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The Great Awakening

by Joe Escobar - Saturday, October 18, 2014, 11:36 AM

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Internalizing Decisions

by Kathryn Kinney - Sunday, October 19, 2014, 3:49 PM

"In a word, decision making had been internalized."

After reading both sides, I still feel neutral on the issue. However, I would suppose I lean towards Professor Patricia U Bonomi's YES article.

Forcing people to decide for themselves and choose religious actions based partly on political actions does set the stage for the American Revolution. Allowing yourself to choose what happens in your community other than having others choose for you is basically what I interpreted from her essay. "No longer would

conscience to be sacrificed for outward appearances on unity."

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Confirming a Side



by Kathryn Kinney - Thursday, October 23, 2014, 8:35 PM

The more we have been studying The Great Awakening, I lean heavily towards the YES argument by Patricia U. Bonomi. At first I didn't really understand how religious change could plant the seeds for fundamental beliefs. I can clearly see now that feeling as if you had a personal conversion experience or having a fire and brimstone sermon could frighten you, and want to change.

The fact that it was such a major impact of our day to day lives to be thinking in new ways, finding new lands, and growing your own food or crops is just an amazing aspect of what it means to be human, and the power of curiosity.

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Internalizing Decisions



by Brian Burt - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 4:19 AM

I totally agree with you Kathryn and what you have to say about how you feel that allowing you as a person to choose what happens around you and the community other than having someone or others choose it. she waned and encouraged people of the town to act as individual conscience. i really believe that she has it right by saying you should choose religious actions thats should be decided by you as a person not by others.

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Exaggeration of Leadership for Revival



by Christian Reid - Monday, October 20, 2014, 6:48 PM

After this reading I lean towards Jon Butler's NO points. Though I do not agree with all of them.

"Whitefield's early charismatic influence later faded so that his appearances in the 1750's and 60's had less impact." Whitefield .also didn't coordinate revival's throughout the colonies, neither did Edward.

The Revival's provided little time to try and focus on intercolonial unity as well. This would make it difficult to begin a revolution if you can't unite people together. "They appeared too erratically in too few colonies under too many different auspices to make such generalizations appropriate."

Now, I'm sure that there were some congregation's that had anti-British protest groups, but none were found to be uniquely important to the Revolution. "Nor is it possible to demonstrate that specific congregations and denominations associated with the revival's originated anti-British protest that became uniquely important to the Revolution"

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Re: Exaggeration of Leadership for Revival

by Erik Fischer - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 10:12 PM

In the video Professor Trickle explained how Whitefield's sermons helped to create unity amongst the colonies by showing them that other communities shared their beliefs. That knowledge that they had religious connections elsewhere wouldn't have been forgotten just because the man who initially introduced them to the idea lost popularity.

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opinion on the great awakening

by Keaton Zarbano - Monday, October 20, 2014, 7:23 PM

I agree with author Patricia Bonomi, I believe back in those days everything that happened

was tied into religion in one way or another. "The Great Awakening created conditions uniquely favorable to social and political, as well as religious, reform by piercing the façade of civility and deference that governed provincial life to usher in a new age of contentiousness." That to me shows that the people wanted to practice their religion and have their government separate. And to do that they had to move in a different direction than the English and their churches were moving.

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Straddling the middle

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by Dalyn Stram - Monday, October 20, 2014, 8:32 PM

I would have to that say I more or less agree with both articles to an extent. I would agree with Patricia Bonomi that yes, the "Great Awakening" did play a role in the upcoming American Revolution. She writes that "The institutional disruptions and church separations of the Great Awakening this provided a kind of 'practice model' which enabled the provincials to 'rehearse' - though unwittingly - a number of the situations, and arguments to appropriate to them, that would appear with the political crisis of the 1760s and 1770s." I find this a valid point. When the American Revolution came around, at least some of the driving parties had been involved with such a schism previously. Bonomi mentions that the Great Awakening was something the colonies had never experienced before on either a religious or political scale, and I think that experience did at least prepare some of the colonists for what would come in their separation from their mother country.

