



# The Crisis of 1808

# The Age of Revolutions . . .

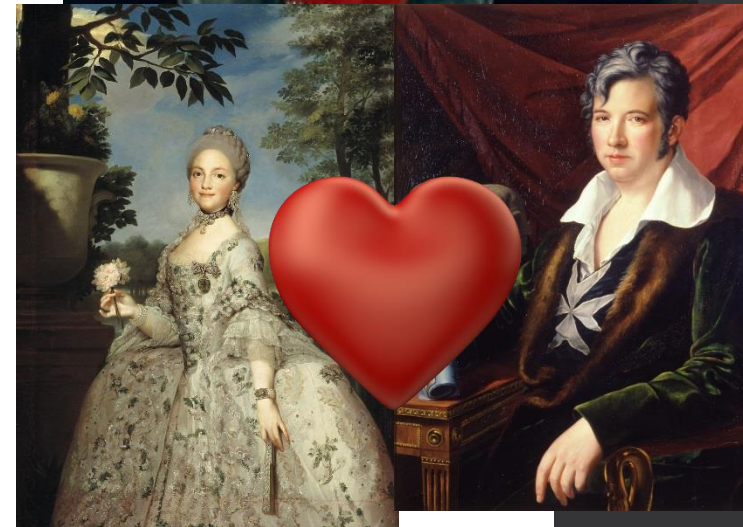
- 1775-1783 = American Revolution
  - US rebelled against Britain
- 1789-1799 = French Revolution
  - French rebelled against Louis XVI
  - 1799 = Napoleon Bonaparte comes to power
- 1791 = Haitian Revolution
  - Slaves rebel, take over Haiti

