The French Revolution Debate In Britain: The Origins Of Modern Politics

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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
Professor of Modern History David Andress talks Dan through the French Revolution: the causes, the context, its significance and its wide-felt consequences. Watch Now. Radicalism and ‘Pitt’s Terror.’ Tensions were high as Paine’s work prompted a flowering of radicalism in Britain. Many groups such as the Society of the Friends of the People and the London Corresponding Society were established, proposing anti-establishment ideas amongst artisans, against merchants and, more worryingly, amongst genteel society. The ongoing debate. British support for the French Revolution waned as it seemed to become a disorderly bloodbath, miles away from the principles it had originally stood for.