

Student Guidelines for American Revolution 10/10/23

Resolution: The American Revolution was in concord with the principles of Romans 13 and I Peter 2.

So was American Revolution a violation of Scripture, and thus the American nation started on wrong basis?

Biblical revolution example:

- Israel in Egypt: Except that God did the rebellion and people just followed.
- Book of Judges: Israel conquered 7 times. Israel rebelled. According to Hobbes, Israel should never have rebelled.
 - Judge arose under foreign power and threw it off.
 - Later, then "every man did right in his own eyes".
 - Does this relate to American Colonies? Were they God's people? Did they repent and earn right to rebel?
 - Since Bible was basis for law, we must understand the law.
- Lex Rex by Rutherford: Excellent reference for debate.
- Is there ever a case that rebellion against gov't is justified, even required?
- Abraham led rebellion, then paid tithes from spoils of war.
- Can find it online. Can search for keywords.
- Also can find it in library.
- Use this in debate.
- Use colonial charters. Find online: Google: "colonial charters" will immediately find Avalon project from Yale.
- Evidentiary debate, not policy debate.
- Negative team: Be sure to give evidence where American violated the Bible; don't just state the Bible passage.

Look up on web:

- David Barton & Wallbuilders: AR was biblical
- John McArthur: AR was Unbiblical: [The Christian's Responsibility to Government, Part 1](#)
- [Homily on Rebellion](#) (contact me if this link is broken). This is part of the Anglican formularies, explaining why rebellion against authority is unbiblical. Although written before the American Revolution, it applies to any rebellion, so it is permissible to use as explanation of why the Americans disobeyed scripture in their Revolution.
- [Political Sermons of the American Founding Era](#): I think there's a sermon in here that shows how Romans 13 supports idea that AR was biblical

Open

- Use “Lex Rex”. Render unto Caesar... . But who is Caesar (king? parliament? Colonial charter?).
- Blackstone’s commentary on English Common Law: Look online for this to find arguments. Syllabus has 3 pages; actual books, 25 volumes. When colonists came to America, most common books they brought: Bible, Shakespeare, and Blackstone.

CE:

- Challenge opening evidence if 1st team introduces evidence that you don’t think they can back up. EG, if they claim a source is godly, and you know the source tarred and feathered opponents, bring this up.