

The Terror

Revolution's Motto

■ Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite

- Liberty
 - Freedom
- Equality
 - All men are equal
- Fraternity
 - Within French Society
 - Brotherhood (in revolution)

The Reign of Terror

- **Sept 1793 – July 1794**
- **Cause:**
 - **Radical Jacobins in Control of Convention**
 - **France losing Wars**
 - **Rebellion (Girondists expelled and arrested)**
- **Effect:**
 - **Committee of Public Safety** setup - (COPS)
 - 12 members - do anything to save France
 - Lead by Maximilien Robespierre



Policy

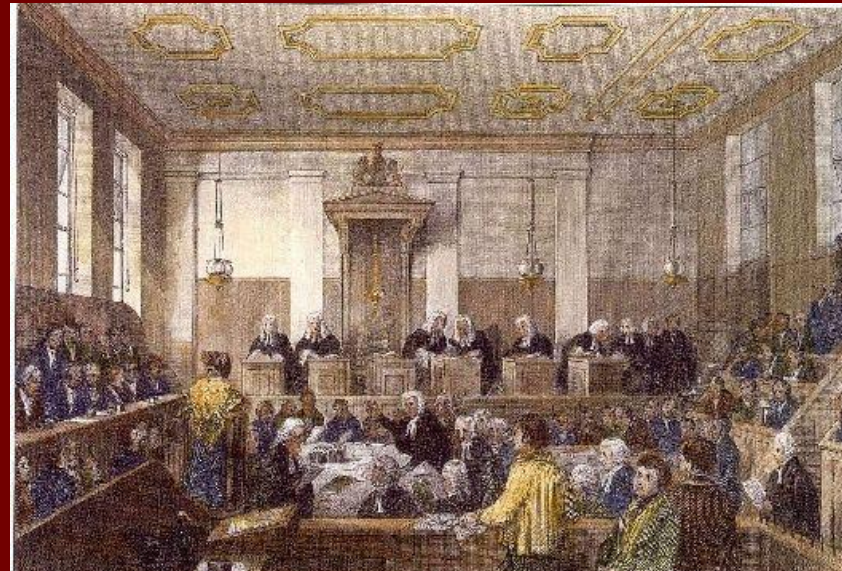
■ Law of Suspects

- Anyone suspected of opposing gov't jailed
- Many tried by Revolutionary Tribunal

■ Revolutionary Tribunal

- A court put in place in Paris to try political offenders

■ People are not allowed to express negative thoughts towards the new government or positive thoughts of the monarchy.



Policy

■ Law of Maximum

- set prices and wages (control inflation)
- Inflation is when purchasing power is lessened
- (more money for less stuff)

- ## ■ Done to pacify the masses about the cost of living
- One of the main reasons the revolution started.



Policy

■ **Mass Levy**

-every citizen had to be involved in war effort

- To beat coalition armies
- Army comprised of people of Austria, Prussia, Great Britain, the Dutch Republic, Spain, and several others...
- Basically conscription



Policy

- **Christianity suppressed**
 - Churches closed
 - Calendar changed - 1793 = Year 1
- **Done because the church (First Estate) took advantage of the people (Third Estate) when they were in power.**
 - A punishment
 - French government did not want a repeat

Results

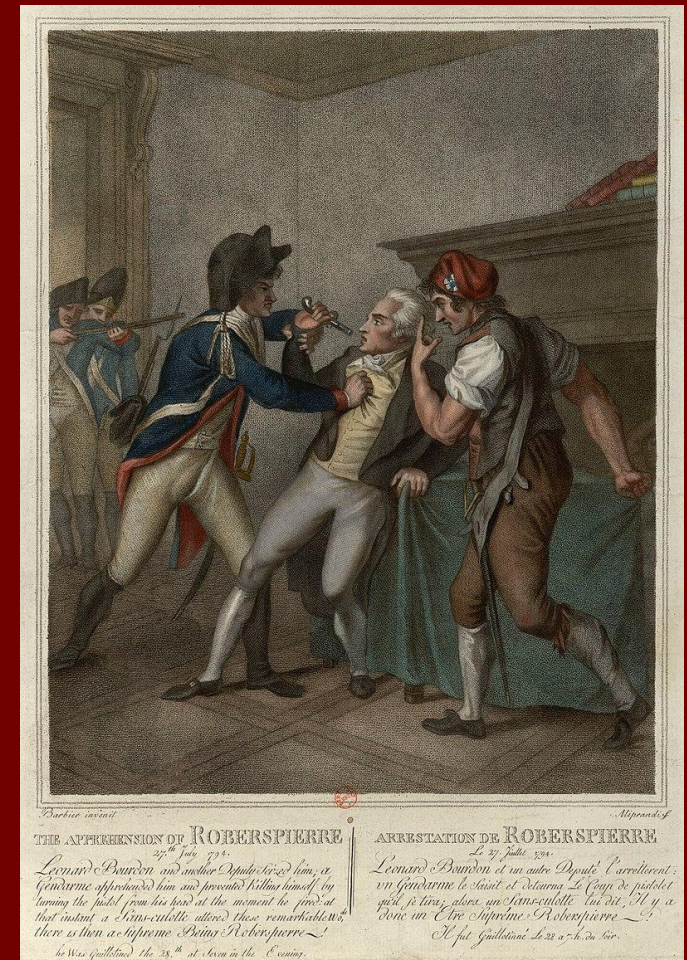
- France saved from collapse
- armies drove enemies out of France
- revolts put down
- avoided famine
- rights and freedoms limited
- Approx. 42000 executed



- The Committee of Public Safety had become a violent dictatorship
- The COPS becomes unpopular
 - too powerful
 - People tired of rights restricted
 - people feared the guillotine

■ Result

- **Coup of Thermidor**
- The COPS members/supporters arrested and executed
- This included Maximilien Robespierre
- Terror over
- National Convention eliminated





- New Government setup
- moderates setup **"The Directory"**
 - 5 men - Directors
 - Supported by 2 elected councils
 - Run by middle class
 - End of equality
 - Only property owners could vote

