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

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Appealing the the people

by Emily Phan - Thursday, January 26, 2017, 3:33 PM

In the five-minute video clip the historians made the point that Jackson was a man of the people. He appealed to the common man and said what they wanted was what was good and right. From this point on, said the historian, politicians had to believe or appear to believe that his cause was the same as the common persons if he wanted to have a chance at being elected. This statement supports Remini's position that Jackson was the start of the revolution for the common man.

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Revolt for the White Man

by Megan Martin - Thursday, January 26, 2017, 7:43 PM

In the video, Theda Perdue talks about how the years around Jackson were "a time when blacks rights became more limited and women lost political rights." She goes on to state that it was a "period in which the United states becomes more Democratic for the adult white male"(Jackson video). With this quote I believe that she would also agree with the statement that the election of Jackson was what the "common man" wanted. If looking in regards to the white men of America, I think Theda Perdue would call the 1828 election a democratic revolt.

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Their is always two perspectives.

by Noah Cramer - Friday, January 27, 2017, 10:27 AM

Eric Foner seems to say no, this was not a democratic revolt. He states that there are "two very well organized political parties" that compete nationally for votes using tactics such as rallies, that end up bringing more people into politics. To me, this sounds like two campaigns fighting for votes to sway the country from one side to another, rather than creating a revolt. He states that this is a time of a, "thriving democratic political system."

The second video, however, seems to have a different view on this time period. Theda Perdue states, "It is a period in which the United States becomes more democratic for adult white men, but less democratic for everyone else." (Exa: Trail of Tears, Women not having the right to vote, etc.) She goes on to say that we must be honest about America's past in order to learn from are mistakes and have "true racial justice and democracy."

Initially, I believed that this was a democratic revolt amongst the democratic people. However, with this new information, I'm beginning to think that this was more of a revolt, not of the democratic people, but more so of the Indians and African Americans, who

definitely were not treated fairly with none to little rights.

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Still yes, after Age of Jackson Videos

by Alexander Salgado - Friday, January 27, 2017, 4:29 PM

After watching the videos on the Age of Jackson I believe the speakers suggest the election of 1828 was a Democratic revolt, but for different reasons than Remini. What made me still side with yes was because Foner mentioned that it was a Democratic uprising but for white men specifically. If you were a white male and owned property you were able to vote and that was the majority.

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Foner video

by Megan Martin - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9:27 AM

In the video on professor Foner, I think that he does not think it was a democratic revolt of the people. He talks about how the clear two political parties and that their competition brings people into politics and interests them, not that the people so badly wanted Jackson into office and made sure that happened. He also goes on to talk about how people other than white males actually lost rights. Foner says these people were "outside the political realm." This video furthered my opinion on no it was not a democratic revolt.

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Re: Age of Jackson Videos

by Jonathan Whittington - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 12:40 PM

The experts in these videos did offer interesting points but I still believe that the election was a democratic revolt. Majority of America wanted Jackson as president in 1824 and 1828.

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Enhanced not Changed

by Jordan Selker - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 7:30 PM

After watching these videos my stance of a democratic revolution is reaffirmed, but my take is a little different. These were revolutionary times, economically, socially, politically. From the ethnic cleansing of the Native Americans, the massive infrastructure changes with new canals and railroads, and western expansion; the new country was evolving on every front. The democratic revolution, the emergence of politically conscience working class was nothing extraordinary for the times, but I still believe it to be a revolution, as I would see it to be a revolution if the 18-29 year old demographic were to increase their voting participation this next election in response to Trump's presidency. So while I don't believe the democratic revolution was the most important event of it's period, I still consider it legitimate.

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Re: Age of Jackson Videos

by Aaron Fredrickson - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 11:52 PM

The historians in the videos say things that acknowledge a significant change in the attitudes of the electorate toward power, liberty, government, and voting; as well as the rules for voter eligibility. However, none of these historians use language that either states or implies that these changes, significant though they are, constitute a democratic **revolt**. This aligns with my earlier assertions that the election of 1828 did not represent a democratic revolt, although it admittedly does not constitute rock-solid support for my thesis, either.

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