

Loyalists vs Patriots The Arguments

Loyalists

1. A strong unified British Empire is good for all
2. Colonist are British subjects and should obey British law
3. Taxes are due to pay for the French & Indian War which was fought to protect the colonies
4. American colonies would be weak without Britain
5. Colonies profit from trade with England
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7. Colonies are too far way from England to have representation in Parliament, it's just not practical

Patriots

1. People have rights government can't take away, like property
2. Taxation takes away property from citizens (i.e. - money and goods)
3. Colonists don't have voice in Parliament, so England shouldn't tax colonies (No taxation without representation)
4. There's no way colonies could ever be represented in Parliament because it is too far away.
5. Many colonist fought in the French & Indian War (we've done our part)
6. British personnel are causing violence, riots, and death (Boston Massacre & Boston Tea Party)