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Straddling the middle (Part 2)

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by Dalyn Stram - Monday, October 20, 2014, 8:42 PM

I also like the point Bonomi made about there being a distinct difference in mentality before and after the Great

Awakening. Before, importance was placed on the community and less on the individual. After, things were largely centered around the individual. It was vital that you internalize your salvation and experience with God. I tend to think that had to have played at least a minor role in shaping the American Revolution and the early Americans' ideas of individual liberty, pursuit of happiness, and views on government and how it should relate to individuals and communities. Of course there were many factors that played into such ideas, but a religious awakening 30 years earlier that stressed these very ideas must have at least been in the minds of those who had witnessed the event. The Great Awakening stressed the individual over the congregation/society, and the American Revolution stressed the individual over a monarchy/big government.

However, I also agree with Jon Butler in that the Great Awakening probably did not have nearly as much of an impact as some might think. While I believe the Great Awakening played a role - though minor - I believe some people tend to overestimate its role/significance when relating directly to the American Revolution. That's why I'm sort of straddling the middle here.

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Neither Yes nor No



by Brittany Newton - Monday, October 20, 2014, 9:30 PM

I am caught in the middle of both Professor Bonomi and Professor Butler's articles. I do believe that the Great Awakening could have had an impact on the American Revolution but do I agree that it was "the key," no. The idea and desire for religious liberty etc., in America began back when the colonists/settlers first arrived maybe even before. While the Great Awakening could have been the final push to fight for what they wanted I don't think the Great Awakening as an event was the foundational basis of the American Revolution.

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Well said.



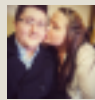
by Connor Fields - Monday, October 20, 2014, 11:02 PM

This is a great point, the first colonists of the

Americas left because they disagreed with the religious decisions the king made. We categorize them today by their primary religious affiliation; Puritan and separatist to name a few. Their idea of religious freedom stemmed back all the way to the initial settlers. So to say that is was the the reason the American Revolution happened is a little bit of a stretch. While I will admit after reading the material I agree that it seems like the Great Awakening was the "final push" as Brittney said.

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Good point



by Zachary Ehrhardt - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 11:53 PM

I agree that while the colonists were seeking religious freedom, they had other reasons for coming to America. We cannot forget that while some colonies, like the Massachusetts Bay colony was founded for religious reasons, other colonies, such as Virginia were founded for economic reasons. Not all colonists felt as strongly as the Puritans or the Separatists.

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A Line in the Sand



by Andrew Mirman - Monday, October 20, 2014, 10:07 PM

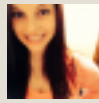
I would have to say that both sides make a lot of very valid points, but Patricia Bonomi's side wins out for me.

I think she made a great point when she said "The Great awakening created conditions uniquely favorable to social and political, as well as religious, reform."

Further stating "By urging their followers to make choices that had political as well as religious implications, the awakeners wrought permanent changes in public practice and attitude." I think both of these ideas show me just how critical The Great Awakening's role was to the American Revolution.

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Making Choices

by Kathryn Kinney - Thursday, October 23, 2014, 10:38 AM

The quote you used hits this topic right on the money. The American Revolution was about the political upheaval that overthrew the British crown and gave the American colonies their ability and freedom to create The United States of America.

Because pastors and priests urged their followers to think for themselves, or awaken, the ideology changed. Even though religion is tough to talk about, it is one of the fundamental building blocks of who we are today, whether we are religious or not.

Thanks Andrew for the great quote!

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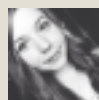
Not much of an impact

by Cody Faurie - Monday, October 20, 2014, 10:35 PM

I personally agree and lean more towards Jon Butler's point of view, of course it is purely speculation on my part I can not know what the people of that time were thinking or why they did what they did. It just seems to me like it did not have that great of an impact. The mind set the colonist had was already there I think the Great Awakening only reinforced what many were already thinking. In the end I just don't think it would have made a difference in the altogether outcome of the colonies decisions.

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More Yes Than No

by Ashley Lazorchak - Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 12:37 AM

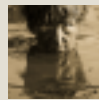
After reading both sides, it was hard for me to choose which side I agreed with more. I think both made valid points, but I am leaning more towards the "YES" article by Patricia U. Bonomi. From my understanding, the Great Awakening (pg. 138-143) allowed people to view church and state separately. That being said, when Patricia Bonomi states: "*The institutional disruptions and church separations of the Great Awakening thus*

provided a kind of 'practice model' to which enabled the provincials to 'rehearse' – though unwittingly – a number of the situations, and the arguments appropriate to them, that would reappear with the political crisis of the 1760's and 1770's." (pg. 111 – YES article) I believe the point she is trying to make is the Great Awakening allowed individuals to realize that religious power resided in their own hands rather in the hands of religious authority. This shaped their view of political power residing in their own will for self-governance, which made the American Revolution possible.

