powerful influence of the French Revolution can be traced in the reactions. could give way to Napoleon, then might modern revolutions inevitably follow a be at the heart of several different historical and contemporary political debates. In his view, Great Britain did not have a constitution it had only a long history of
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