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Article I, Section 9: Can anyone explain what this means as far as taxation?

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In article 1, section 9, in the fourth paragraph it states: "No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken."

Now with a Constitution founded with slavery, and with the "three fifths" representational clause this paragraph befuddles me. Any of you Constitutional brains out there help me out? I mean it seems an important statement as far as Federal Taxation authority, but in the context of Northern and Southern distinction revolving around slavery ... what was that Constitutional compromise all about?

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: a direct uniform tax imposed on each head or person : [poll tax](#)

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: a uniform per [capita](#) payment or fee

so no per capita tax unless it is apportioned evenly to a census, no graduated or regressive tax, and of course slaves were to be calculated at .6 of whatever the tax. if it was a dollar per head, then each slave would cost the owner 60 cents.

at least that is how i read it.

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A short, general discussion of section 1, article 9 is here: <http://www.annenbergclassroom.org/pages.aspx?name=article-i-section-9&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1> . From that piece:

"The provision in the fourth clause prohibiting states from imposing direct taxes was changed by Amendment XVI, which gives Congress the power to impose a federal income tax. To ensure equality among the states, the Constitution prohibits states from imposing taxes on goods coming into their state from another state and from favoring the ports of one state over the ports of others."

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