



Bias In Revolution

Directions: Read the historical passage below carefully. Look for signs of **bias**: opinions, exaggerations, or one-sided arguments. Decide how reliable the source is for understanding the event. Answer the guiding questions, using evidence from the passage to support your answers.

A Loyalist Pamphlet During the American Revolution (*adapted*)

"The so-called patriots claim to fight for liberty, but what they truly spread is chaos and destruction. By defying our lawful king, they invite ruin upon our towns and homes. The British crown has provided order, protection, and prosperity to these colonies for decades, yet these rebels are too ungrateful to recognize it. They stir ordinary farmers and merchants into reckless violence, filling their heads with dreams that will never come true. Without Britain, these colonies will fall into poverty, torn apart by selfish ambition and lawless mobs. Only loyalty to our sovereign can guarantee stability and peace. Those who resist the crown are not heroes but traitors who bring suffering upon their neighbors."

Guiding Questions

1. What evidence from the passage shows that the author has a biased point of view?
2. How might the author's position as a Loyalist shape the way events are described?
3. Does the passage seem reliable for understanding the Patriots' perspective? Why or why not?
4. How could a historian use this document responsibly when studying the American Revolution?