Dorothea Lange Photograph, 1936

Figure 3. Dorothea Lange, *Drought farmers line the shady side of the main street of the town while their crops burn up in the fields. "The guvment may keep us a little I reckon." Sallisaw, Oklahoma, August 1936*

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Consider the literal meaning of Lange’s caption in making observations about the photograph and responding to these questions:

- What is the significance of the men’s squatting posture? Think about the primal aspect of this position in human culture.
- Why does Lange note they are sitting on the “shady side of the street”?
- What is meant by their “crops burn up in the fields”?
- What is mean by “the guvment might keep us a little”?
- What other observations can you make about the subjects in the photograph?