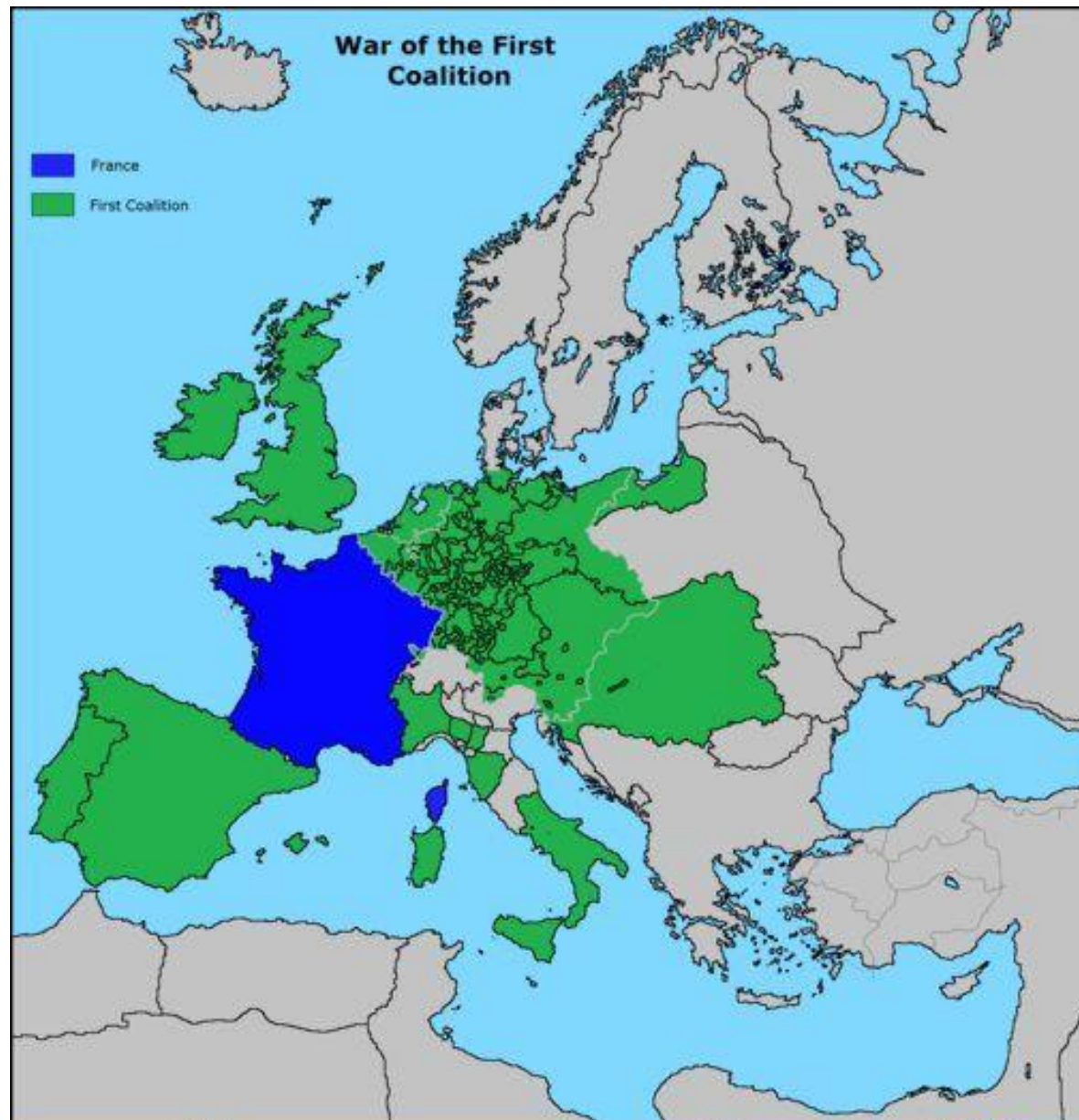