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Re: Contributing factors leading to the American Revolution

by Amy Trask - Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 7:02 AM

I found both papers had interesting views, and theories that I both agreed with and disagreed with.

I found Patricia U. Bonomi had some interesting points that supported her Yes opinion. For example on page 111, in her paper, she talks about the factors that contributed to the force behind the Great Awakening, and what made this revival different from the rest, leading to the American Revolution.

I agree that the “rapid climb in population,” the [creation] of dense settlements, “facilitation of mass public gatherings, (Bonomi 111)” along with the spread of written word (pg. 134 paragraph 3 textbook), the growth of colleges, education (pg. 142-143 paragraph 3-5 textbook), and the progression of the enlightenment (pg. 135 paragraph 3, textbook) all contributed greatly to The American Revolution. Bonomi also points out in her paper that there were many “charismatic and combative personalities of the age (pg. 111 Bonomi.)” “None of which would have been so well known, or have their opinions so accessible if it weren’t for the increased means of availability.

All of the above examples support Bonomi’s, yes, opinion. I feel as if it was the social media explosion of their time. Evidence supports that all of these influences

coming together increased the magnitude and strength of what would be known as the American Revolution.

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Social Media Explosion vs. Great Awakening

by Haley Anderson - Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 11:24 PM

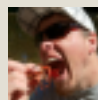
I thought that Amy had a very good point in saying that the Great Awakening was a sort of Social Media explosion of their time. I hadn't thought of the Great Awakening in such modern terms, and in a way that parallels the religious revolution to a more modern revolution. It helped me to relate to these people, these people are realizing that they have more freedom; coming up with their own ideas, branching out, making connections with people, and becoming more educated, and in a similar way, that is what happened to our world when the internet became more popular along with social media.

I just think that this ideal is a fantastic way of thinking of the Great Awakening to better relate it to our time, because it is very difficult to put ourselves in the shoes of these people living through this religious revolution.

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The Great Awakening helped set the stage.

by Erik Fischer - Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 9:26 AM

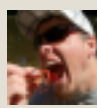
I agree with Patricia Bonomi in that The Great Awakening helped set the mind set of the people for The Revolution. The revivalists emphasized the rights of the individual and protecting the rights of minorities. They also described their opposition as illegitimate or tyrannical. All these ideas were echoed during The Revolution.

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Re: The Great Awakening helped set the



stage.

by Erik Fischer - Friday, October 24, 2014, 3:59 PM

Furthermore the colonists had "practice" breaking away from larger church groups and forming new denominations, something not too far removed from breaking away from Britain and forming America. They also didn't have to go through the king to communicate with God as in previous times, now that their new faith made the chain go from God directly to the individual.

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Re: The Great Awakening helped set the stage.

by Erik Fischer - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 10:52 PM

The quote " "Every man being thus allowed to be his own Pope, he becomes disposed to wish to become his own King". by William Knox, shows how this sentiment contributed to the revolutionist feelings of the colonists.

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The Great Awakening, The First Revolution

by Haley Anderson - Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 11:11 AM

After reading this document I lean more toward Historian Professor Patricia U. Bonomi's opinion that the Great Awakening did set the stage for The American Revolution. The Great Awakening helped people to start to thinking for themselves and as Bonomi said " the more communal seventeenth century colonist had rarely conceived of themselves apart from a larger collectivity- the family, the congregation, or the town" (115). Once people realized that they had a bit of individuality that they could uphold and change however they would like, an idea of standing up for oneself took hold on many of the towns and settlements throughout the colonies. Professor Bonomi also describes this idea as "an open rebellion of spiritual tyranny of traditional church value" (114). Which is quite literally what the American Revolution was. The colonists were tired of being

controlled by an old world that they didn't feel they belonged to, so they revolted.

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Patricia U. Bonomi and her beliefs



by Brian Burt - Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 11:43 AM

I would agree with the author Patricia U. Bonomi I belived in what she said and I think that what's she said about the "Great Awakening"play a big role in the future American Revolution. She talks about how religion has always been considered a likely form of radicalism and this is true cause religion has altered value systems and the social structure of the Great Awakening. eho everyone was apart of church and choose to have God on there side was considered family! The Great Awakening allowed people to view church and state separately. She tried to make sure that people made choices had a social and political impact.

