

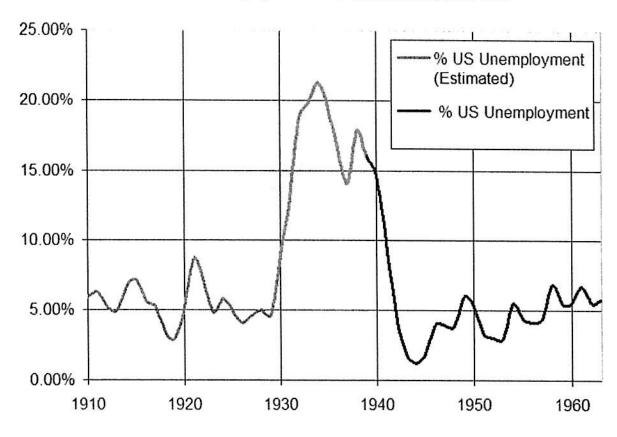


# **Supporting Question 3**

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Source A: Chart showing unemployment rates, "Unemployment in the United States, 1910-1960"

### Unemployment in the United States, 1910-1960



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## **Supporting Question 4**

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Source C: M. Santos, Federal Writers' Project interview in which he critiques the New Deal, "The New Deal Was a Failure" (excerpts), no date

NOTE: Dr. M. Santos was a Cuban-born optometrist living in Florida. His feelings about the New Deal and President Roosevelt were recorded as part of the Federal Writers' Project and translated by F. Valdex.

#### The New Deal Was a Failure

As to the New Deal, I believe that it has been a failure as it has protected the trusts more than the American people. Today, the poor are poorer, and the trusts are richer. Another reason: this is a county that is controlled by the trusts. When one stands on the street, and closes his eyes for a moment, and then opens them and looks; everything, absolutely all that one sees is made by the trusts. The automobile that passes by, the street car, the trucks, everything that one wears: shoes, clothes, etc. When one enters a restaurant, he sees the plates, the tables, the spoons, all is made by the trusts. 95% of what one eats is controlled by the trusts. The trusts for more than 200 years have been controlling all the industries, and killing the small business men. We have reached a state in which the trusts dominate all, as they are the owners of the money, or nearly all the money that there is in the United States....

I do not believe that Roosevelt will solve this crisis, for if he had wanted to, as he promised to the American people, he would have solved it, as the Legislature and the Senate have given Roosevelt more power than any other president of the United States....

I must state in making these declarations that I was one of so many fools that believing in the so much "cackled" New Deal, and that I went to deposit my vote for the one who is today President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has deceived my most pure illusions with the respect to the solution of this great crisis....

I wish to state also that I will not vote again for any candidate for President of the United States, who belongs to the Democratic or Republican party, as I believe that anyone of these presidents has not an ideology really democratic and just, for those of us who work, and produce, and are respectful of the law.

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