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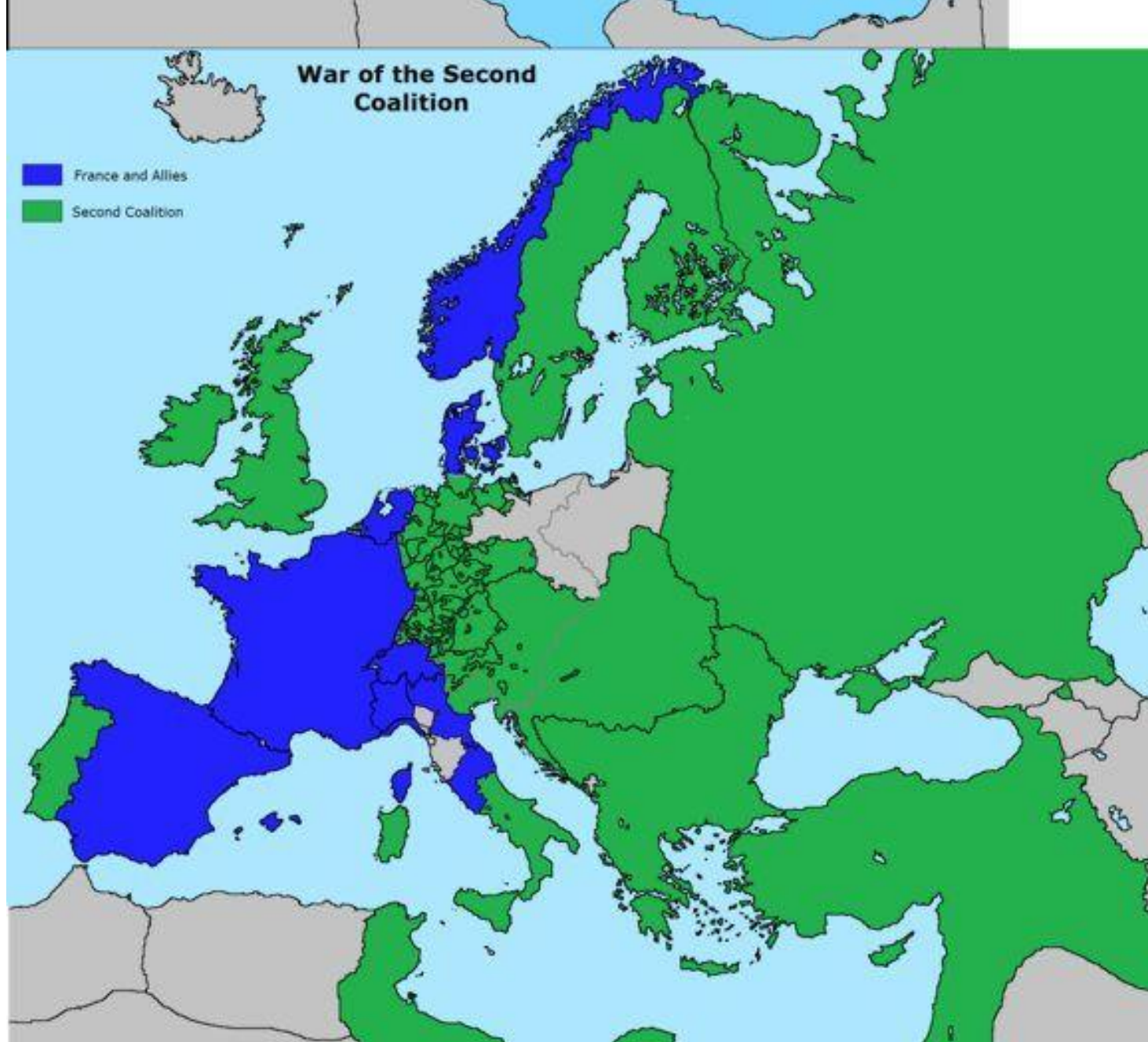


