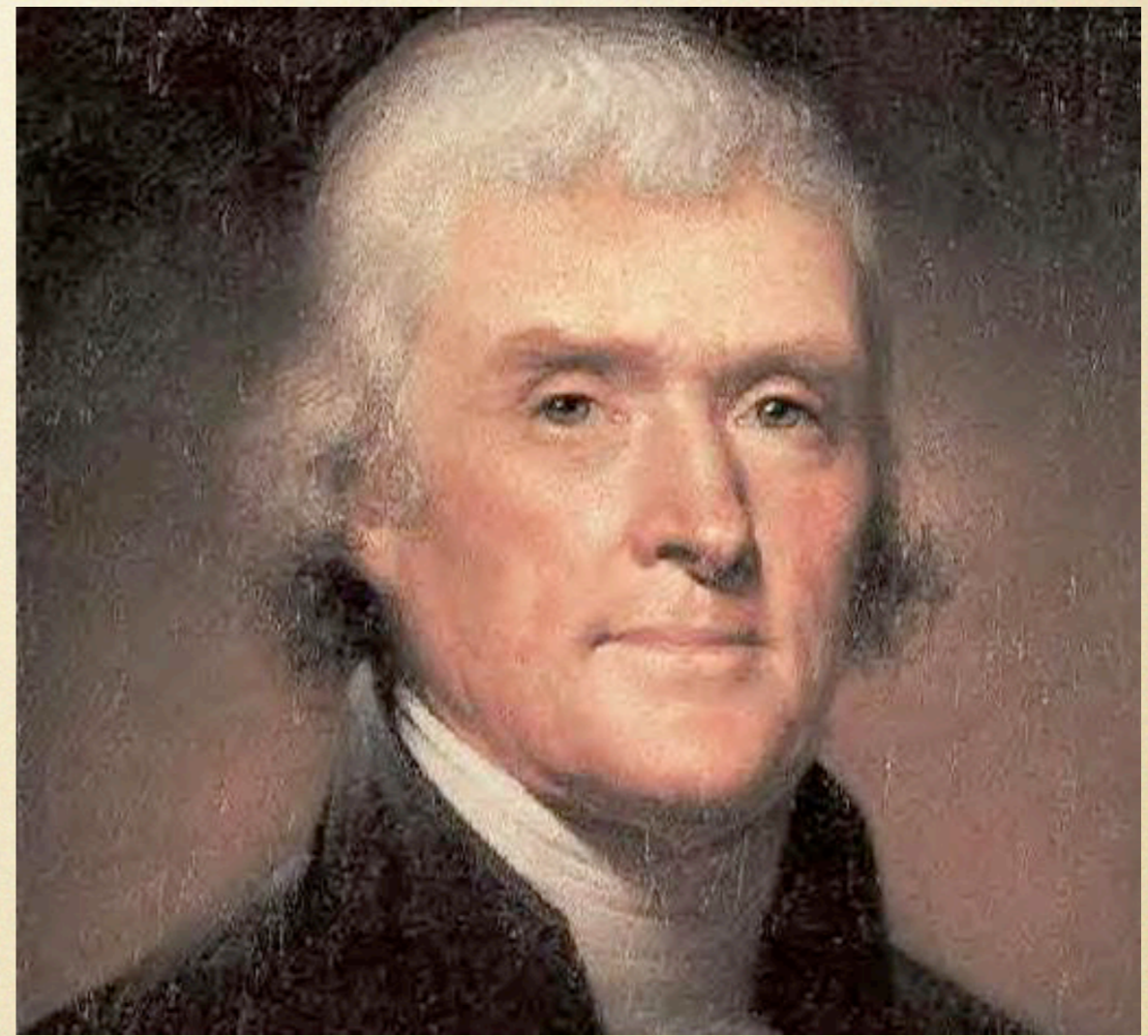
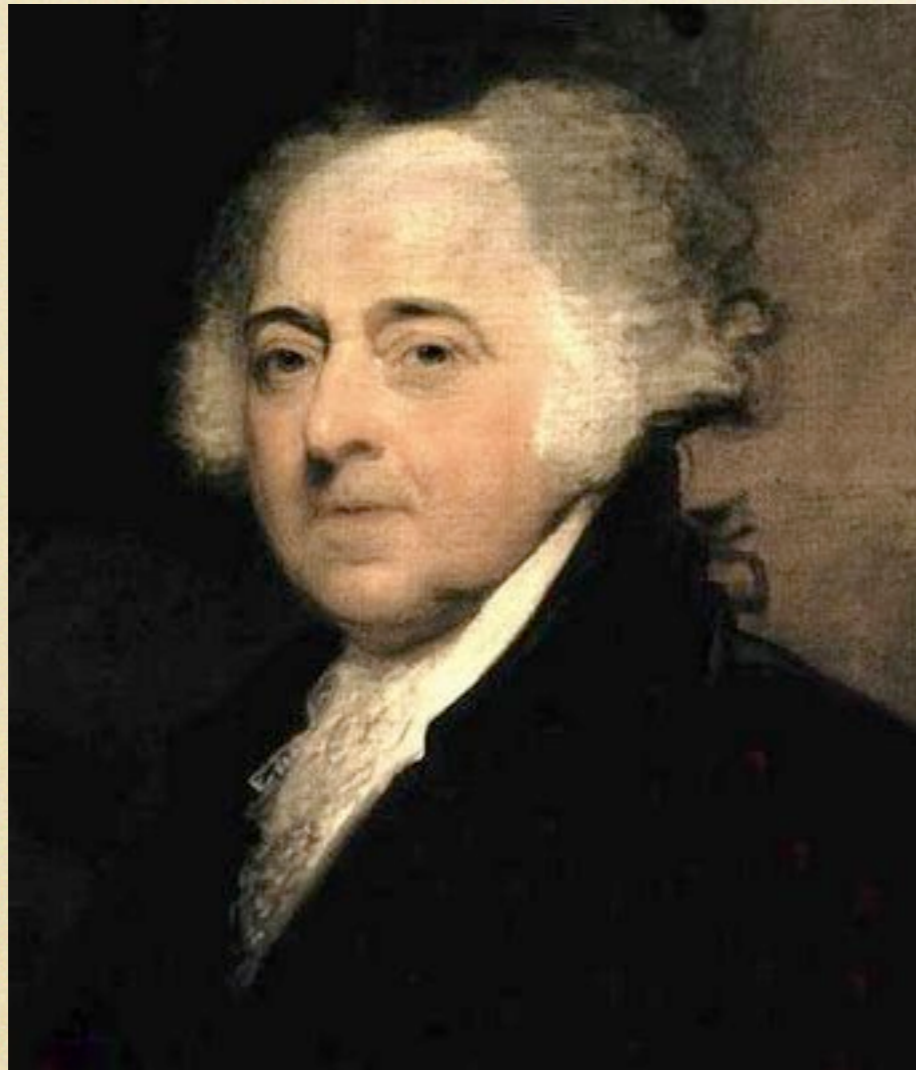


