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**User (09:24:51):**

which documents do you think are best when looking at social issues. Pick your best 3 and use RICHRAB to show how useful these documents are to a historian studying social issues?

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**Assistant (09:24:53):**

Based on the documents available, here are three that could be particularly insightful for studying social issues in 1920s Britain, along with an analysis using the RICHRAB framework:

## 1. Source 2: Unemployment Situation 1921

This memorandum from the Minister of Labour discusses the severe unemployment crisis in the early 1920s, highlighting the government's response and the social implications of widespread joblessness.

- **Reasons:** What economic factors contributed to the high levels of unemployment mentioned in this document? How did the post-war economy influence job availability?
- **Impact:** How did the massive unemployment figures affect the working class and the general public's perception of the government's effectiveness?
- **Change:** Does this document reflect a change in government policy regarding unemployment insurance compared to previous years?
- **How things worked:** What does this source reveal about the role of the Labour Ministry and Trade Unions in addressing unemployment?
- **Responses:** How did the public and various political groups react to the government's handling of unemployment during this period?
- **Attitudes:** What attitudes towards the unemployed does this document reflect, and how might those attitudes have differed among social classes?
- **Beliefs:** What underlying beliefs about work and welfare can be inferred from the government's approach to unemployment?

## 2. Source 21: Pensions for Widows

This extract discusses the provisions for pensions for widows, orphans, and the elderly, reflecting the social safety net in place during the 1920s.

- **Reasons:** Why was there a growing need for pensions for widows and orphans during this decade? What societal changes might have prompted this legislation?
- **Impact:** How did the introduction of these pensions affect the lives of women and families in Britain?
- **Change:** Does this source indicate a change in societal attitudes towards women's roles and support systems in the 1920s?
- **How things worked:** What does this tell us about the welfare state and its development during this period?

- **Responses:** How did different groups, such as women's organisations or political parties, respond to the introduction of these pensions?
- **Attitudes:** What does this document reveal about public attitudes towards women and the elderly during the 1920s?
- **Beliefs:** What beliefs about social responsibility and support for the vulnerable are reflected in this legislation?

### 3. Source 31: Miners' March 1927

This document details a miners' march to London, highlighting the plight of workers and the social unrest stemming from unemployment and economic hardship.

- **Reasons:** What were the immediate causes of the miners' march, and how did broader economic conditions contribute to this action?
- **Impact:** How did the march influence public opinion and government policy regarding unemployment and workers' rights?
- **Change:** Does this event signify a change in the relationship between the working class and the government?
- **How things worked:** What does this source illustrate about the organisation and solidarity among workers during this period?
- **Responses:** How did the government and law enforcement respond to the miners' march, and what does this reveal about their priorities?
- **Attitudes:** What attitudes towards poverty and unemployment does the march reflect, and how might these have been received by the broader public?
- **Beliefs:** What beliefs about workers' rights and social justice are evident in the speeches and resolutions from this march?

Which of these areas would you like to explore further?

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