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In what ways did the election of Harding and Coolidge reflect America's changing mood?

DO NOW: How would you define a scandal? What does it mean to be corrupt?

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Scandal

A. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage.

Corrupt

A. having or showing a willingness to act dishonestly in return for money or personal gain.

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President Warren G. Harding (1920-1924)

A. Republican

B. Vice-President: Calvin Coolidge

C. Had a very friendly personality, fine voice, and handsome appearance.

D. Did not believe he was fit to be president.

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The "Ohio Gang"

A. President Harding was known for giving jobs to his friends and political supporters.

B. This group of people came to be known as the "Ohio Gang."

C. Problem: several of his friends were not qualified for the jobs that he gave them.

D. Several of the "Ohio Gang" were corrupt.

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Teapot Dome Scandal

A. Also called the Oil Reserves, or Elk Hills, Scandal

B. Scandal of the early 1920s surrounding the secret leasing of federal oil reserves by the secretary of the interior, Albert B. Fall.

C. After Harding transferred supervision of the naval oil reserve lands from the navy to the Department of the Interior in 1921, Fall secretly granted to Harry F. Sinclair of the Mammoth Oil Company exclusive rights to the Teapot Dome (Wyoming) reserves (April 7, 1922).

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Teapot Dome Scandal (cont.)

A. Congress directed President Harding to cancel the leases.

B. Supreme Court declared the leases fraudulent and ruled illegal Harding's transfer of authority to Fall.

C. The revelations of his associates' misconduct took a severe toll on his health; disillusioned and exhausted, he died before the full extent of the wrongdoing had been determined.

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Results of the Teapot Dome Scandal

- A. While "Teapot Dome" entered the American political vocabulary as a synonym for governmental corruption, the scandal had little long-term effect on the Republican Party.
- B. Calvin Coolidge, the Vice-President, became president and was then re-elected president as a Republican in 1924.

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President Calvin Coolidge (1923-1928)

- A. Republican
- B. He said very little and was nicknamed "Silent Cal".
- C. He was very calm and laid back; almost had a boring personality.
 - A. (the opposite of Harding)

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Republican ways

- A. Both Harding and Coolidge believed in very little government involvement in business.
- B. Both Harding and Coolidge wanted the nation to have a limited role in world affairs.
- C. They did not want to join a "League of Nations" and wanted America to be isolationist.

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