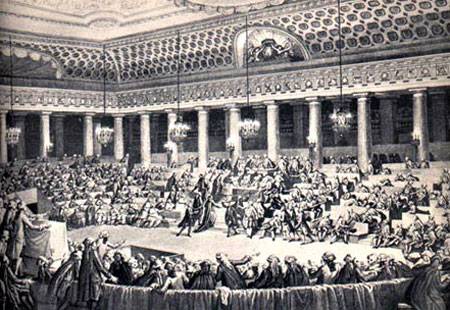


**I’m in the clergy, and I don’t want to pay any taxes!**

**I’m from the second estate and we like things the way they are…we barely pay any taxes**

**I’m from the third estate and it’s not fair that we pay all the taxes!!**

Calling of the Estates General: King Louis knew the country’s economy was in trouble and was forced to call the 3 estates together for the first time in over 100 years to talk about tax reform. Traditionally the 1st and 2nd estate would outvote the 3rd estate leaving the 3rd estate with no political voice.



"What is the third Estate? Everything.  
What has it been up to now in the political order? Nothing.  
What does it demand? To become something herein." – Abbe Sieyes

The 3rd estate then declared themselves the National Assembly. They said they were the true voice and representatives of the people of France, and especially the 3rd estate.