The French Revolution And British Culture

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Britain and the French Revolution. By Dr Mark Philp Last updated 2011-02-17. As the Revolution gripped Paris, British Dissenters over the Channel saw reason to celebrate. But resilience among the British élite and the weakness of political opposition soon dampened the fires of revolt. Dr Mark Philp explains. On this page. The ardour for liberty. The revolution controversy. Reaction. The Two Acts. News of the opening events of the French Revolution was greeted with widespread enthusiasm by British observers, although some, patronisingly, saw it as evidence that France was abandoning absolutism for a liberal constitution based on the British model.