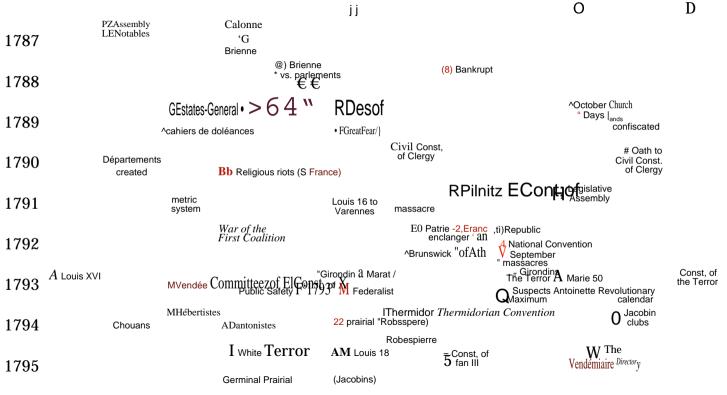


THE FRENCH REVOLUTION



2 DIFFERENT NOTIONS OF 'REVOLUTIONARY'

The Revolution.... And the Revolutionary Government (and the Republic)

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2 Freedoms / 2	The (process of the) Revolution	But they thought that they were	The abstract political
Revolutionary	"Positive Freedom"	supposed to "found" something,	system of democracy,
Moments	"Public Freedom"	called a Republic—something	"lacking concrete organs."
	"Public Happiness"	"enduring"	"Negative Freedom"
	Freedom in action/ freedom with		"Private Freedom"
	a space of action:		("Private Happiness")
	Expressing, discussing, deciding.		Freedom as an abstract
	Debate, instruction, mutual		right
	enlightement, exchange of		Freedom as guaranteed
	opinion. A political decision-		absence of (certain)
	making space really being		restraints
	enacted, really taking place. In a		Intentional exclusion of
	real place:		"positive freedom."
	America: Township Meeting		Space of freedom/space of
	Halls		decision making = only for
	France: Parisian Commune		representatives. Thus a
	Sections and "Popular Societies"		back to the
	Russia: Soviets Network		Ruled/Ruler divide.
			The representatatives
			effectively become rulers,
			"experts not open to
			opinion."
			"Expressing, discussing,
			deciding" now = the
			priviege of the few
In the Case of	The Paris Commune and its 48	But then a group called the	Centralization
France / In	sections formed by the	Jacobins originating with the	Party Politics
Paris	Assembly for the purpose of	assembly and committed to non-	Governmentalization of
	electing representatives. But it	local, regular and top-down	commune sections
	never performs that function.	organization, begins to take	Co-optation of popular
	Instead it converts itself into a	over.The "Jacobin Club" state-	societies
	system of "self-governing	izes the council system. It turns	Net of party cells
	bodies".	the sections of the commune into	Monopoly of Power
	These sections, interlacing with a	organs of government. It uses	Tyranny
	freer network of "popular	popular societies to spy. It	"General Will"
	societies," form what Arendt calls	infiltrates them and takes them	General Will
	a "great municipal council".	over. In each town a Jacobin	
	Public Spirit	club headquarters is established	
	Practice of Democracy	the purpose of which is to	
	Street	evaluate all for "patriotism and	
	People	public virtue." It spies and turns	
	A New Federalism		
	Pressure from below	over suspects.	
		**Robespierre, before he comes	
	Demands for guarantees of	to power in summer 1793, and	
	provision of subsistence (=	another prominent figure St.	
	socialist agenda)	Just, before a similar ascent,	
	Federal Principle	both support the rights and	
	"New Revolutionary Organs of	powers of the self-governing	
	Self-Government"	councils. The moment they take	
		power they reverse position, and	
		favor only "the nation," "the	
		people," and the establishement	
		of stable, uniform	
		administration. Instead of direct	