

1 | Reading Notes

1.1 | Leading to Non-Importation

1.1.1 | Farming and self-sufficiency still an attractive image

1.2 | The Establishment of Non-Importation

1.2.1 | The slump in economy was a tangible touchpoint for colonists w.r.t. adverse affects of British associations

1.2.2 | Initial blame for downturn was those that were extravagant

1.2.3 | Opulence and overpurchase as a response to post-war depression

1.2.4 | Wished to achieve higher autonomy of manufacturing

1.3 | The Result of Non-Importation

1.3.1 | Luxury and Extravagance had to be tuned down

1.3.2 | Rhetoric for frugality shifted from as a form of preserving humble provincial origins to that of an act of patriotism

1.3.3 | The definition for luxury is also fluid and varied between families

1.4 | The Analysis Thereof

1.4.1 | Non-Importation movement was ignored as a part of most's analysis of Revolution

1.4.2 | :claim: Non-Importation movement as a direct cause of the revolution, which is caused by higher demand for consumeraris

1.4.3 | Overpurchasing and reliance in commercialism as a form of "slavish dependence"

2 | Thesis

That the colonists shared experience as consumers. The shared experience developed a sense of unity and provided protests in the political marketplace.

3 | Evidence

Breen claiming that there is a widespread belief that there is a centralization of values, and the courts came to support the Boston courts.

British troops saw the colonists being luxurious, but really they were just hoarders. :facepalm: Franklin met with the house of commons, which showed that the colonies had a lot of control of the economy, and claimed that they want to have better treatment. Franklin put on a show; colonialism was really great for the British because they would buy British imports.

To keep the colonists in check, the British imposed higher tariffs. Because of the high spending problem: "save your money, and you will save your country."

3.1 | A Looksie at Funerals

White gloves were purchased every time for funerals. That stopped because white glove purchase was just giving more money to the British.

4 | Critiques

Revolution was a dynamic process. Requires corporation from everyone: crucial for the elites to cut down their spending. The biggest problem exists with people that can't afford it.

Unity in the diverse colonial setting: people are all centered around anti-tax, anti-exploitation.