

manner, they hesitated and it gave the populace time to fashion weapons. Some of the French military joined the public, but it was not enough just to have a defensive action to try to prevent these foreign troops from doing things, it was necessary for the populace to do something affirmative. And you know what the populace did July 14, 1789? They stormed and destroyed the Bastille, which was one of the most notorious prisons in history. The Bastille was where a lot of these people and their leaders would have been placed. When the people did that, the tide turned. The foreign troops, being hirelings, fled. And if any of you have read any history at all you know the rest of the story. But something happened during that period which upset an Englishman who's last name was Burke, Edmund was his first name, wrote a long, several hundred page book condemning the French Revolution and specifically what happened after the fall of the Bastille. Four or five of the leaders were killed on the spot. Their heads were removed from their bodies, they were placed on spikes and put on display. Burke thought this was a terrible thing, although it was something England, his country, regularly practiced. There was a man named Thomas Paine who was challenging Burke's criticism of the French Revolution and he said, governments teach people how to react by the things that governments do to those people. When the government does cruel, heartless things, it hardens the heart of the populace, and should they seize power they need not devise new cruelties, all they need do is adopt as their own the practices of the government against...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...them. So when we have people who may take the time to be aware of the hard-hearted cruelty, the cynicism of this and other legislatures, why should anybody be surprised to find that the public deems the government to be its best instructor. When the government is the source of harshness, when the government is devoid of compassion, why should anybody be surprised when the traits that are encouraged by that kind of conduct from the government manifest themselves in antisocial conduct? If a person feels that the government has been so cruel, so unjust, so unfair that the government itself and the symbols of the government...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...must become targets...