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Without power, ideals cannot be realised;
with power, they rarely survive

Fidel Castro

My wife and I, we have the Emperor in our guts

A distillery worker in Provence, 1822

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Abbreviations

<i>AmHistRev</i>	<i>American Historical Review</i>
<i>AM</i>	<i>Annales du Midi</i>
<i>AESC</i>	<i>Annales – économies, sociétés, civilisations</i>
<i>AhRf</i>	<i>Annales historiques de la Révolution française</i>
<i>DN</i>	Tulard, Jean, <i>Dictionnaire Napoléon</i> (Paris: Fayard 1987)
<i>FHS</i>	<i>French Historical Studies</i>
<i>JMH</i>	<i>Journal of Modern History</i>
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
<i>PSDF</i>	Soboul, A. et al., <i>Les Pays sous Domination française, 1799–1814</i> (Paris: Centre de documentation universitaire, 1968)
<i>PCRE</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1770–1850</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>Revue économique</i>
<i>RH</i>	<i>Revue historique</i>
<i>Rhmc</i>	<i>Revue d'histoire moderne et contemporaine</i>

The Revolutionary Calendar

The revolutionary calendar was introduced by decree in October 1793, and remained officially in operation until 1806. Every month had thirty days, and the new months were named as follows:

<i>Vendémiaire</i>	=	22 September–21 October
<i>Brumaire</i>	=	22 October–20 November
<i>Frimaire</i>	=	21 November–20 December
<i>Nivôse</i>	=	21 December–19 January
<i>Pluviôse</i>	=	20 January–18 February
<i>Ventôse</i>	=	19 February–20 March
<i>Germinal</i>	=	21 March–19 April
<i>Floréal</i>	=	20 April–19 May
<i>Prairial</i>	=	20 May–18 June
<i>Messidor</i>	=	19 June–18 July
<i>Thermidor</i>	=	19 July–17 August
<i>Fructidor</i>	=	18 August–16 September

Year 1 of the Republic began retrospectively on 21 September 1792, in the Gregorian calendar, and

Year 2	was the equivalent of	22 September 1793–21 September 1794
Year 3		22 September 1794–21 September 1795
Year 4		22 September 1795–21 September 1796
Year 5		22 September 1796–21 September 1797
Year 6		22 September 1797–21 September 1798
Year 7		22 September 1798–21 September 1799
Year 8		22 September 1799–21 September 1800
Year 9		22 September 1800–21 September 1801
Year 10		22 September 1801–21 September 1802
Year 11		22 September 1802–21 September 1803
Year 12		22 September 1803–21 September 1804
Year 13		22 September 1804–21 September 1805
Year 14		22 September 1805–21 September 1806

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