

#flo #hw

1 | Celebration of Commerce!

The Radicalism of the American Revolution

- argues it's not about the institutions or the elite
 - instead, about the populace!
 - * about "ordinary people"
- people were absorbed in the individual pursuit of money
- obsessed with commerce!

title: the motto.

On others inspiration flash,

Give them eternal fame--

But give me cash!

- war of 1812 was meant to free americans of their greed.
 - revitalizing national spirit and republicanism!
 - but, ofc, it didnt work.
 - but it did make people more ok with the state of heavy commerce
- jefferson came into his presidency trying to reverse the monarchizing agendas of the federalists

ment was v minimal.

the delivery of the mail was the only way most citizens would know that such a government even existed.

- people formed a lot of societies for different agenda about social good?
- religion was a powerful uniting force
- jefferson hated the orthodoxy, and said that christianity was an engine for enslaving mankind
- but for common folk, religion was the way they made the world meaningful

As the Republic became democratized, it became evangelized.

- and then, morality shifted to what held those together
 - theological contract -> social contract?
- had an idea of "disciplined moral militia"
- and then it shifted to views of the revolution that united people
- when relations are defined simply by trade, then the relation becomes equal.
 - equality through shared self-interest?

- doesn't matter where the dollar came from.
- anyone can say "no" if they weren't satisfied with the price

"The market house, like the grave, is a place of perfect equality," -Philip Freneau

- equality, but not of wealth!
 - but that doesn't actually matter – everyone *felt* more equal.
- concept of the "self made man" was created
- bunch of stuff about gentlement,
 - the concept was gotten rid of,
 - and people were all reduced to the same level