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Nobody asked but ...

A few days ago, I wrote a blog criticising, by the way, the so-called founding fathers. When I shared that post elsewhere, a treasured colleague took exception to my generalization, and he informed me that I need to read more Thomas Jefferson.

My reaction touched on the following:

- Thomas Jefferson may be the last founding father that I would critique.
- When has one read **enough** Thomas Jefferson?
- I pointed out that the founding fathers were not a monolithic group.
- For example, I cited a compare-and-contrast exercise covering Thomas Jefferson against Alexander Hamilton.
- Even though I was accused of overlooking that there had been no conscription among the colonials, that turns out not to be the case, per the [Encyclopedia of the American Revolution: Library of Military History](#).
- Soldiers have been exploited by politicians since long before the North American colonies.
- War is war, and it is hell.
- The self-serving politicians who promulgated the American Revolution made sure to deport Jefferson while they were selling the US citizens on the scam known as the Constitution.
- Jefferson drafted, along with John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, the Declaration of Independence, which was an escape from monarchical statism.
- The upshot of the Revolutionary War was the establishment of a state modeled on the European Royals' version.
- The primary beneficiaries were the same landed gentry who thrived under King George III of England.

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