

SWEEPING CHANGES ARE EXPECTED
AFTER MARCH 4TH
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Questions

1. Who does the figure holding the broom represent?
2. Who is being handed the broom?
3. What year do you believe this cartoon to be published and why?
4. Who are the two figures in the background?
5. Describe the message of the cartoon. Be sure to explain the symbolism of the broom in your answer.

Answers

1. Congress
2. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
3. 1933 because FDR is referred to as “president-elect”, clearly before his first term.
4. Uncle Sam and outgoing president Herbert Hoover
5. Answers will vary but might include: Major “sweeping” changes are needed in order to fix the economic crisis later known as the Great Depression and subsequent New Deal. The artist seems to believe that FDR is up to the task as he is eagerly reaching for the broom and is drawn as a strong figure.