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by Joe Escobar - Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 5:08 PM

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Foner's argument offered new ideas

by Keenan Calhoun - Thursday, January 26, 2017, 10:28 PM

The Jackson videos did not necessarily change my opinion, but they did offer new information that changed my perspective. I thought that Eric Foner was in favor of Remini's argument, that the election of 1828 was a political revolution of the people. I still believe that it was, but I thought it was strange that Foner seemed to back up his argument by explaining how more voters could participate due to the removal of property restrictions. While his explanation does prove that there were more voters to cause this revolution, it undermines the significance of the increase in voters. I reread the articles for this forum, and read over the section where Remini explains the same thing. Those voters were probably there all along, just without the ability to voice their opinions. So in a way Foner did change my mind, I now believe that the election of 1828 was still a political revolution, but not one of the people, a revolution of the system that allows people to vote and express their political opinions.

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Re: Age of Jackson Videos

by Alec Beebe - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 12:20 PM

After watching the videos, I still side with McCormick and his idea that the democratic revolt didn't occur until 1840. The videos only talks about who had the right to vote and it was white, property owning men. This movement was expansive due to it reaching more people throughout the US, and it was exclusive because only white, property owning men had the right to vote. Women and the black population didn't have any rights when it came to voting. They couldn't even attend the public gatherings regarding politics.

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Expansion of white male voting

by Andrew Erkert - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 2:26 PM

In the video of multiple historian speaking on the era, I heard a point that I think sums up another reason why 1828's election wasn't a democratic revolt of the people. In the video, it was said that it was an expansion of democracy for white males not for the people. Only Massachusetts was mentioned as a state that allowed black men to vote. This shows that even the voter turnout that Remini boasts of wasn't anything revolutionary. More white men could vote and the expansion ended there.

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A revolt? Maybe for white men.

by Bailey Davis - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 11:49 PM

The videos provided seemed to support that the election of 1828 was indeed a big election, because people were vigorously seeking out ways to improve their quality of life. One of the big concerns the average person had was the fear of someone, like the government, having power over them(Watson). Andrew Jackson's campaign spoke to the "common man," and the common men were eager to kick out the elites in government positions. The removal of property ownership requirements made it easier to vote, but only if you were an adult white male. All women and most African Americans were unable to participate in voting(Fonner). From this it's logical to believe that Jackson 's election may have been a revolt, but only for a select population of the United States.

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