

# Introduction to the Executive Branch



REVIEW

# The Three Branches of Government

## Legislative Branch

This is **Congress**, which is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Their job is to create and pass laws.



**Senators:** Serve 6-year terms. There are no term limits, so they can be re-elected as many times as voters choose.

**Representatives:** Serve 2-year terms. There are no term limits, so they can also be re-elected as many times as voters choose.

## Executive Branch

This branch is led by the **President**. The President's job is to enforce and carry out the laws that Congress makes.



Serves a 4-year term and can be re-elected for one additional term, making a maximum of 8 years in office.

## Judicial Branch

This includes the Supreme Court and other courts. They interpret the laws, which means they decide what the laws mean and how they should be applied.



**Supreme Court Justices:** Serve for life or until they choose to retire, resign, or are removed through impeachment. There are no set term limits.

# Powers of the Executive

## Enforcing Laws



## Veto Power



## Appointing Officials



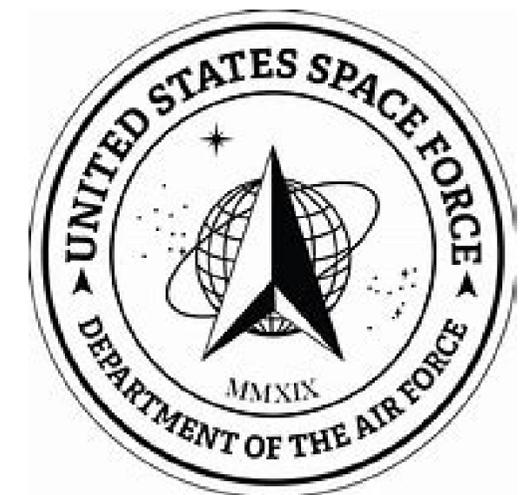
## **Domestic Administration**

- implementing laws
- managing national agencies
- ensuring public services.





