

### HOW TO CREATE A DEPRESSION

A man lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs.  
He was hard of hearing so he had no radio.  
He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspapers.  
But he sold good hot dogs!  
He put up signs on the highway telling how good they were.  
He stood by the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog mister!"  
And people bought!  
He increased his meat and bun orders.  
He bought a bigger stove to take care of his business.  
He brought his son home from college to help him.  
But then something happened...  
His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio?  
There is a depression on.  
The European situation is bad.  
The Asian situation is terrible.  
The domestic situation is worse.  
Whereupon the father thought, "Well my son's been to college, He reads the papers  
and listens to the radio, and he ought to know,"  
So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders,  
Took down his advertising signs,  
And no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell hot dogs.  
And his hot dog sales fell off almost overnight.  
"You're right son," the father said to the boy.  
"We certainly are in the middle of a terrible depression!"

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