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- 1795-1805 = Spain and France, allies
  - 1805 = Spain leaves French alliance, then rejoins







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- 1806 = Napoleon installs the “Continental System”
  - 1807 = Napoleon invades Portugal
- March 1808 = Charles IV abdicates
  - Ferdinand VII takes over
- April 1808 = Napoleon ousts Ferdinand
  - Installs Joseph Bonaparte as King of Spain







**EUROPE, 1810**  
**NAPOLEON'S FAMILY SYSTEM**

0 100 200 300 400 500  
SCALE OF MILES



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**LEGEND**

- Ruled by Napoleon.
- Ruled by Napoleon's brother or stepson.
- Ruled by Napoleon's brother-in-law, nephew or father-in-law or stepson's father-in-law.
- Napoleonic satellite state.



# “The Same”



“They Don’t Like It”

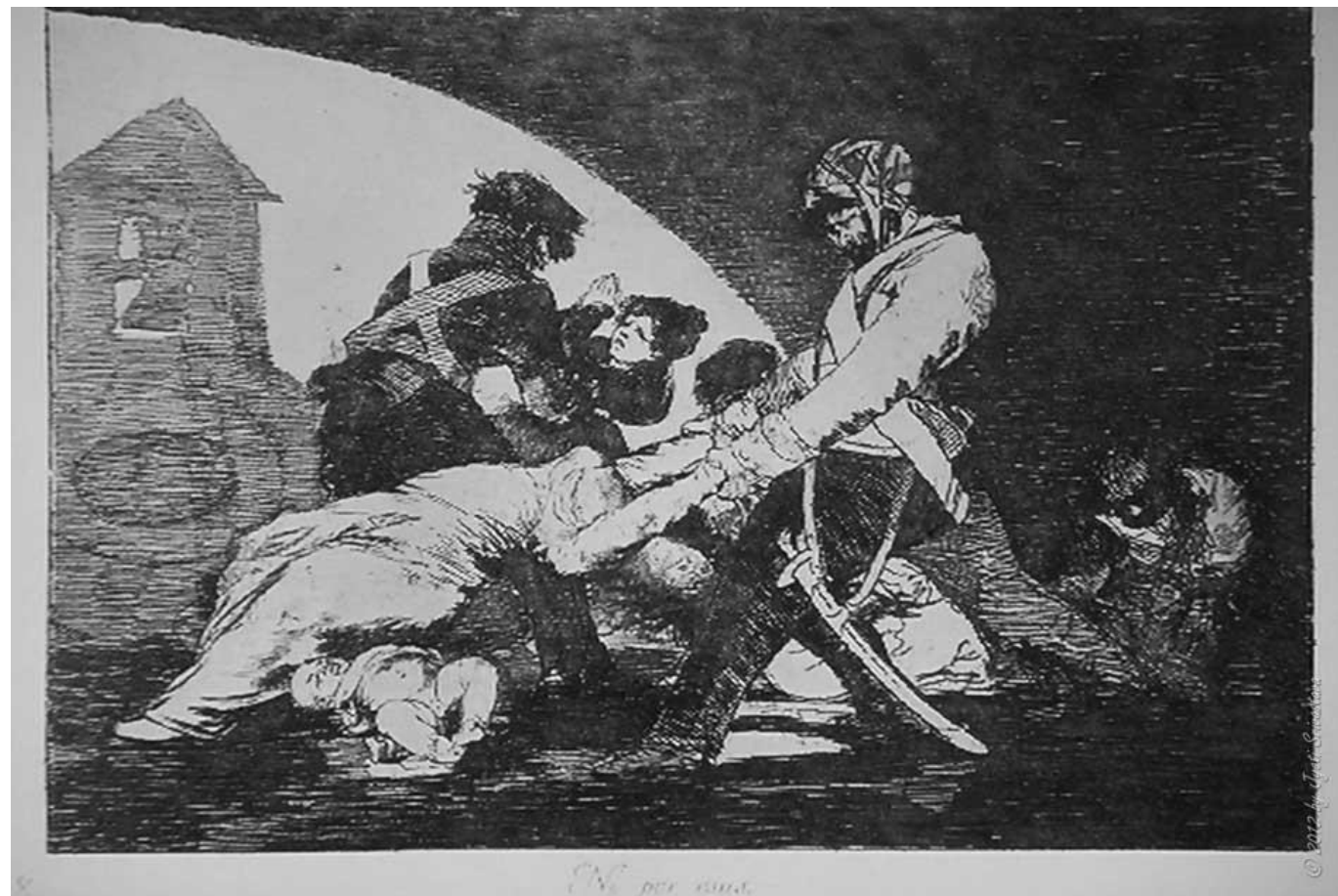




“Nor Do These Either”



