

CAUSES

The American Revolution



Boundary between Mississippi River and
49th parallel uncertain due to misconception that
source of Mississippi River lay further north

1775

REASONS FOR REVOLUTION

- 1. British government needs money (due to wars with France)
 - Increase in taxes to the colonies
 - taxes to pay for the British military in North America
 - thirteen colonies insist they don't need British soldiers
 - Gov't passes unpopular laws (Intolerable Acts)

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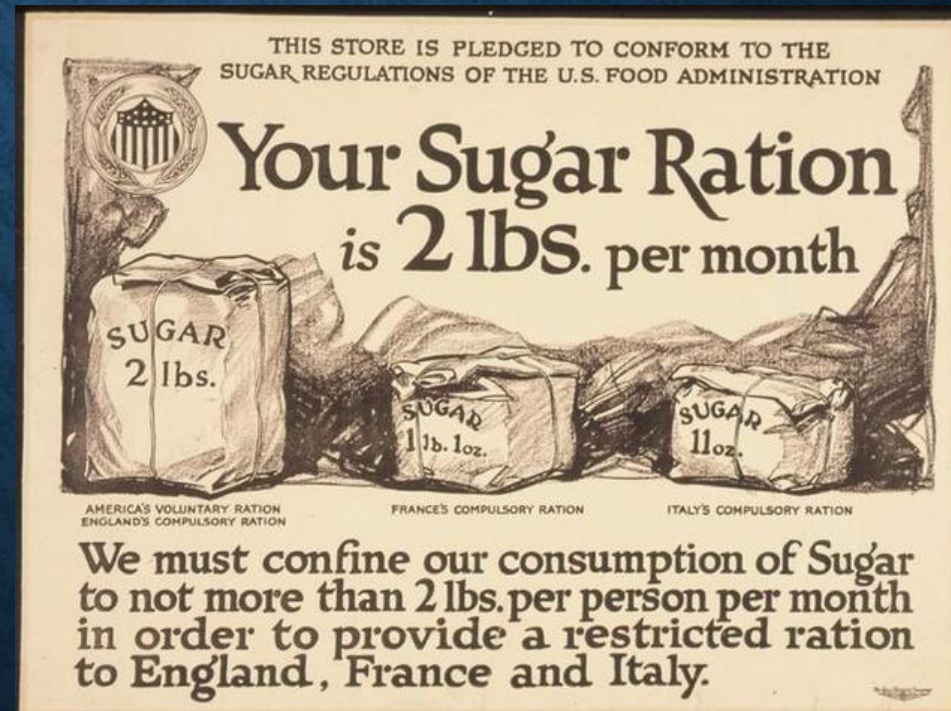
- 2. British has little say in British Rule over them
 - “taxation without representation”
 - did not like restrictions imposed by British
 - Had Freedom in colonial gov’t

REASONS FOR REVOLUTION

- 3. Thirteen colonies could take care of themselves
 - independent economically
 - good trade
 - good farming
 - Strong military

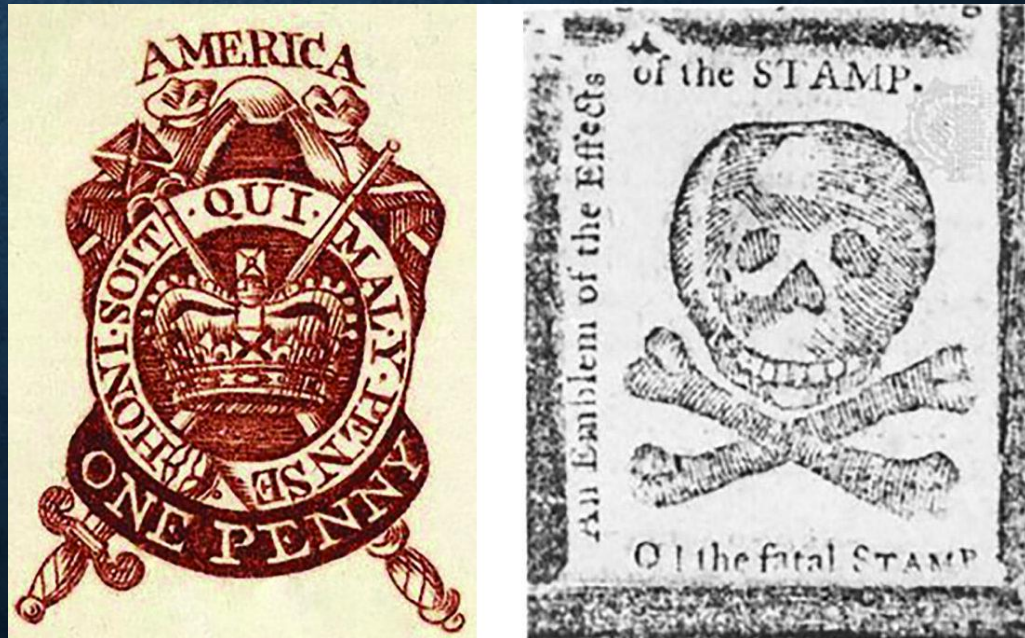
INTOLERABLE ACTS

- Sugar Act of 1764 – British Government taxed imported sugar and molasses
 - Reaction – some boycotts



