“Tar and Feathering”

The image to the right illustrates the “tar and feathering” of a tax collector in the colonies. This was a common threat and punishment to British tax collectors in which hot tar was applied to the skin and then they were covered in feathers. Based on today’s simulation, do you think that this image accurately captured the emotions and actions of the time period? Explain your response.

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While the action above was used as a form of protest within the colonies, it was not the only type of colonial reaction. What other methods do you think the colonists used to protest British taxation? Explain the rationale behind your predictions.

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