“Neither Do These”





“This is what you were born for”

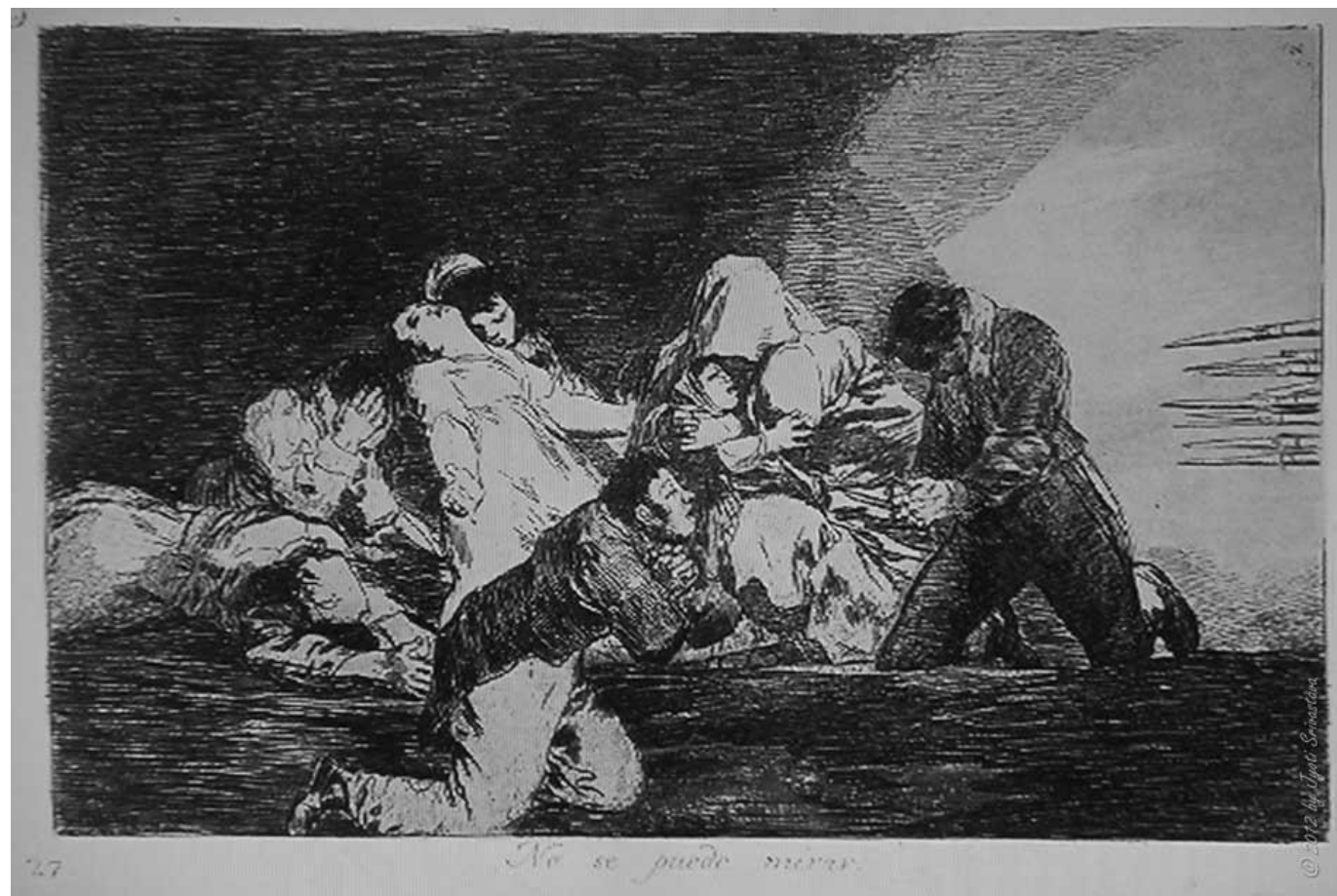


“Bury them and keep quiet”





“One can’t look”