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yes to the great awakening



by Jonathan Blake - Thursday, October 23, 2014, 6:17 PM

i agree with Patricia U. Bonami in which she claims that the great awakening brought unity to the people. it rose the sprits of the people and made them confident in confronting political and religious authorities. in my opinion, the great awakening is what united the people just before the american revolution. it brought it gave them a sense of individuality and belonging for themselves which made the people realize the religous tyranny that they were in. they came together as one to change the perspective of religious authority, and in turn, set the stage for their independence from the crown.

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Impacts on America for Decades to Come



by Kathryn Kinney - Thursday, October 23, 2014, 8:29 PM

As I watched the video, I had to Google "Fire and Brimstone". (Having always heard the term but never

understanding the true meaning of it.)

Fire and Brimstone: The torments of Hell

Johnathan Edward's Sermon was very negative and intimidating, him obviously trying to strike fear into the people. Him comparing people as despised spiders or hateful snakes, and how he should pretty much just smite them off the world and living another day was another day of torture. Casting out evil and repenting sins was the cure. The historian definitely agrees that The Great Awakening was a savior for women, and politics. The promoted gender equality and the sense of belonging was important for women because there were not enough men to marry the overwhelming populous of women, so they felt like they were in "limbo." Politically, it gave the colonies a sense of unity that had been hard to establish for a while. Whitefield was a big help in spreading the message across the Colonies. The new generation of Preachers got the courage to step up and confront the older traditional pastors, and they made it their, "Mission to Change the world."

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Re: Impacts on America for Decades to Come

by Erik Fischer - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 10:31 PM

Absolutely, and like the website says those new preachers and the new denominations kept the religion moving forward. That forward motion became "turned to revolution and sentiments of self-governance" and as William Knox said "Every man being thus allowed to be his own Pope, he becomes disposed to wish to become his own King". Showing strong support for the idea that the Great Awakening had a pivotal role in helping to bring around the revolution.

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Great Awakening-Great Consequence

by Amy Trask - Friday, October 24, 2014, 10:18 AM

The more information I take in, the more I believe that Patricia U. Bonomi's paper is the one I agree with the most.

I found one of her most powerful points to be on page 116, paragraph 5. Bonomi states, "No previous occurrence in colonial history compared with it (The Great Awakening) in scale or consequences."

I think the most important word in that statement is consequences. As Bonomi says, "the floodtide of evangelical fervor soon subsided, but nothing could quite restore the old cultural landscape."

As Professor John Trickle mentioned in the online video, "The Awakening gave people a sense of who they were and individual worth and a sense of belonging to a society larger than themselves." "It provided the first sense of unity in the American colonies."

Men like Jonathan Edwards and Whitfield were able to take their "theatrical, highly emotional performances" on the road, ultimately uniting colonies that before were isolated. This gave the colonists the first real sense of connectedness to this point. It's human nature to feel as if you have a purpose, like you belong, and that in some way you truly are special.

These charismatic men gave people that feeling, forever changing the way the colonists viewed what would become the "national consciousness. These men made people believe "The chain of authority no longer ran from God to ruler to people, but from God to people to ruler. (The Great Awakening.com)"

Empowering the colonists in this way laid the groundwork for what was yet to come politically. Now longer was "authoritarian religious rule" (The Great Awakening.com) necessary, nor were the other "tyrannical" influences of England.

In the last paragraph in Bonomi's paper, she quotes

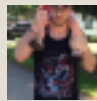
Richard Hofstadter, a mid-20th century Historian and Professor of American History, “ The Great Awakening was the first major intercolonial crisis of the mind and spirit” in eighteenth-century America.

I believe that is overwhelming evidence that the Great Awakening gave the colonists the courage, practice, and strength to stand together and eventually “confront old authorities, and make it their mission to change the world.” This of course would be known as the American Revolution.

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Re: Great Awakening-Great Consequence

by Andrew Mirman - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 4:50 PM

I think Amy's post hit it right on the head. The Great Awakening gave people a sense of greater purpose. Thanks to men like Edwards and Whitfield these revivals forever changed the mindset of the colonies. The events that she lays out in this post clearly show how the evolution of the Great Awakening was a stepping stone to the American Revolution.

