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Sons of Liberty Essay  
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### Sons of Liberty: True Patriots

The Boston Tea Party. Hurting people and risking lives including your own for freedom. Writing the Declaration of Independence. These things are all acts of patriotism that went a bit too far. Their acts leading up to the Revolution, their respect for the king, and the true definition of Patriot all prove that the Sons of Liberty were not terrorists. These were not acts of terrorism because putting people in danger was not at all the purpose. The Sons of Liberty were just fighting for their freedom, and sometimes violence was the only way to be heard. Yes, the Sons and Daughters went too far more than a few times, but we won our freedom, didn't we? If we didn't have the Sons of Liberty on our side, we could have lost the Revolution.

For example, the definition of a Patriot is a person who loves, supports, and defends his or her country with interest of devotion. The Sons of Liberty were a perfect example of this definition. They loved their country a lot, so much that they risked their lives for the other colonists to have freedom. They supported America in the war with their help and acts of bravery. Although their acts were violent, they were very effective. They defended their country by fighting in many of the battles in the Revolution and some even helped write the Declaration of Independence. They also debated with Parliament over the laws they passed. Many people involved and spectators of the Revolution may not have agreed with this but remember, "one man's terrorist is another man's patriot."

Moreover, the Sons of Liberty still loved their king. They claimed he was still the best and they still respected him. They also loved the country of Britain. The only thing the group had against Britain was their unjust Parliament. They kept making laws and acts to punish the colonists, but the residents of Britain didn't

have to pay or obey these laws. Even though we helped cause part of the debt, the Patriots didn't think this was fair, would you?

Additionally, the Sons of Liberty committed many brave and memorable acts. For example, they took part in many battles. They fought along side the minutemen in the Battle of Bunker Hill, the Battles of Lexington and Concord, and many more battles across the colonies. Paul Revere and William Dawes' famous midnight ride was also an act performed by these Patriots. Dawes and Revere were both active members. Sam Adams was their leader and many other famous Patriots, including John Hancock, were part of the Sons. The Boston Tea Party was also an act planned by the Sons of Liberty. They were violent and risked their lives to prove a point and overcome the old ways because that's what they believed in. How could you call them bad people?

Risking their lives, still loving their country, and fitting the definition of a Patriot perfectly are why the Sons of Liberty weren't terrorists. They helped us win our freedom, and if they never existed I could be sitting on Britain's soil right now. Could you imagine that? Violence was the only way for them to prove their point. They didn't make putting people in danger their purpose, but sometimes people were hurt in order for the cry of freedom to be heard. I'm proud to be an American so I'm personally happy that the Sons of Liberty existed!