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Fears of conspiracy were widespread among the founders of the United States. Members of the British government, it was claimed, were secretly scheming to rob Americans of all their liberties. Much of the Declaration of Independence itself outlines a plot by King George III to establish "an absolute tyranny over these states."

And ever since the Revolutionary War, the historian Richard Hofstadter famously argued, American political life has often witnessed a