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Different Roads, Same Destination

by Amy Trask - Friday, October 24, 2014, 10:51 AM

After my last post, it is evident where I stand on this issue. I now more than ever believe The Great Awakening had a gigantic role in the American Revolution.

However, I did fail to mention that I believe that the Enlightenment also had a helping hand. Regardless of conflicting sides, in my opinion, both were critical in the Revolution that was to come.

Similar to the spiritual leaders of the Great Awakening, the “Enlightened” were on their own journey, just taking a different path. The “Enlightened”, “rejected a wrathful God and exalted man’s capacity for knowledge and social improvement (Liberty, Equality, Power. Pg.135 par. 4).”

This was the opposite approach from men like Jonathan Edwards, who’s fear based sermons gave the colonists “No Other Reason” for their sinful existence except for the hand of god. As stated in our online video, Edwards powerful words yo-yoed peoples emotions by “plunging them into the blackest despair and then hurling them into the light again, reborn.”

The “Enlightened”, more like a mix of religious, yet darwinistic thinkers, they “scoffed at conversion experiences, attacked superstition, and rejected all fanaticism.”

Yet These People, with their access to the printed word, and education where also laying the ground work for the revolution. They were doing this in the same way as the new lighters despite their beliefs.

What the Enlightenment provided was unity, progression, and the desire for social improvement, ultimately leading them to be positioned to stand up against England and gain control of America.

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Same destination but very different means to get there.

by Connor Fields - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 1:30 AM

It's hard for me to think of the Great Awakening as an equal source of the revolution. After reading the article and the videos it seems to me that the Enlightened thinkers were really the ones driving toward the revolution. Enlightenment thinkers such as Ben Franklin Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine used their knowledge and printed word to cry out against the British in works such as Common Sense. Can it be said the the Great Awakening

thinkers had such the same impact? I can agree that the Great Awakening had a huge impact on religious beliefs and mantras but it is my opinion that the political change brought by the Great Awakening is nothing compared to any of the Enlightenment thinker's political progression. The Great Awakening focused on religious and moral progression and by association brought out some political change "They may have been of some importance in helping colonists make moral judgements about eighteenth-century English politics, though colonists unconnected to the revivals made these judgments as well." Joe Butler

This quote comes from the NO article and I think it helps my point well. The Great Awakening helped some people make decisions about the English rule but was ultimately not needed because colonists not connected to the revival still made those same decisions.

Both the Great Awakening and the Enlightenment may have brought about political change leading toward the revolution but one movement actively sought the revolution while the other actively sought a moral revival of the church and by happen chance ended up with a revolutionary mindset.

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Restating the Great Awakening; Creation of a Revolution

by Haley Anderson - Friday, October 24, 2014, 10:19 PM

I may be restating what others have said when I say that with the Great Awakening Website and The Great Awakening video encouraged my opinion even further that the Great Awakening/Enlightenment led to the American Revolution.

A specific quote in the video really stuck out to me that "But the effects of the Great Awakening were profound and pervasive and not just in terms of religion, here was a movement that cut across an entire spectrum of society, forcing political and social changes to impact on America for decades to come"

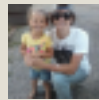
I think this quote as a whole really sums up everything that is the Great Awakening, another point that was

made in the video and on the website was that the Great Awakening created a sense of belonging to those who didn't necessarily feel as though they belonged in the traditional church. The Great Awakening as Professor John Trickle said "like all major movement in big fairs, it effected everything that the people did." And this new ideal of think for oneself and feeling a sense of belonging helped these people to feel as though they could rise up against the politicians and say that they disagreed with what was going on.

I think that book mainly just stated fact when discussing the Great Awakening, but really agreed with the idea that the Great Awakening did lead to the revolution.

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Patricia U. Bonomis point of view on the great awakening

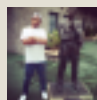


by Andrew Bilyeu - Friday, October 24, 2014, 10:45 PM

After reading through both sides opinions on the subject I felt more of a understanding from Patricia U. Bonomis statements. I started to understand how she's such a believer that the Great Awakening was a big impact. She's obviously a true believer for supporting the rights to citizens to have "proper or right" civilian rights. She looked at the civilians point of view at the time of the matter. I thought she had a good way of helping me understand what the people were going through. Definitely makes you appreciate our "rights" today. I thought they both made good statements of understanding the matter but I liked the way Patricia looked at it.

