

**Is compromise
always fair?**

Constitutional Compromises



THE GREAT COMPROMISE

New Jersey Plan:

- One house legislature (unicameral)
- Equal representation in Congress
- Supported by smaller states who feared losing power in the federal government

Virginia Plan:

- Two house legislature (bicameral)
- Representation in Congress based on population
- Supported by larger states

The Great Compromise:

- Two house legislatures (bicameral)
- Equal representation in the upper house of Congress (Senate)
- Representation in the lower house of Congress (House of Representatives) to be proportional to population



The Great Compromise

SENATE	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Equal – 2 Senators per State	Representation set by Population
Chosen by State Governments	Chosen by the people / vote
Term is 6 years	Term is 2 years



SMALL
VS.
BIG
STATES

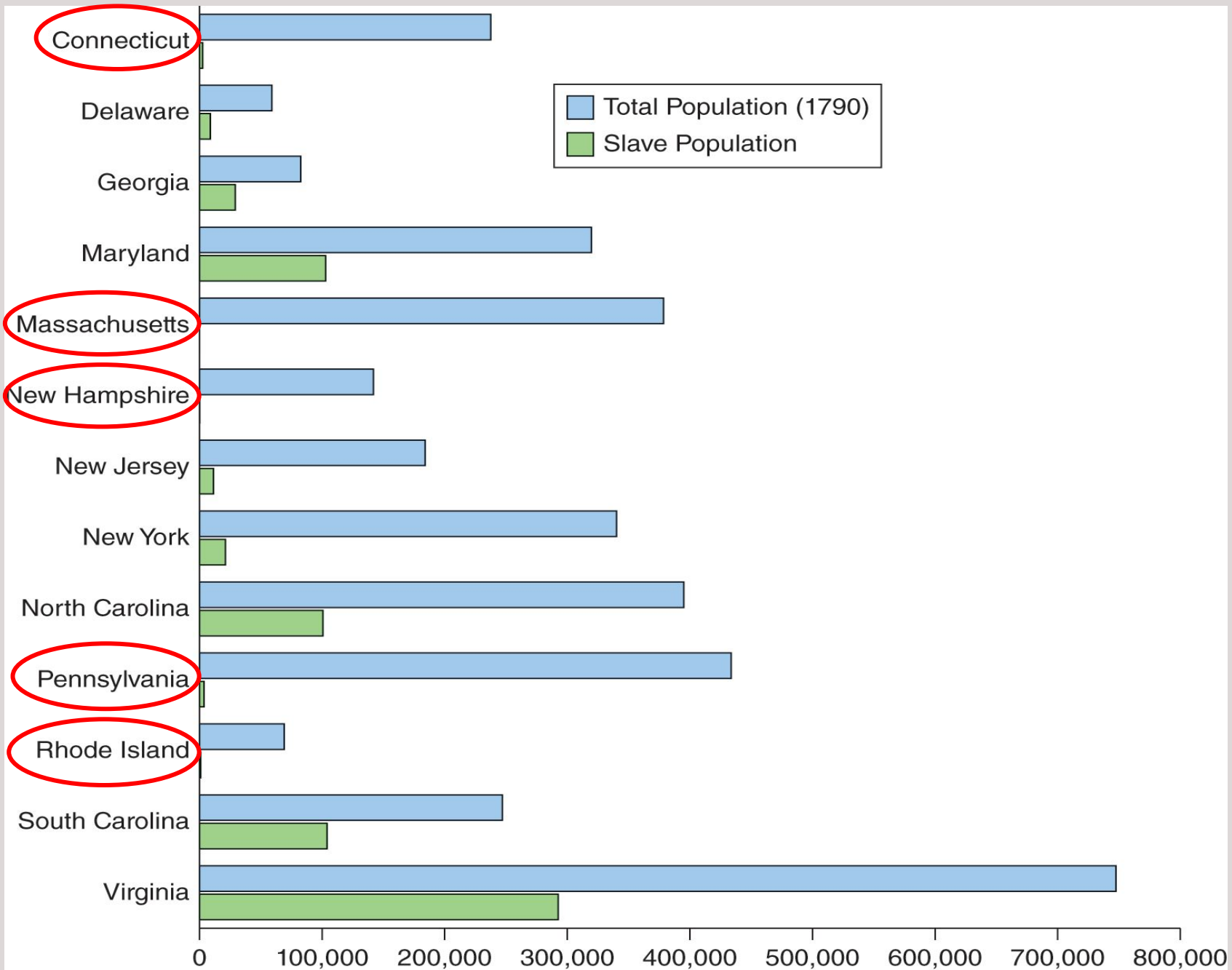


CENTRAL GOV.
VS.
STATE GOV.



