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The impact of Puritanism and the Enlightenment on the development of colonial America between 1620-1776 was profound and had a lasting impact on American identity. Puritanism contributed to the development of the North American colonies greatly through their work ethic. Puritan work ethic and their emphasis on the merits of hard work contributed greatly to the economic development of the colonies as well as the cultural development of the colonies. The puritan work ethic can also be seen as a major contributing factor in American support for capitalism. Religion of the puritans also played a major role in the cultural developments of the North American colonies. The puritans and their ideologies played an important role in the cultural development of the colonies. Their strict moral code led to the creation of other colonies opposed to some aspects of their cultures such as Rhode Island. Indirectly ^{puritanism} ~~the puritans~~ contributed to the economic development and political development of colonial North America.

A more profound effect on the development of North America was the Enlightenment especially later in the 1700's. The founding fathers of the United States were

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Enlightenment scholars, the Enlightenment contributed directly to the political development of the colonies and the future United States. As classical liberals the founding fathers believed in Natural Law theory and the belief that ~~people~~ people had unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. ~~Other~~ Other enlightenment philosophers such as John Locke were major influences on founding fathers such as Thomas Jefferson. The ideas of John Locke as well as the ideas of Classical Liberalism were popular among the people of the colonies. In terms of political development the mass outcries and outrage toward the acts by the British toward American colonists was a direct result of the ~~classical~~ liberal beliefs of the American elite.

The enlightenment also had an impact on economic development. Enlightenment philosophers such as Adam Smith and ~~the~~ free market capitalism ~~had~~ had an impact on the economic development of the colonists who were now more hostile to higher taxation as well as hostility toward mercantilism. These developments were all factors in developing support for the American Revolution.

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The Enlightenment and puritanism had a profound impact on the development of colonial North America, specifically the cultural, economic, and political developments can be linked to puritanism and the enlightenment. Their impact was profound and can still be seen in American identity today.