

Why was the French Revolution so bloody?  
Why wasn't the American Revolution so extreme?

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## Similarities Between AR & FR...

- both eliminated crown/monarch rule
- taxation issues were unfair to citizens/classes
- war heroes of each war later became political leaders
- both had "declarations" of freedom
- both sets of "rebels" had to fight stronger, more established

militaries, thus they had to use "new" tactics

- revolutionary governments that resulted both expanded their borders

- both had "symbolic" events that set them off

- foreign nations got involved in both

- both had representative bodies operating during the revolutions, National Assembly in France + Continental Congress in colonies

# Differences Between

AR & FR...

- FR resulted in the death of their former monarch
- FR fought in France, AR not fought in Britain, distance issue
- FR was to eliminate monarch system totally, AR was to be free of monarch system of Britain (Britain could keep their monarch as far as colonists were concerned)
- FR ended up reverting back to dictatorship

AR didn't

- in FR, loyalists had no where to run to for safety. British loyalists went to Canada or back to England
- international participants supported rebels in AR,
- loyalists in FR
- in AR, men of conscience, (the Founding Fathers) participated; in FR similar men of conscience (the Philosophes) didn't participate
- participate

- AR rebels more influenced by Locke, FR rebels more influenced by Rousseau
- George Washington and Napoleon Bonaparte were very different people
- (Washington and Robespierre were very different people)