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Patricia U. Bonomis point of view on the great awakening



by Brian Burt - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 4:39 AM

wow Andrew you hit the spot with this i totally believe she was such a believer she thought the Great Awakening was a huge impact for the American Revoulution. she believed in her heart that each person had rights to what they believed in. she won me over because she not only express her views but she trys to understand other peoples

views. Patricia believed that you had the right to make descions that had effect on there community not have others descide there fate and descions.

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Why Patricia B's point of view is right



by Andrew Bilyeu - Friday, October 24, 2014, 11:20 PM

"Together they launched a mass movement that made bold assaults on established forms of church government and traditional assumptions about deference and social order."

I liked this statement by Patricia U Bonomi because it relates to my first form post regarding how Patricia really understood the civilians point of view at the time. This statements is referring to the extent the civilians had to go to at that time. It really shows how they wanted the rights like hopefully most people do. They were going to go to extreme cases to insure they get treated with respect. This statement was one of the statements by Patricia that helped me understand her side more.

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Re: Why Patricia B's point of view is right



by Andrew Mirman - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 10:05 PM

I enjoyed reading your posts Andrew. It made me think about the subject in a new light, and something we discussed at the beginning of class.

In the sense of where the perspective of the author comes from. I also believe that Bonomi understood the civilians point of view better and was able to convey why in her paper. I like her description that religion is a likely agent of "radicalism". I believe that her perspective really captures the light of how the Great Awakening was indeed intertwined with the American Revolution.

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Great Awakening had a wide influence

by Dalyn Stram - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 12:09 AM

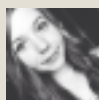
After watching the video and reading the website page, I would have to say I am moving more off the fence and onto Bonomi's side. The video in particular reinforces the idea that the GW planted seeds that would later grow during and in the events leading up to the American Revolution, and that the GW affected not just religion in the colonies, but had a wide spread of influence. In early America, religion played a large part in nearly everyone's lives, so a religious revival would naturally spread into politics and society simply because of how intertwined the colonists's lives were. It isn't like today where most people try and separate their lives into boxes. Religion in this box, work in this box, social interactions in this box, etc. Everything was connected, so a major revival would spread and effect most aspects of life. I like how the professor in the video also made a point to say how the GW was one of the first instances where the colonists felt united. Without at least some semblance of unity, the American Revolution never would have happened. A case can be made that the GW really helped form some sense of unity prior to the Revolution.

As far as the website goes, the part that stuck out most to me was that "John Adams gave credit to the Great Awakening as the source of motivation behind the war...". For the GW to have been important enough for John Adams to give it such value says a lot about the GW and its impact.

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Confirming My Opinion

by Ashley Lazorchak - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 2:00 PM

Although I watched the entire video regarding the Great Awakening, I didn't have to get very far into it to realize they supported the same view I had of the Great Awakening; which was the same view I have had this entire time. Around 4:21 in the video, there was a quote that confirmed what I was assuming the video supported: *"the effect of the Great Awakening were profound and pervasive and not just in terms of religion. Here was a movement that cut across the entire spectrum of society; forcing political and social changes to impact on America for decades to come."* This statement was pretty straightforward on stating that the Great Awakening did in fact, have impact on the

American Revolution. Around 4:52 in the video, Professor John A Trickel began talking about his views toward the Great Awakening and a few of his statements stuck with me. He states that “all major movements during that time affected everything they did” and that the Great Awakening “gave them a sense of who they were.” To me, allowing individuals to be aware of who they are and that they control their lives and have power over their choices gave way for the American Revolution. Towards the end of his interview, John Trickel also says that the Great Awakening allowed individuals to “confront old authorities.” They were willing to change old authorities and “willing to take their faith and change the world.” Being able to express your opinions and beliefs is freedom in itself, which is what the American Revolution is about.

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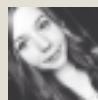
by Cristian Martinez - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 11:32 PM

I really like your points listed on your post, as I too share a lot of your viewpoints. I definitely feel as though the Great Awakening made people embrace their religion to become closer with their God and be saved by him.