# “Charity”

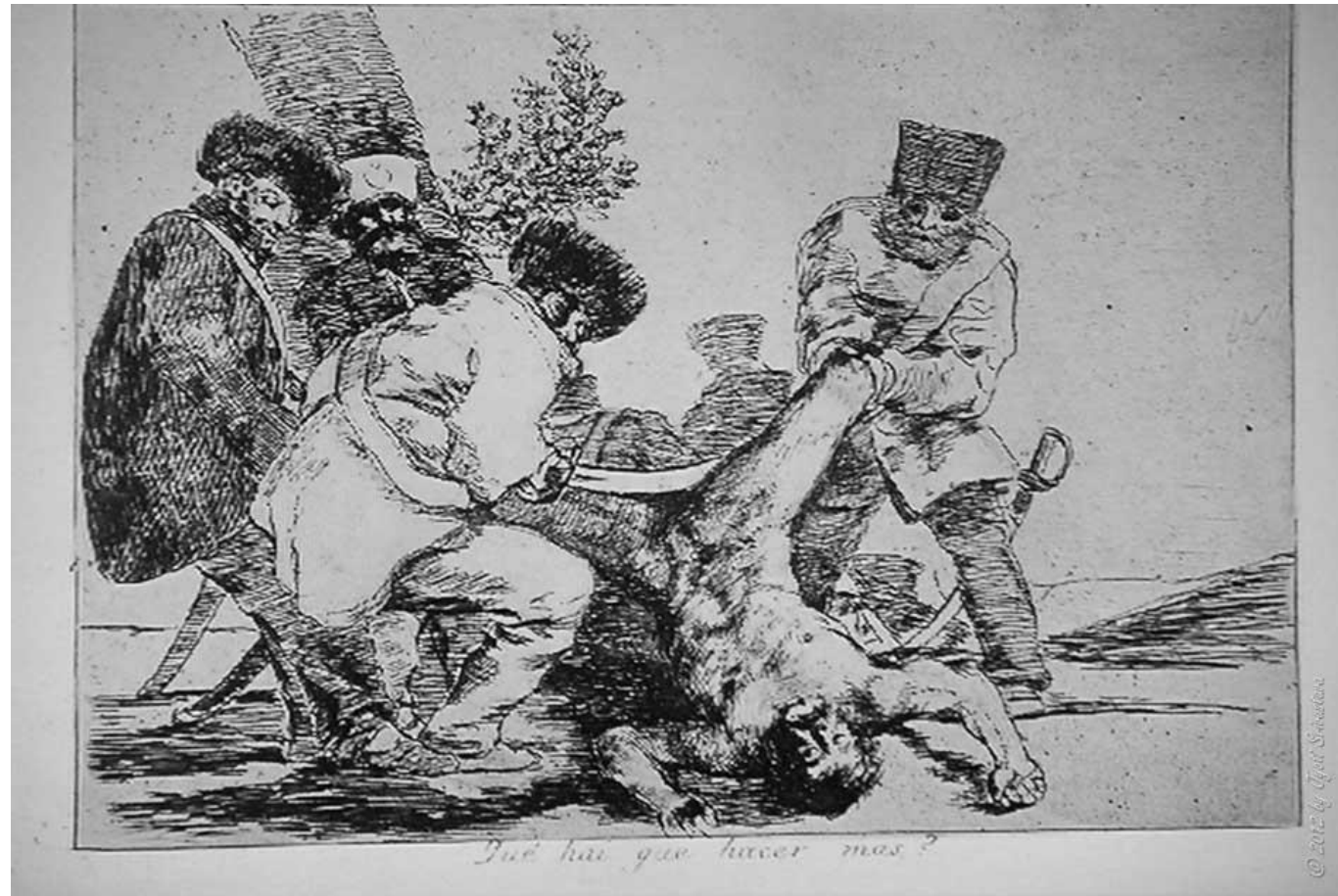




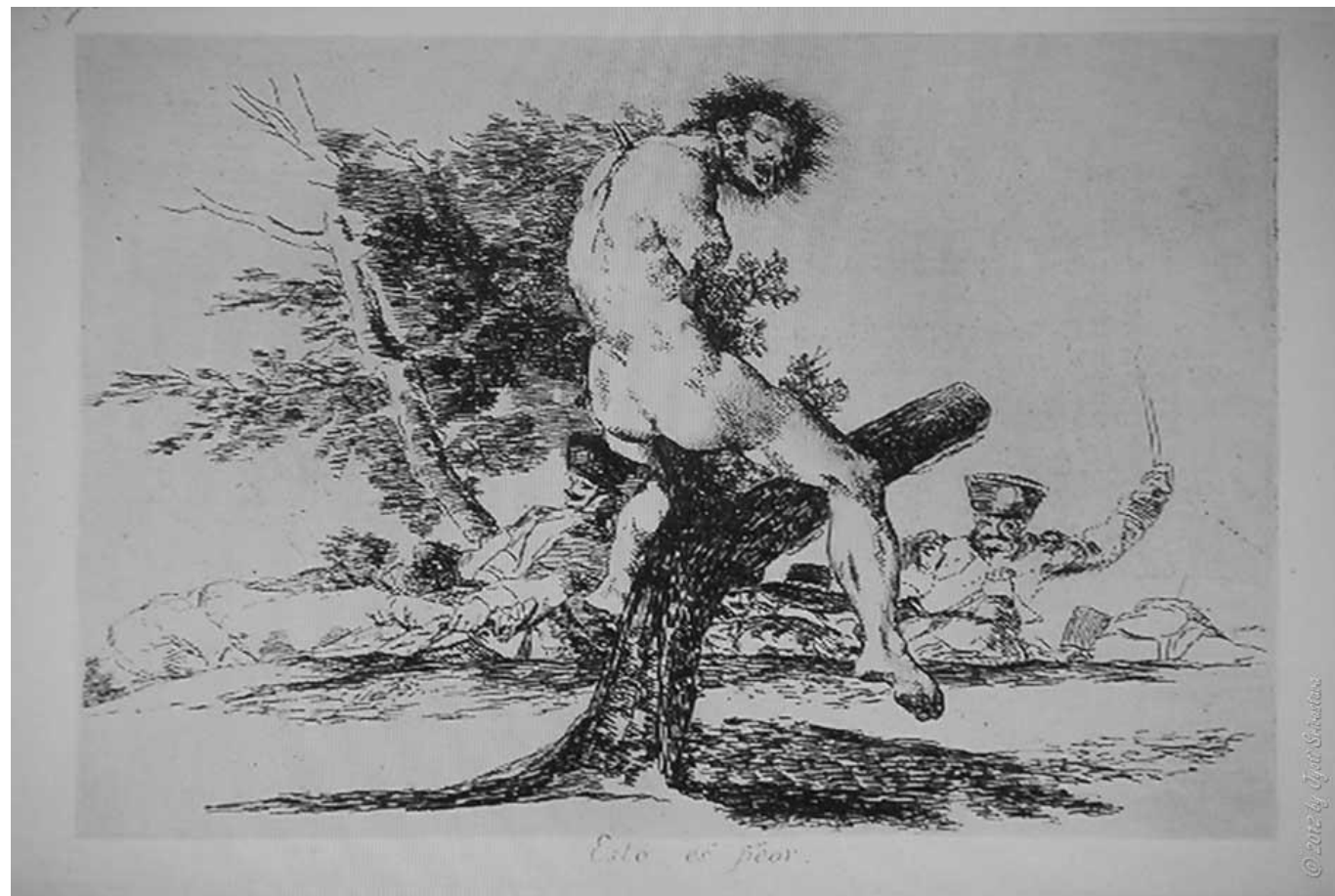
“Why?”



“What more can be done?”

