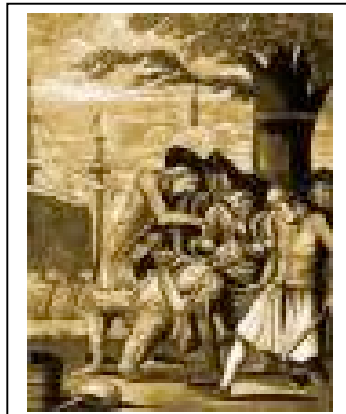


## The Loyalists of the American 13 Colonies are Harassed 1776 to 1784

Source: Canada The Story of Our Heritage (McGraw-Hill Ryerson Publishing) page 161.  
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In this scene American Patriots are tar and feathering a person they think is not in favour of American independence from Britain or they suspect is loyal to the British King George III. Tea is being poured into the victim's mouth.

"Not all citizens of the American Thirteen Colonies supported the war against Britain. Samuel Adams estimated that only one-third of the people in the 13 colonies supported the quest for independence. Adams believed that one-third was probably neutral while the other third supported Britain. Many families were torn apart by the pressure of choosing a position.

Unfortunately the atmosphere even after the revolutionary battles were over was still unruly. Many people, whether they were active Loyalists or not, were persecuted by the Patriots. Individuals were harassed and verbally and physically assaulted, homes were looted, and property was destroyed or stolen. This treatment was given not only to those who seemed actively Loyalist but to others who did not seem Patriot enough; for example, the families of anyone who held an official position before the revolution and families of those who were in the British military."