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“The mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride them.”

Thomas Jefferson

July 4, 1826

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America as a Nation

Constitution (1788)

- balances liberty and power
 - between nation and state:
 - federalism or divided sovereignty
 - within the national government:
 - checks and balances
 - separation of powers
- slavery
 - federalism puts slavery under the control of states not the national government except:
 - three-fifths clause
 - Congress allowed to ban slave trade after 1808
 - fugitive slaves = extraterritoriality

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America as a Nation (con't)

- Bill of Rights (1791)
 - codifies the rights of the governed

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- Patriarchal family (colonial era):
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Women and the Revolution

- politicized by the Revolution
- no expanded civic rights under the Constitution(s)
- expanded legal rights under state laws

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- Republican family (new national era):
 - partnership for citizenship
 - companionate partnership
 - childhood as its own unique condition
 - Republican motherhood

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Republican motherhood

“The equal share that every citizen has in the liberty and the possible share he may have in the government of our country make it necessary that our ladies should be qualified to a certain degree by a peculiar and suitable education [so as to instruct] their sons in the principles of liberty and government.”

Benjamin Rush

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“They swallow almost anything without chewing. The bread is half-baked, cheese of the fattest kind, slices of salt or hung beef, ham all of which is nearly inedible. At dinner they have boiled pastes under the name puddings and their sauces, even for roast beef, are melted butter; their turnips and potatoes swim in hog’s lard; under the name pie their pastry is nothing but a greasy paste, never sufficiently baked.”