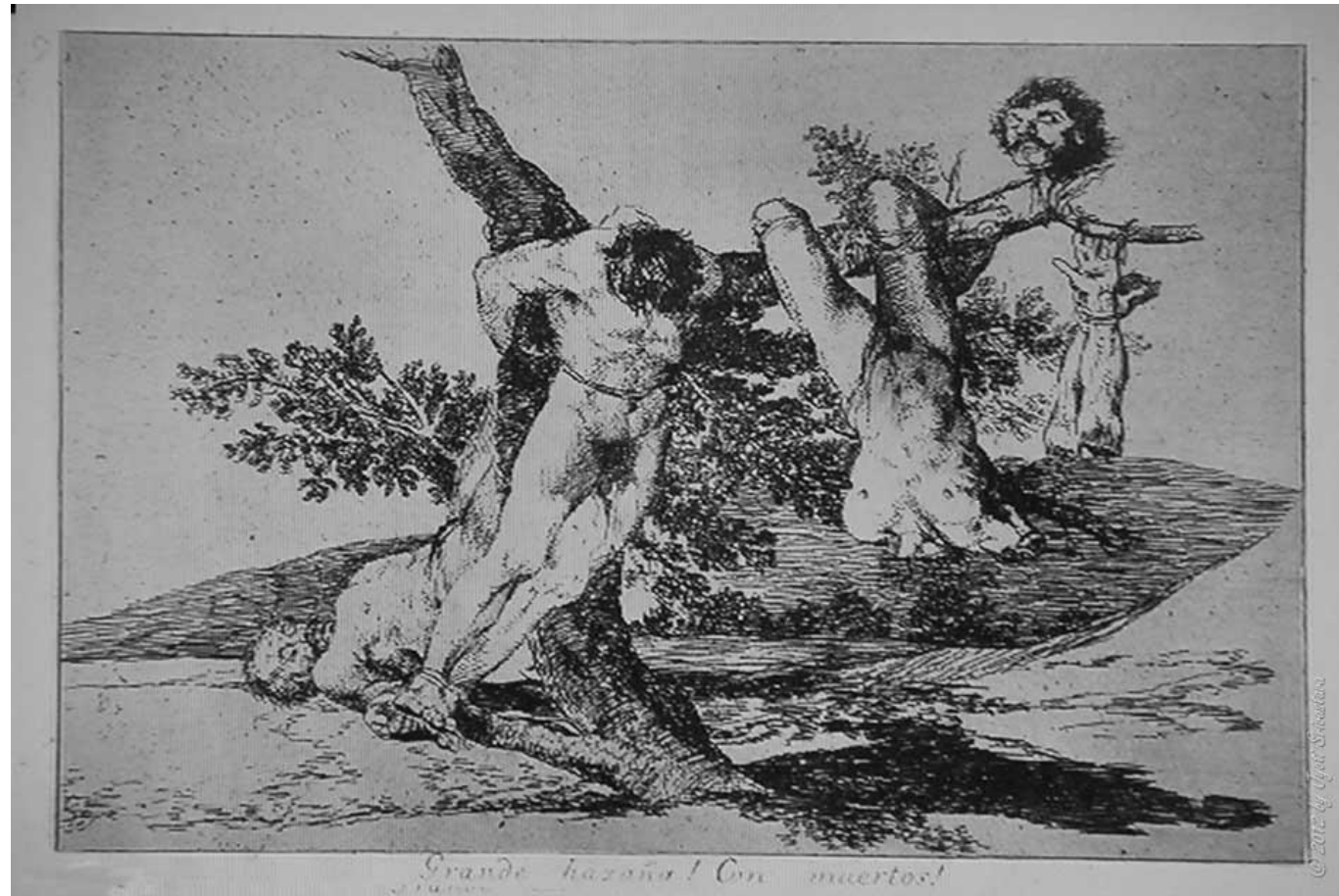


“This is worse”





“Heroic feat! With dead men!”



# “Unhappy mother”



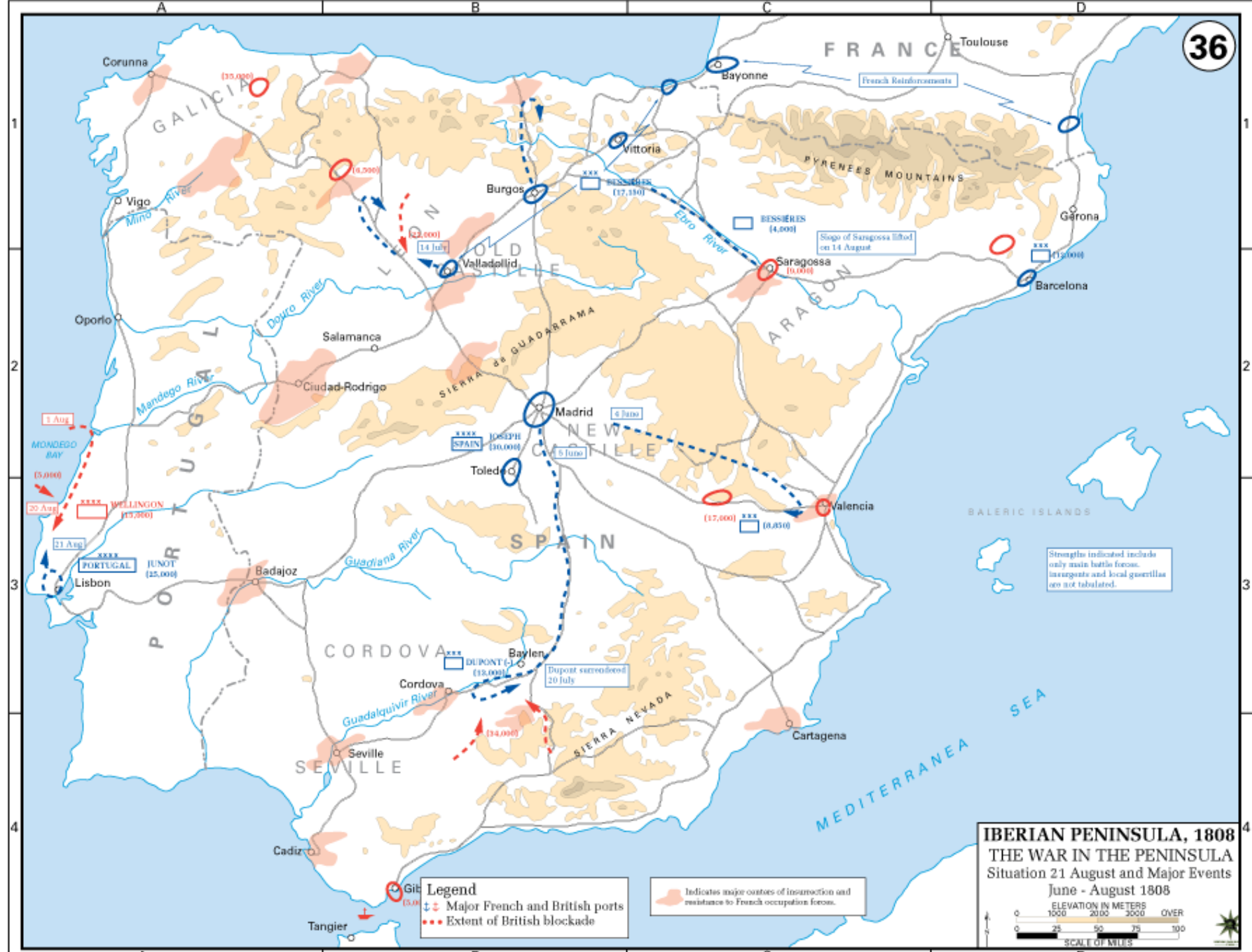
“They do not arrive in time”





