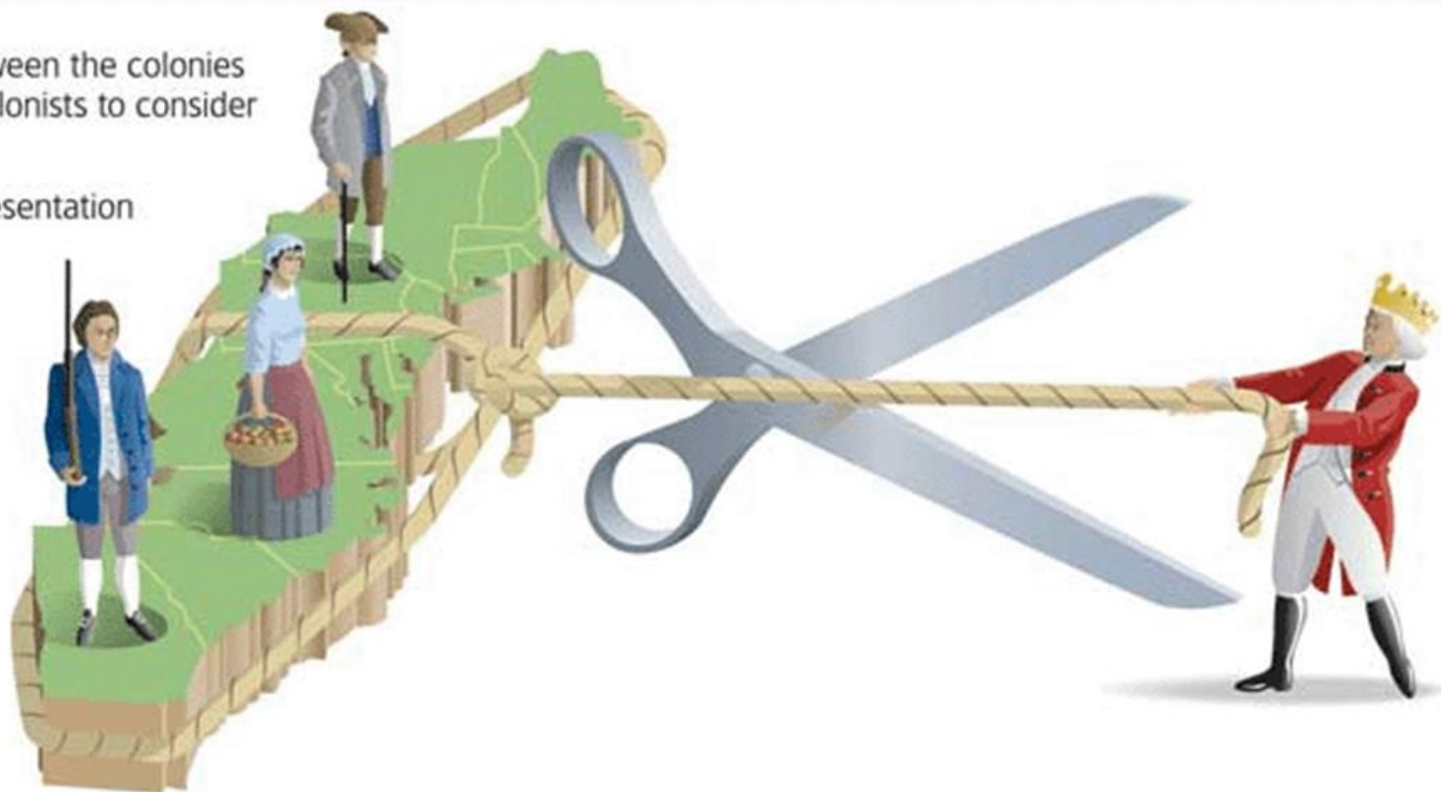


Their slogan became:
“No taxation without representation”.



Increasing tensions between the colonies and Britain led many colonists to consider cutting ties to Britain.

- Taxation without representation
- Acts of Parliament
- Violence between colonists and British troops



The Sugar Act

- In 1764, England created a tax on the colonies on any item involving molasses, sugar, and other food products.
- Each time a ship arrived in the colonies with sugar or food product, the British wouldn't unload it off the boat until they paid the money tax.
- *What would you do as a colonist?*



- The colonists went nuts! What kinds of things do you think the colonists complained about?
- Due to the heavy complaints and refusal to pay, the British caved in and “repealed” the law.
 - *Can you guess what repealed means?*

Repeal – withdraw or cancel

The colonists thought they won, but the British had more taxes up their sleeves...

Can you guess what they would be?

The Stamp Act

- When this tax law came about, the colonists were angry and confused with England.
- The colonies still thought of themselves as English, and they couldn't understand why England was "punishing" them with unnecessary taxes.
- The Stamp Act, in 1765, required all colonists to buy special stamps in order to read a newspaper, send a letter, sign a contract, get a license, etc.
 - Without this special stamp, all paperwork was considered illegal and not recognized



Colonists responded to new taxes with *boycotts* (refusing to buy British goods that were taxed).

boycott – an organized decision to refuse to buy a product.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIUiSBXQH-Cw> (:52 – 2:25)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvOZs3g3qlo>



The Quartering Act



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKnN8Jg36kA>

- *What do you think the Quartering Act means?*
- Since taxing didn't work with sugar, they changed up their strategy and decided to SAVE money.
- They created **a law that FORCED all colonists to house and feed any British soldier that came to their homes.**
 - This is the Quartering Act.
- In a nutshell, British soldiers moved into colonists' homes for FREE!!!!
 - *What do you think the colonists did about this one?*

The boycotts were successful, but **the English king** (King George III) and Parliament **believed the *Americans should obey* British laws** and ***took power away*** from the colonies and sent more British soldiers.

