

## Did the French Revolution influence the American Revolution?

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Wake up McFly!

The French Revolution took place AFTER the American Revolution. Asking whether it influenced the American Revolution is like asking whether Duran Duran influenced the Beatles. A proper question might be: Did the French Revolution influence the early American Republic? (The answer is a very big yes by the way.)

I must assume that you're trying to illustrate how many people are ignorant of basic history by asking a trick question.

This reminds me of an experiment in which a small group of university students went around asking women to sign a petition to do away with women's suffrage. The received many signatures before someone finally balked at being asked to sign a petition to deny women the right to vote. Worst of all, those who signed the petition most likely have fully functioning reproductive organs.

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Lee - you may well be interested in our [previous poll](#) too, and especially in its results.

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