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Confirming My Opinion Further



by Ashley Lazorchak - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 2:41 PM

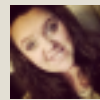
At the first glance of the webpage about the Great Awakening, (http://www.great-awakening.com/?page_id=22) it was pretty apparent that they supported the same view as Patricia U. Bonomi and also myself. The first title I set my eyes on was “*Significance of the Great Awakening: Roots of Revolution.*” “Roots of Revolution” made it obvious that the website supports the view of the Great Awakening having impact on the American Revolution. Further into reading, there was a statement that caught my eye: “*Rather than believing that God’s will was necessarily interpreted by the monarch or his bishops, the colonists viewed themselves as more capable of performing the task. The*

chain of authority no longer ran from God to ruler to people, but from God to people to ruler. The children of revivalism later echoed this radicalism and popular self-righteousness in the American Revolution." This caught my eye because it was similar to what I had stated in my very first post, but written slightly different. It is clear to me, without a doubt, that the Great Awakening had a significant impact on the American Revolution. Without the Great Awakening there may have never been a time where people realized that they had control over themselves and a sense of individual worth.

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The Great Awakening and it's Youth



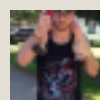
by Brittany Newton - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 6:35 PM

I think from doing more reading and investigation on the Great Awakening I have seen even more of the movement's importance to the American Revolution. A point in the video that really hit me was when the historian mentioned the college's teachers. They began to bring in teachers with less of a "God save the Queen" and there is no god attitude to ones with more of an independent spiritually driven mind set. At that point I think they realized their best chances were taking their independent mind sets and showing the youth of that day what they could fight for. The minds of any up and coming generation are so crucial to any idea. The term you can't teach a dog new tricks was partially true the older patriarchs were more likely to stand on the side of tradition rather than blaze a new uncharted trail for themselves.

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A clear Winner



by Andrew Mirman - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 7:01 PM

My, like most other students views, only got strengthened by the extra material in addition to what Patricia Bonomi wrote.

The video talked about the Great awakening cutting across the entire spectrum of society by allowing everyone to get saved. I believe this showed when more individualism started to come into play. People no longer

had to reach outwards for acceptance they were told look inward for the first time. As Patricia Bonomi talks about, "As the Great Awakening broke down social cohesion in America, it simultaneously elevated the individual."

I believe that the Great Awakening was a prime catalyst in the leading to the American Revolution. I think all the problems over this time between the colonies and Britain get exacerbated by the Individualism sparked by the revivals. I also think the website does a good job of stating this point, "The effect of Great Awakening unity was an attitude that went against the deferential thinking that consumed English politics and religion."(www.great-awakening.com).

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Re: A clear Winner

by Erik Fischer - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 10:48 PM

The website also goes on to talk about how after the French and Indian War they had defeated the evil Catholic and were able to turn their religious energy towards, "King George III, who needed to be expelled from the colonies in order to bring forth the new age of righteousness."

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Leaning towards Yes article

by Cristian Martinez - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 9:26 PM

After having read both papers, I must say I lean more towards Patricia Bonomi's side better and tend to agree more with her reasoning. She seems to prove some very good points within her writing, such as on page 11, paragraph 4, "Since the Awakeners began as an insurgent minority in every church, they could advance their religious ideology only by turning the orthodox majority, or...by withdrawing from or bringing down the institutional structures that sheltered orthodoxy and fortified its authority...together they launched a mass movement that made bold assaults on established forms of church government and traditional assumptions about

deference and social order." Because the Great Awakening was an era of religious proliferation, it had given way to spark controversy amongst other religions - in hopes that they would too open their eyes and become followers of their practiced religion.

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Re: The Great Awakening



by Cristian Martinez - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 10:30 PM

In the first page of Patricia Bonomi's essay(pg.110), she states her very most powerful point within the start of the second paragraph, "The two major streams of thought shaping western religious belief in the eighteenth century - Enlightenment rationalism and Continental pietism - were by the 1720s reaching increasing numbers of Americans through the world of print, transatlantic learned societies, and such recently arrived spokesman.." The early media of this century made a huge impact on the personal beliefs and morals of the community, as the goal of media was to persuade others to follow their same ways of living. A good example of this would be a preacher, known as George Whitfield. As quoted in the Great Awakening video, "...George Whitfield, electrified huge audiences, with his spontaneous, theatrical, highly-emotional preaching performances." I feel as though this is what truly captured the attention of people and led them to question their previous beliefs, which was his sense of emotion used in the sermons. In the end, the rationalists and pietists had such different views on life, making for incompatibility between both parties, causing a spark of feud against each others beliefs and resulting in utter conflict.

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