# Roles of the Commander-in-Chief



# Role in Foreign Policy

**What is  
Foreign  
Policy?**



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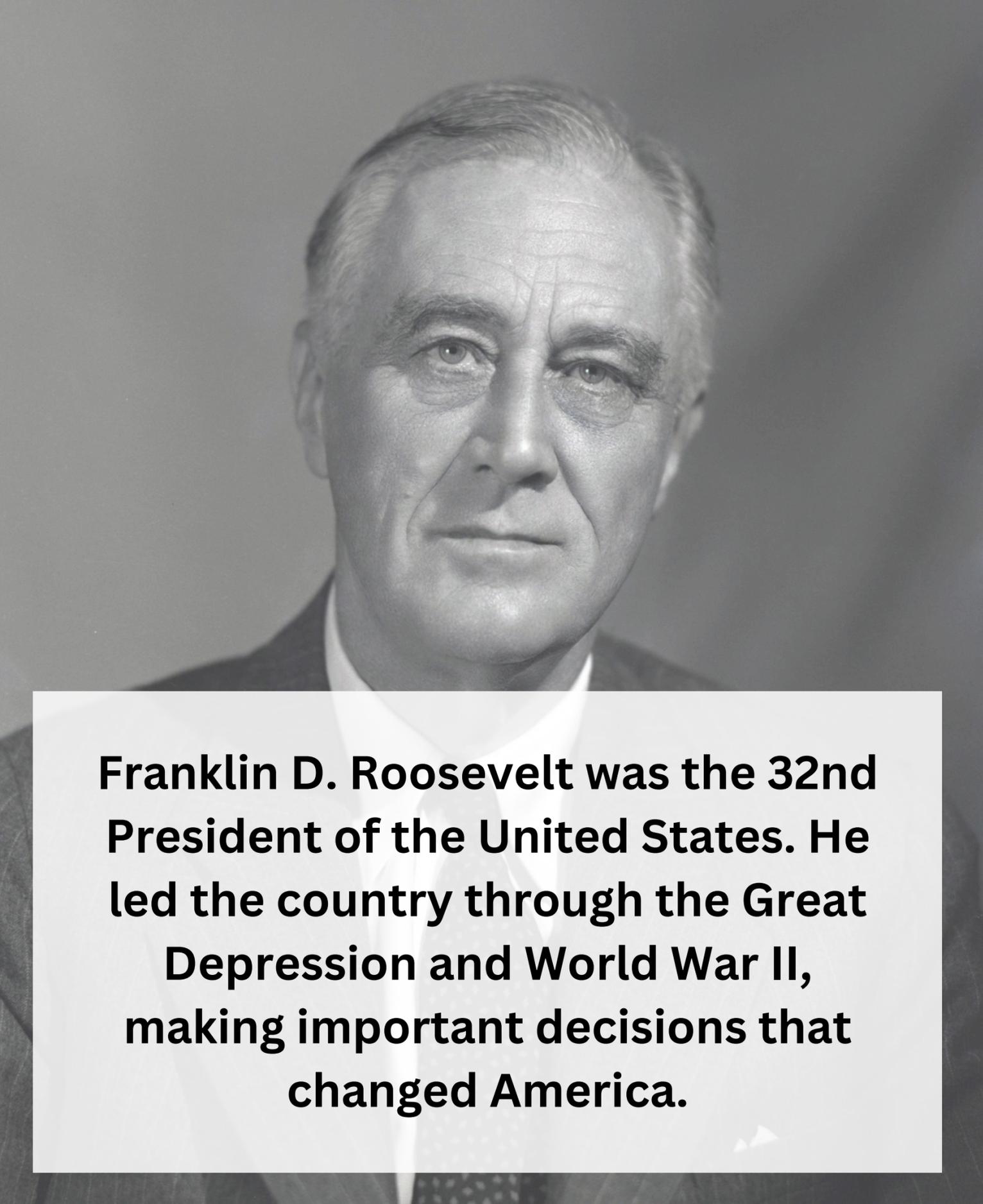
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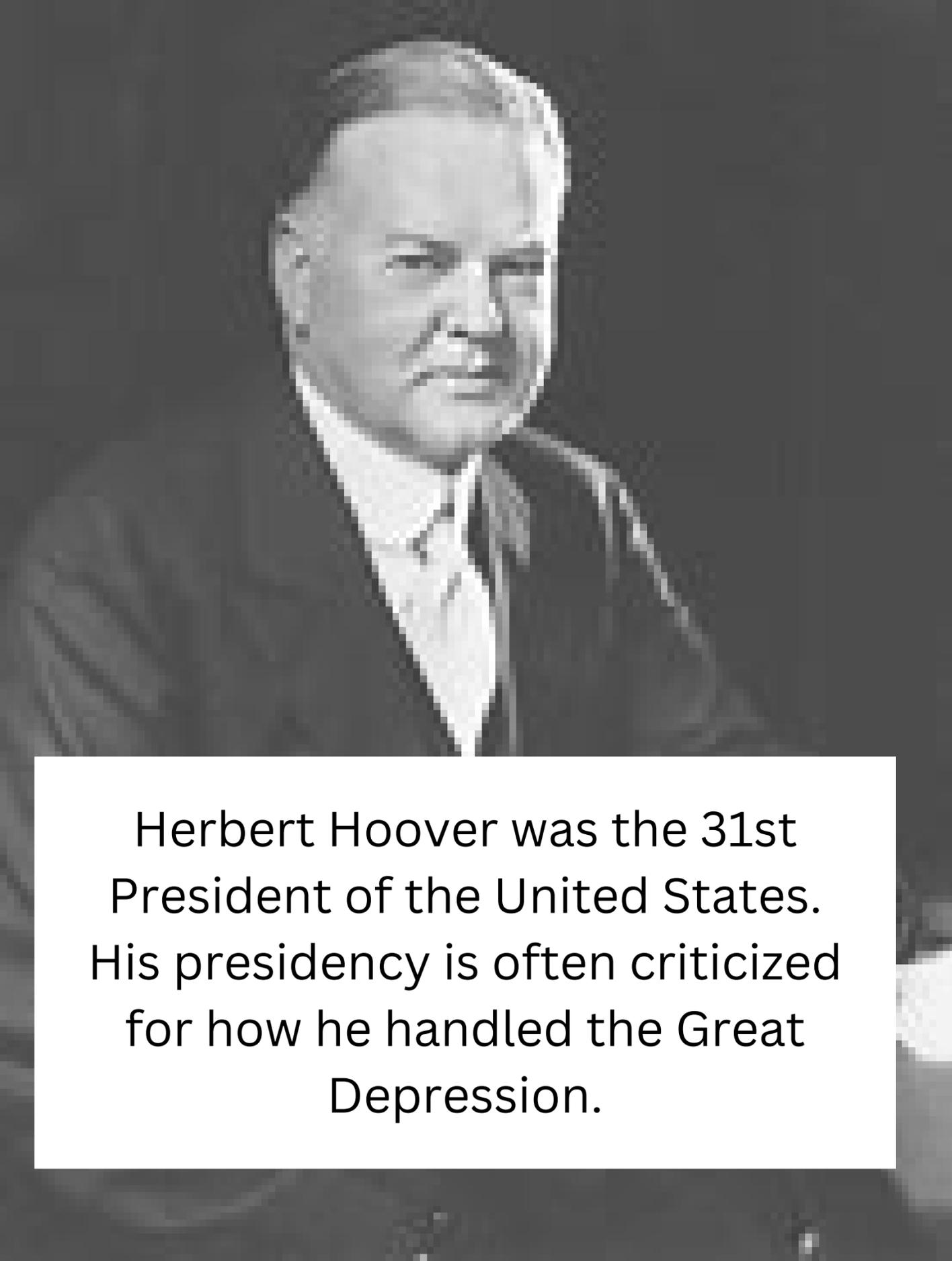




**Franklin D. Roosevelt was the 32nd President of the United States. He led the country through the Great Depression and World War II, making important decisions that changed America.**

## **Franklin D. Roosevelt Case Study**

- **New Deal:** FDR created programs to help people get jobs and support the economy during the Great Depression.
- **World War II Leadership:** He helped the Allies win World War II by supporting other countries and leading the U.S. war effort.
- **Social Security Act:** Roosevelt started Social Security, which helps provide money for elderly and unemployed people.



Herbert Hoover was the 31st President of the United States. His presidency is often criticized for how he handled the Great Depression.

## Herbert Hoover Case Study

- **Stock Market Crash:** The stock market crash of 1929 happened soon after Hoover took office, leading to the Great Depression.
- **Limited Government Response:** Hoover believed in limited government intervention in the economy, which many feel worsened the Depression.
- **Hoovervilles:** Shantytowns named "Hoovervilles" sprang up as people blamed Hoover for their economic struggles and lack of government aid.



**Scenario:** There is intelligence about a potential terrorist threat in a major city. What actions do you take to ensure the safety of your citizens?

**Options:** *Increase security and surveillance, deploy military forces, or implement emergency evacuation plans.*

**Scenario:** You have proposed a new education reform bill, but it faces strong opposition in the legislature. How do you proceed?

**Options:** *Negotiate with legislators to make compromises, use executive orders to implement parts of the reform, or withdraw the bill and seek alternative solutions.*

**1. Your Decision:**

What did you decide to do? Why?

**2. Potential Outcomes:**

What are the possible impacts of your decision?

**3. Reflection:**

What did you learn about the responsibilities and challenges of the executive role from this activity?

**Check the Classroom for Handouts**

