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Using the Historian and Video Materials
by Joe Escobar - Wednesday, November 22, 2017, 8:42 PM

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Video Clips
by Vivian Hernandez - Friday, November 24, 2017, 8:19 AM

In my original opinion, I stated that the American Revolution was a conservative movement and I am still leaning towards that answer but I can see how it is also radical. Thomas Flemming, says in the second video clip that "so many aspects of what americans are today can be seen hear in this revolution, our tendency to go wildly in optimistic about things, and go flying off in all directions. We love liberty but we also love authority. We fought to free everyone in American, but we still had slaves, which took another 100 years to solve...all these composites are here in the american revolution experience." He described contradictions that Americans were and are today that make up the country. Without all these contradictions, we would not have the country we have today.

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**Re: Video Clips**

by Andrew Smith - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 8:16 PM

The part you talk about from the second video that says the aspects of modern Americans can be seen in the revolution had me second guessing my position towards conservative. After thinking about it though, I don't think that point holds any relevance towards the movement. The historian talks about these American attributes arising from the revolution, which I completely agree with, but that doesn't negate that the colonists fought for many of the ideals that originated as British ideals. Our American attributes can be traced to how British attributes were Americanized. I think the two sides go hand in hand because yes American attributes stem from the revolution, but they were forming before that as well.

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**Re: Document #3**

by Preston Cobb - Friday, November 24, 2017, 11:10 AM

In document #3 Daniel Boorstin states "The Americans were fighting not so much to establish new rights as to preserve old ones..." The colonist, even though were trying to gain new rights greatly wanted to preserve old ones. This helps my original argument when I said that the american revolution was not a conservative movement. In other cases revolutions are trying to get rid of old ideals and begin to adopt new ones, where the americans wanted to keep and adopt new rights as well.

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**Re: Document #3**

by Shelby Presley - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 12:19 PM

Preston,

So you think that he is correct in saying that Americans wanted to keep the old ideals? I think that the Americans might keep some of the old ideals although I think they transform them into a way where it works for the new society they've created.

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**Re: Document #3**

by Audrey Millard - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 11:54 PM

Preston,

I actually noticed the same thing! Document #3 is the statement that gave me the confidence to stick by my initial thoughts that the movement was radical.

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by Vivian Hernandez - Saturday, November 25, 2017, 10:31 AM

The first quote by Richard Alden put emphasis on how America began a change in the minds of the people who were under a monarchy and challenged what people thought to be known. Reading this and then reading Clinton Rossiter's quote about how the American revolution seemed radical to the rest of the world but to the people living it, they thought they were being "preservative and respectful to the past". They did not think it was radical, but instead just progression into another step towards their future. My original position was that the American revolution was a conservative movement because I think it took a lot of conservative views and opinions to begin the revolution. The quotes and the videos are muddling what I thought I knew; therefore, the American revolution could be more radical than I originally thought.

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Re: The American Revolution

by Preston Cobb - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 12:10 PM

I first saw Boorstiens quote and then the next day read aliens quote and it also made me agree that it was a radical movement, where the minds of the Americans wanted change from the current monarchy they were under. This also helped solidify my views and opinions on how the American revolution was a radical movement.

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Daniel Boorstin Document #3.

by Liliana Valladolid Salas - Saturday, November 25, 2017, 11:55 PM

Daniel Boorstin explained in the document #3, The Genius of American Politics, how the Revolution was fighting to preserve old rights. Boorstin affirms that The Revolution was conservative because it was based in ancient British institutions. Trying to preserve right like free speech, free petition, and free assembly.

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Conservative Movement

by Vivian Hernandez - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 9:48 AM

I agree that the American Revolution was a conservative movement. I think it is interesting how many of our class mates read the same documents and see radical and others read it as more conservative. This may be because of our different opinions of what a conservative and radical movement is.

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Ideals of the Revolution.



by Liliانا Valladolid Salas - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 8:40 PM

Like you, I feel like not all of the members of our group agreed with us. However, The American Revolution video #2 explained that the Revolution was the most important event in history. Before the War all White American colonist enjoyed to be free and equal. Historian General John Galving described that The Revolution ideals as "Americans" were by qualifying everything that was done and all the domestic relations. Those ideals were clear to start the Independence.

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Re: Document #1

by Preston Cobb - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 10:16 AM

In Document #1: John Richard Alden, The American Revolution, 1954. "The successful rebellion of the patriots profoundly affected the course of the future, not only for the Americans, but for all other peoples. The American Revolution brought the first break in the European colonial system." The colonist unknowingly shaped their whole future for years to come in this new lives they made for themselves. They unexpectedly helped shaped other revolutions, as well as set up the first republic government.

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Re: Using the Historian and Video Materials

by Shelby Presley - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 11:40 AM

Reading Boorstin's argument actually solidified my opinion of the fact that No it was not a conservative movement, it was a radical movement. Gordon Wood helped re-convince me with his argument, "Men of more humble and more rural origins and less educated than those who had sat in the colonial assemblies now became representatives. In New Hampshire, for example, in 1765 the colonial assembly had contained only thirty-four members, almost all well-to-do gentlemen." It wasn't the same as before. They were trying to make new changes in this virgin society. I disagree that they were just fighting fo the same rights that they had before because if that was the case they could've just stayed in England and avoided all of this.

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Historians support conservative

by Andrew Smith - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 7:23 PM

After reading what the historians had to say, I am more assured that the revolution was a conservative movement. Clinton Rossiter said that liberty and equality was already an established way of life for the colonists. Daniel Boorstin says that the colonists were fighting to preserve the rights they grew accustomed to under the British. Trial by Jury and Habeas Corpus were originally British institutions and remained American institutions after the war. This reaffirms that the revolution was a conservative movement because the people weren't fighting to overthrow the British for a radically different government; they wanted control of a new government formed from the same rights and institutions that already existed.

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Supporting conservatism.

by Liliaana Valladolid Salas - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 9:54 PM

Corresponding to your statement, I continue to believe that The American Revolution was conservative. Both historians Rossiter and Boorstin explained how colonist were preservative and respectful about the past and had faith in British institutions.

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Videos support conservative

by Andrew Smith - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 7:53 PM

In the videos, they speak about how a new society emerged in America that was very different than old world society. It was said that the colonists were some of the freest people on Earth. If his society was so special, it bears to reason that the colonists would want to protect the ways of this new society and have independence from any old world society. This would be a fight to conserve their ways of life. This provides further support that the revolution was a conservative movement. Gordon Wood makes a good point when he says our beliefs in equality and constitutionalism came out of the revolution, which is absolutely true, but it doesn't negate that the revolution was a conservative movement. These ideals of equality and representation were a part of the same beliefs the people had before the war. They fought to conserve those beliefs. Our American way of thinking developed from the revolution, but that didn't take place UNTIL the revolution. The movement that led to the revolution seems to be absolutely conservative.

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hist readings, my thoughts

by Audrey Millard - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 10:41 PM

After reading all the documents it has strengthened by belief. I feel most of these documents back the side stating that the revolution WAS radical.

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Re: hist readings, my thoughts

by Preston Cobb - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 11:17 PM

To help strengthen your opinion that I agree with(since you're lacking evidence and this is just a general opinion), I will provide some evidence for you. Boorstin helped me to realize that the AR(American Revolution) was indeed a radical movement. To the colonist they did not just want to to forget about the British ideals they wanted to keep some ways of their thinking and adopt new ones, as Boorstin states. The colonist kept many of the same British instutions such as trial by jury, due process of law, representation before taxation, ect..

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