The Americans, however, had developed a very different opinionvery different opinion of how they should be governed. Contests between the two were common, with governors generally exercising greater power in the northern in the northern coloniescolonies and assemblies wielding more power in the south assemblies wielding more power in the south. By the 1720s, all but two colonies had an elected assembly elected assembly and an appointed governorappointed governor. Governors also had the power to make appointmentsmake appointments, and thus to pack the government with their followers. Most were appointed by the king Most were appointed by the king and stood for him in colonial government. Governors technically had great power