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**Red** = gov't under Spanish control  
**Orange** = loyal to Central Junta  
**Yellow** = American junta  
**Green** = declared independence  
**Blue** = French control

**1808**



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  - . . . subordinate to Spanish juntas?
- Democratic council elections in Latin American cities
- 1814 = Napoleon defeated
  - Ferdinand VII restored, abolishes 1812 Constitution

# Political Considerations after 1808

- Influence of Spanish Americans?
  - 1812 Constitution: “The Spanish nation is the collectivity of the Spaniards in both hemispheres.”
  - Representation based on population?
- Free trade?
  - Spanish Americans want more open trade
- Gov’t opportunities?
  - Creoles vs Peninsulars
- Other grievances against Spain?



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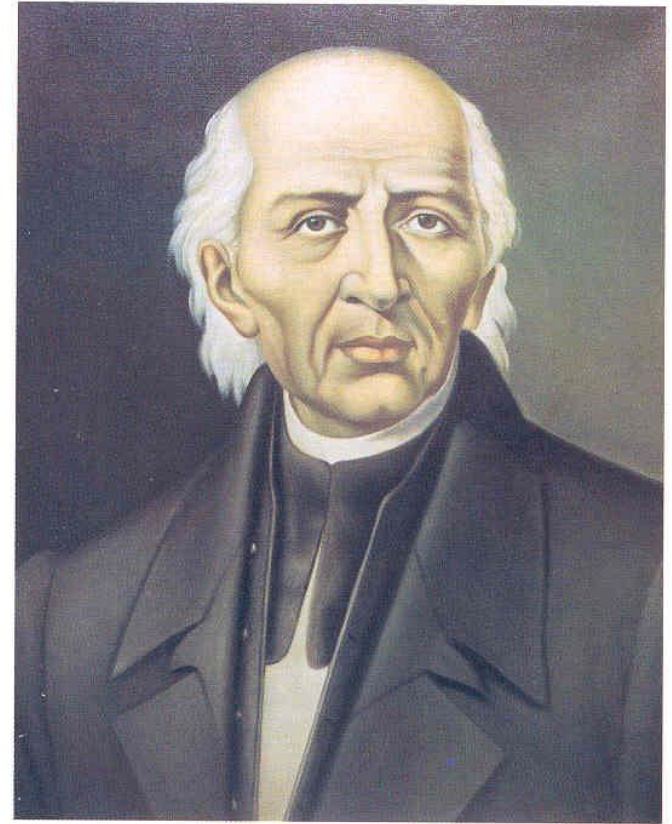
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## MEXICO'S SEVEN CULINARY REGIONS



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- Context: Bajío region
  - Continuous pop. growth
  - Expansion of large farms
  - Collapse of textile industry
  - Collapse of mining industry
  - Series of bad harvests
- Miguel Hidalgo (1753-1811) = priest
  - 1808 = joined an effort to overthrow Spaniards in Mexico City
  - 1810 = called for open rebellion
- By 1815, rebellion squashed





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  - Importance of cacao
  - 1786 = royal appeals court est. in Caracas
- 1808 = Creoles in Caracas est. junta
  - 1810 = overthrow royal court
  - 1811 = declare independence
- 1812 = massive earthquake
  - Royalists regain control
- By 1813, Simón Bolívar is leading the rebels





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  - Pop. growth
- 1806 = British try to take Buenos Aires
  - Pushed out by Spanish Americans
- May 1810 = Creoles create junta
  - Declare loyalty to Ferdinand VII
  - Spain never rules Buenos Aires again . . .

