

Absolute Monarchs in Europe

Long-Term Causes

- decline of feudalism
- growth of national kingdoms
- rise of cities and support of middle class
- loss of Church authority

Immediate Causes

- religious and territorial conflicts
- need for increased taxes
- buildup of armies
- revolts by peasants or nobles



European Monarchs Claim Divine Right to Rule Absolutely

Immediate Effects

- regulation of religion and society
- new government bureaucracies appointed by the government
- larger courts
- loss of power by nobility and legislatures
- huge building projects

Long-Term Effects

- revolution in France
- English political reforms that influence U.S. democracy
- western European influence on Russia