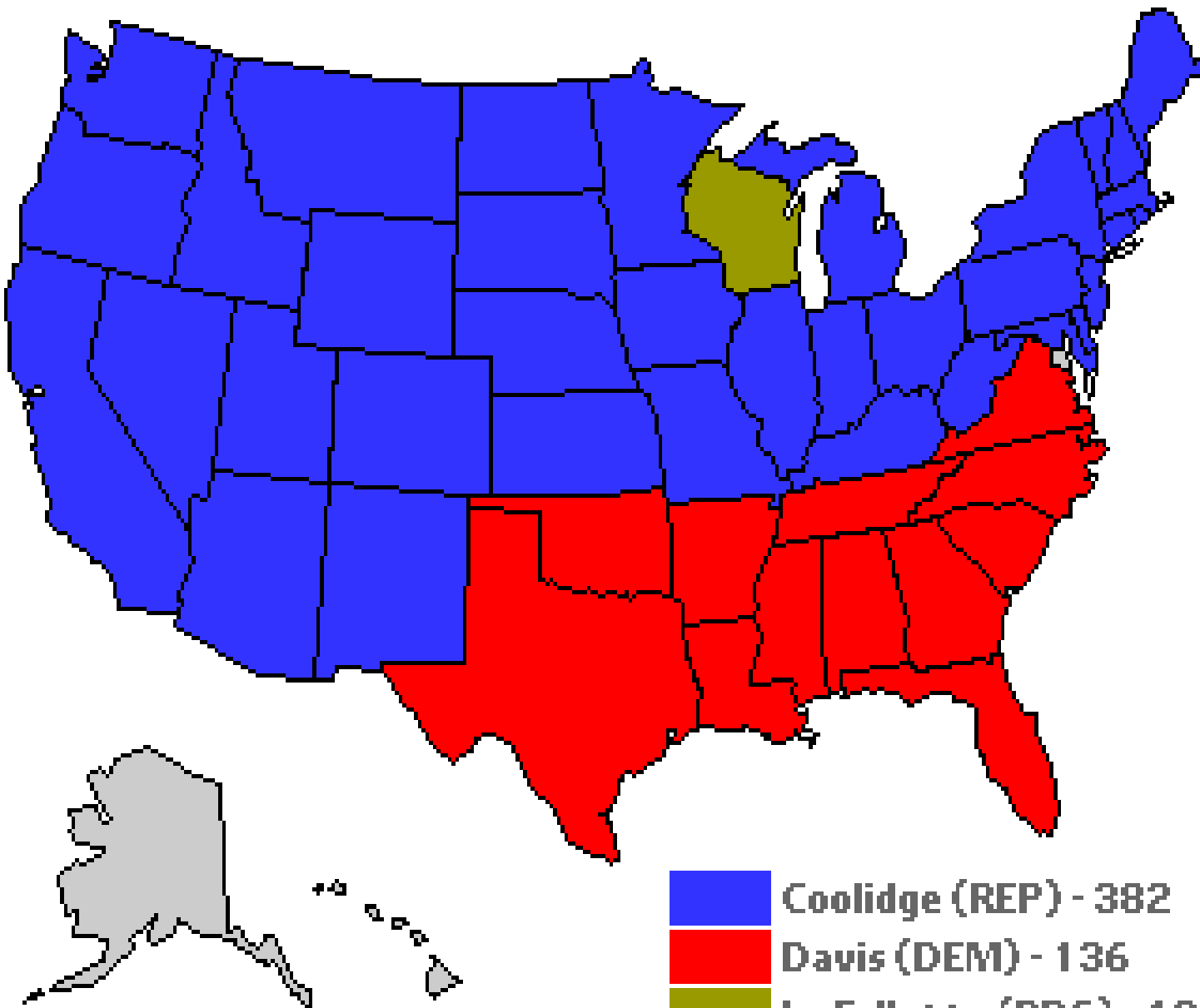


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# 1924 Election



Calvin “Silent Cal” Coolidge



Coolidge (REP) - 382  
 Davis (DEM) - 136  
 La Follette (PRG) - 13

1924		
AL	KY	ND
AK	LA	OH
AZ	ME	OK
AR	MD	OR
CA	MA	PA
CO	MI	RI
CT	MN	SC
DE	MS	SD
DC	MO	TN
FL	MT	TX
GA	NE	UT
HI	NV	VT
ID	NH	VA
IL	NJ	WA
IN	NM	WV
IA	NY	WI
KS	NC	WY

# Coolidge's Presidency

As Harding's VP did very little!

When he assumed presidency after Harding's death worked hard to repair damage of Harding's administration.

Many of his policies including federal tax cuts and high tariffs were popular during his term. As the Great Depression loomed, he fell out of favor with the public.

Coolidge does not run for president in the next election.

# Coolidge's Key Legislation

Kellogg-Briand Pact: nations agree not to use the threat of war in their dealings with one another.