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- Stamp Act of 1765– need a gov't stamp (tax) for newspapers, documents, cards.
 - Reaction – boycotts, speeches, terrorism



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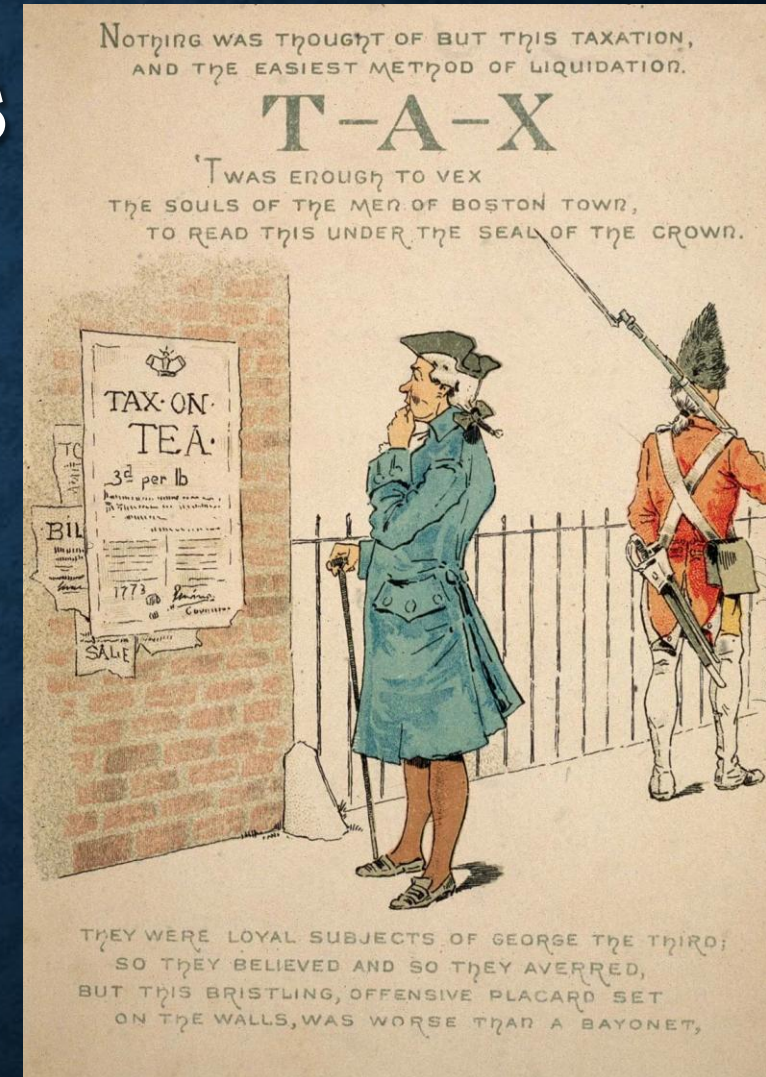
- Quartering Act of 1765 –had to provide shelter and food to British Soldiers at their own expense
 - Reaction – protests

Quartering Act (1765)



INTOLERABLE ACTS

- Townsend Act of 1767 – tax on glass, tea, silk, paper, lead, paint.
 - Reaction – sales dropped



INTOLERABLE ACTS

- Tea Act of 1773— East India Company given monopoly on sale of tea in N.A.
 - Reaction - Ships turned away, Boston Tea Party, British Declare martial law until tea paid for.
- This is the most famous scene of the American Revolution.



INTOLERABLE ACTS

- Quebec Act of 1774
 - upset that French-speaking of Québec given special privileges (religion etc.)
 - Québec controlled the Ohio Valley
 - felt they were being treated unfairly, helped defeat the French in Seven Years War
 - needed more land to expand
 - Reaction – protests



INTOLERABLE ACTS

- Navigation Acts (17th and 18th centuries) – all trade to the colonies had to be done on British Ships
 - Reaction – boycotts – illegal trading

