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THE MEANING OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TODAY
Historians Explore Divisiveness Then and Now in July 4th Discussion

This July 4th weekend, the emerging national website www.ourvoiceourcountry.org will premiere *The Meaning of the American Revolution Today*, a moderated discussion featuring three of America's top Revolutionary-era historians:

Thomas Fleming, award-winning author of over 30 books on The Revolution, including *Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers* (*the New York American Revolution Round Table's 2009 Book of the Year*).

Carol Berkin, Professor of Revolutionary History at Baruch College and author of *Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence*.

R. Scott Stephenson, Director of Collections and Interpretation at the American Revolution Center in Philadelphia.

The discussion will be moderated by **Jon Mann**, www.ourvoiceourcountry.org's founder and director. Musical segments were provided by Linda Russell.

The Meaning of the American Revolution Today will first be presented this coming July 3rd-5th, and will be accessible from the home page of this website. During an engaging and informative 30-minute program, the participants will comment and share insights and anecdotes about divisions and necessary compromises in society, politics and the military that helped our democracy survive the Revolution. What lessons learned then help us to overcome the divisiveness in our country that challenges us today?

Users will be able to post questions on the site that the historians will answer in writing, and can also initiate or take part in discussions about the content of this innovative and timely new program.

Thomas Fleming's new summary of the American Revolution appears on the research page of the ourvoiceourcountry.org website. A 50th anniversary edition of his book about the Battle of Bunker Hill—***Now We Are Enemies: The Story of Bunker Hill***—was re-issued on June 17th, the anniversary of that pivotal event, by American History Press. Mr. Fleming has just returned from speaking about his book and the events it describes to cheering crowds at Bunker Hill and other Boston area venues.

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Our Voice Our Country.org is a non-partisan national website that draws upon the rich history of American Popular Movements as a springboard to engage the public in reflection and participation. The site provides an accessible and interactive system that enables users to continue the work of these movements and initiate and build new ones—all online.

The Meaning of the American Revolution Today program marks a new level of educational service and public engagement for this unique site, which has conducted three national scholarship competitions and has drawn 185,000 visitors since going online in 2009.

The research page of OVOC, where the American Revolution and other American Popular Movements are celebrated, remembered and examined, is being developed as a go-to resource for students, teachers, researchers and the general public. To that end, prominent historians are writing new summaries for each American Popular Movement at www.ourvoiceourcountry.org.

Visitor comments from www.ovoc.org:

"The website is amazing...I love the concept, purpose and faith it shares with everybody."

"...a good way to hear many unspoken individuals and their ideas...an effective program that needs to continue."

"...a great way for ordinary people just like you and me to discuss important issues and hopefully find solutions that could benefit any and everyone."

About Our Voice Our Country

www.ovoc.org was developed with early endorsement and input from Walter Cronkite, Yolanda King, Joanne Woodward, Jane Alexander, and Ruby Dee, from leaders of national non-partisan organizations, judges, professors, lawyers, students, senior citizens, soldiers, officers, current and retired politicians, and from and dozens of blue and white collar workers of all political parties across the country. Their contributions have been integrated to form the OVOC system, which has been created to strengthen The People's role in our Democracy, to better America now and in the future.

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