

CARTOON ANALYSIS

Purpose

During tough times, governments face big decisions. For example, should they focus inward or get involved in global issues? This activity uses a political cartoon to help you explore how the US reacted to the Great Depression, and you'll then compare that response to those of other countries.

Process

1. Examine the cartoon below.



Kirby, Rollin. *No Foreign Entanglements*. 1935. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, LC-USZ62-127328, <https://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003689061/>.

2. What is the cartoon's message?

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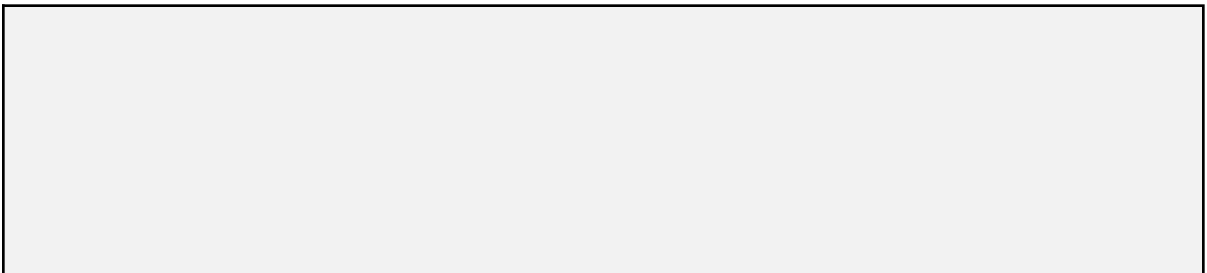
3. What emotions or fears does the cartoon seem to play on?



4. How does the cartoon reflect the United States government's response to the Great Depression?



5. Compare the response depicted in the cartoon to that of another government from this lesson.



6. Make a prediction: Do you think economic hardship from the Great Depression made countries more cautious or bolder in global politics? How might this connect to the onset of World War II?

