

PATRIOTS



- Colonists who were angry with the British government
- Also called "rebels"
- Wanted to declare independence from England

LOYALISTS

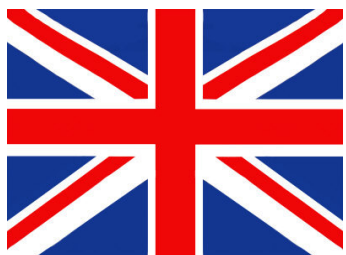
- Colonists who wanted to remain under British rule
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- Saw calls for independence as disloyal
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- Believed British government should PUNISH acts of rebellion
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- Also called "tories"



NEUTRAL COLONISTS



- Colonists that were undecided or indifferent to the idea of independence
- Didn't want to get involved
- 1/3 of the colonists were "Neutral"



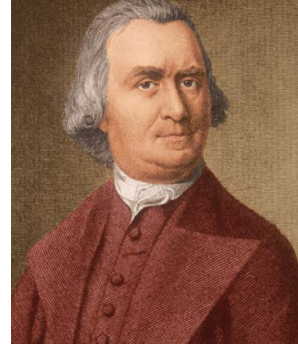
BRITISH



- Citizens of Great Britain
- Also refers to the British soldiers fighting America
- Soldiers were often referred to as "Redcoats"
- Believed that the American colonists should pay for the French & Indian War Debt (British citizens were already highly taxed and did not want to have to pay more)



SONS OF LIBERTY



- Founded by Samuel Adams
- Secret society
- Formed in response to the Stamp Act
- Organized protests (violent & non-violent, political & economic)