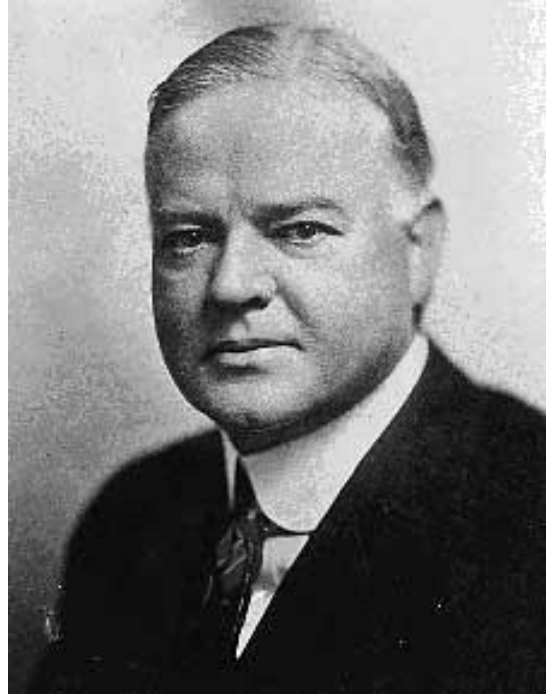
\*originally 15 members, quickly grew to 60.

\* unrealistic pact....no provisions to enforce it.

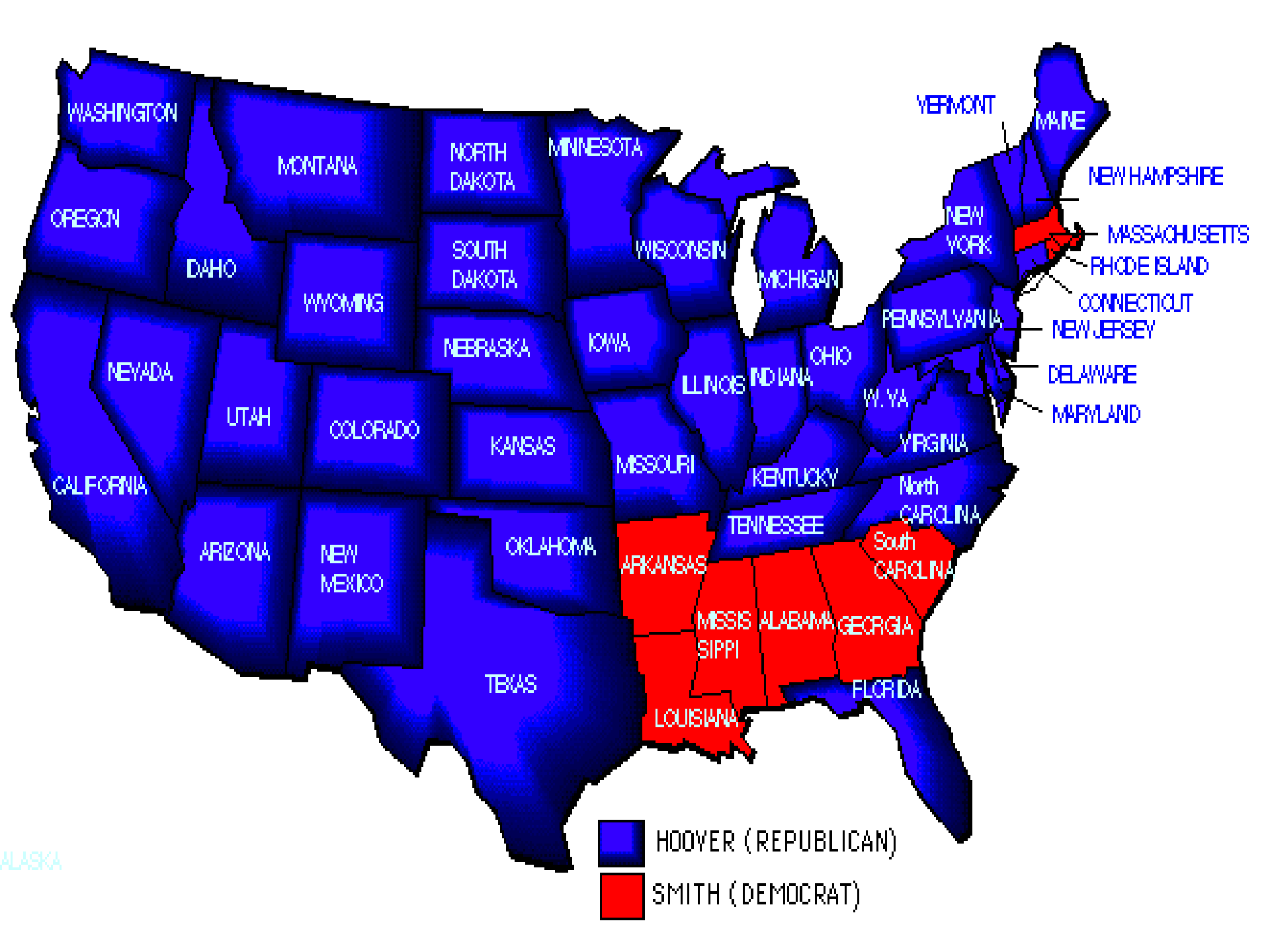
Laissez Faire: believed if you let businesses alone economy would flourish.

\*\*\*Helped fuel the Depression\*\*\*\*\*

# Election of 1928



Herbert Hoover



# Hoover's presidency

Hoover was the right man in the wrong palce at the wrong time.

During his second year, the Depression takes root in America and Hoover loses the 1932 election to FDR

\*\*\*Hoover is the only president to NOT be featured on the cover of Time. He kept putting of sitting for the picture.