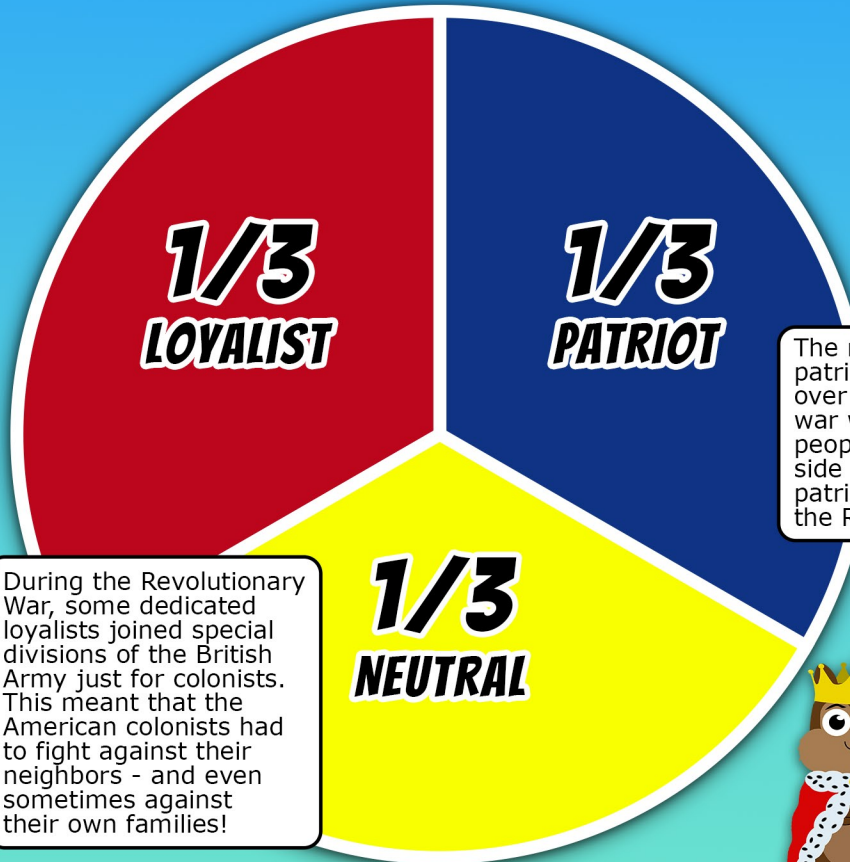


LOYALISTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Not everyone in the American colonies supported the American Revolution! There were lots of people who wanted to stay part of Great Britain. These people were called loyalists, because they were loyal to King George III. Other people didn't care who was in charge, as long as they could earn a living and take care of their families. These people were neutral. Patriots wanted to make a new independent country that was not ruled by the king. People chose sides based on things like their job, how much money they had, their family connections, and where they lived. New Hampshire had fewer loyalists than a lot of other colonies.

CHOOSING SIDES IN ALL THE COLONIES

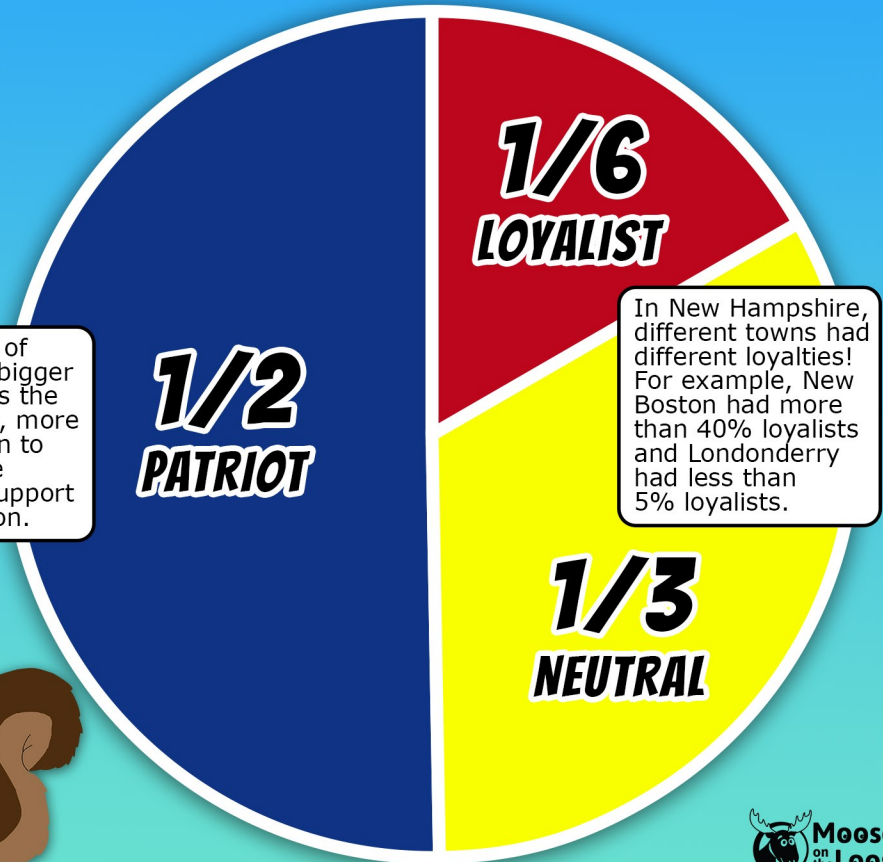


During the Revolutionary War, some dedicated loyalists joined special divisions of the British Army just for colonists. This meant that the American colonists had to fight against their neighbors - and even sometimes against their own families!

The number of patriots got bigger over time. As the war went on, more people began to side with the patriots to support the Revolution.



CHOOSING SIDES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



In New Hampshire, different towns had different loyalties! For example, New Boston had more than 40% loyalists and Londonderry had less than 5% loyalists.



1. If there were about 2,500,000 people in all the colonies, how many would be loyalist? If there were about 81,100 people in New Hampshire, how many would be loyalist?
2. What fraction of the people in New Hampshire were not against making a new country? That is, not loyalist?
3. What reasons did people in New Hampshire have for wanting to be their own country? Why do you think more people supported the revolution as the war went on?