



# Causes of LA Revolutions

# Long-Term (Keen)

- Discord between Creoles & Peninsulares → lack of top positions for Creoles in gov. + mercantile econ.
- Enlightenment – Reading French philosophers
- American Revolution – Subversion by Paine/TJ;  
“Yankee Notions”
- French Revolution – Stages 1-3; DRM&C
  - Creole aristocrats didn’t like Stage 4
  - Slave Revolt in Haiti

Can you  
Tell the difference?



# Short-Term (Keen)

- Inept leadership by Charles IV of ESP
- Spanish mercantilism breaks down b/c of warfare
  - ESP/FRA vs. UK in 1790s
- **1806** – UK tries to “free” Argentina w/ troop landing → ESP resists successfully → Creoles tasted power and wanted MORE!
- **1807** – Joe Bonaparte in ESP
  - POR monarch to Brazil → Cortes takes over liberal body in general, but not toward LA
  - Creoles use discord in ESP to take a stand → stage demonstrations, put local juntas in power = REVOLT!

Either our old master,  
or none at all!



# Social Landscape (Burns)

- Creoles believe = to Peninsulares
  - Different points-of-view (73)
  - Race not defined by skin color, but by job, dress, speech, and self-perception (Keen 150)
- Enlightenment = universal equality → education ↑
  - *ESP Am* – 23 Universities; creoles held 4/170 viceroy spots; Press
  - *POR Am* – Lit & Sci academies; no press

The hatred that the Peninsular has inspired in us is greater than the ocean which separates us – Bolivar



# Economics

- Enlightenment ideas ↑ free trade → ↑ exposure to EUR ideas
  - Brazil – physiocrat doctrine – wealth derives from nature → abolish heavy taxes, free trade, freedom to grow crops (69)
- War w/ UK → ESP loses some of its monopoly
  - Merchant class develops (incl. Bolivar)
  - **Guipuzcoa Co.** – conflict with ESP monopoly culture
  - 1749 – Venezuelan merchant revolt →
  - **Consulado de Caracas** – VEN org. uniting merchants/plantations
- Tax and mercantile hostility; want decision-making freedom

Commerce should be as free as air



# Political

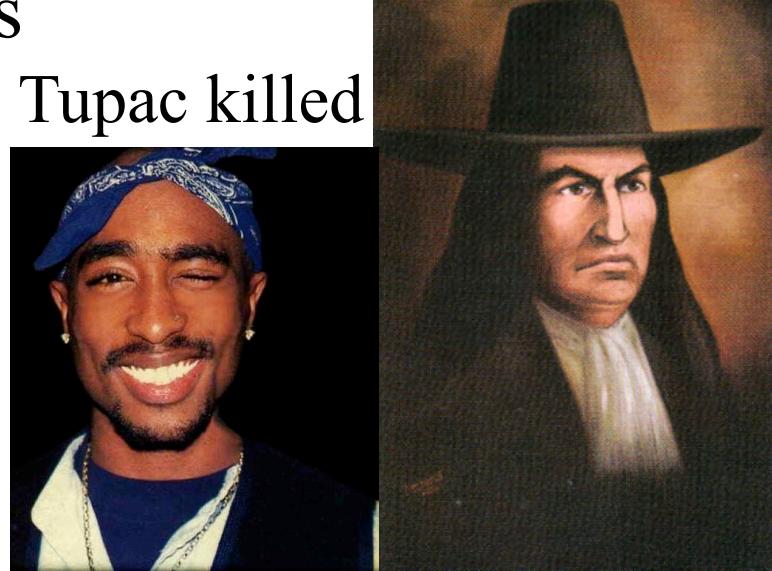
- Fear of Nativism (lessened inferiority re: EUR) → intensifies w/ rise of colonial militias (68, 73)
- Feeling that region's potential goes unfulfilled.
- 1807 – Napoleon deposes Charles IV/Ferdinand VII → Puts his brother on the throne → mother country vulnerable → Portuguese monarchy to Brazil



# Tupac Amaru

- 1780 – Peru
  - Repartimiento goods sold at 6-8x market to natives
  - Crown wants Potosi silver returned to previous levels
- Mestizo Jose Gabriel Condorcaqui Noguera → **Tupac Amaru II** after Incan ruler →
- Leads Incan revolt w/ Mestizos and Creoles
  - Protest high taxes and forced labor
  - Wants independence for Peru; elimination of caste
- Didn't capitalize on early success
  - ESP put down rebellion by 1781 → Tupac killed

Two  
Tupacs?



# Comunero Revolt

- 1781 – New Granada (Colombia)
- Fought against high taxes, unfair ESP laws
- At first concessions were made, then ESP Viceroy went back on his word & executed leaders

Long live the King,  
Down with the evil government!



# Bahian Conspiracy

- 1798 – Brazil
- “Conspiracy of the Tailors”
  - Masses, Mulattoes, youth revolt
  - Fought for free trade, equality; against high taxation



Revolutions stem from  
hope, not despair  
-- Crane Brinton