Jefferson, Adams, and the Political Revolution of 1800: How to get DIRTY in Politics!

Your Francophilia exacerbates my indignation! Bring it John!

John Adams  Thomas Jefferson

Revolution of 1800

Heated Background Issues:
- British Alliance?
- States Rights vs. Federal Government

Democratic Political Culture
- (party) politics = more participation
- Politics = more competitive

Birth of Political Parties:
- Adams, Pinckney
- Jefferson, Burr

playing on people's fears
Revolution of 1800

- Election — Federalist on the defensive
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- Adams as the Rumor: "the African Visitor"

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Revolution of 1800

(south & west), (NY) take election
Same # electoral votes (73)
House of Reps. must decide
(dominated by Federalists), Feb 11-17
Civil War LOOMS
Hamilton works behind scenes —
Jefferson lesser of two evils
12th Amendment (1804)
Requires separate balloting for Pres/VP in Electoral College

Deadly Division

- 1791 — Burr defeated for NY Senate seat
- Election of 1800
- Burr as VP, replaced in 1804, runs for NY Gov
- "I could describe a still more despicable opinion of Burr"
- Duel — to intentionally throw away your shot
- (July 11, 1804)
- Reynolds-Hamilton Scandal, Philip Hamilton

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Deadly Rivalry

Jeffersonian Simplicity
- Capital Hill and Executive Mansion
- Jefferson’s Inaugural Address
- Hates speeches
- Simplifying Presidency
- Gov’t. lives w/in its income
- Cut large expenses (July 4, 1826)
- Deathbed... not so dirty

The End of an Era
- Last of their kind...
- “...Thomas Jefferson still survives.”