ELITE
VS.
THE
PEOPLE





1790 Census

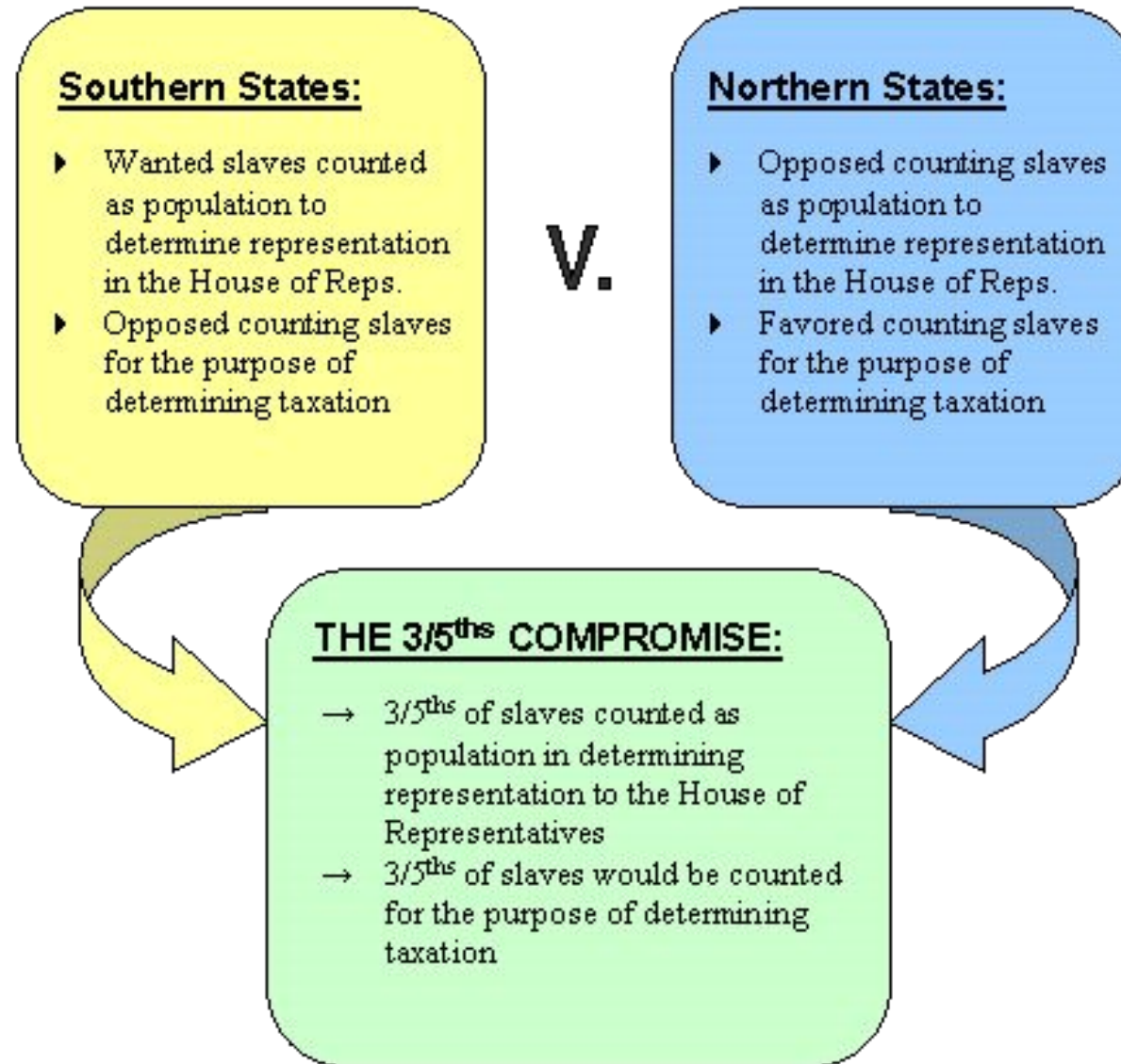
Focus : Slave Population



What do you notice?



Three-fifths Compromise

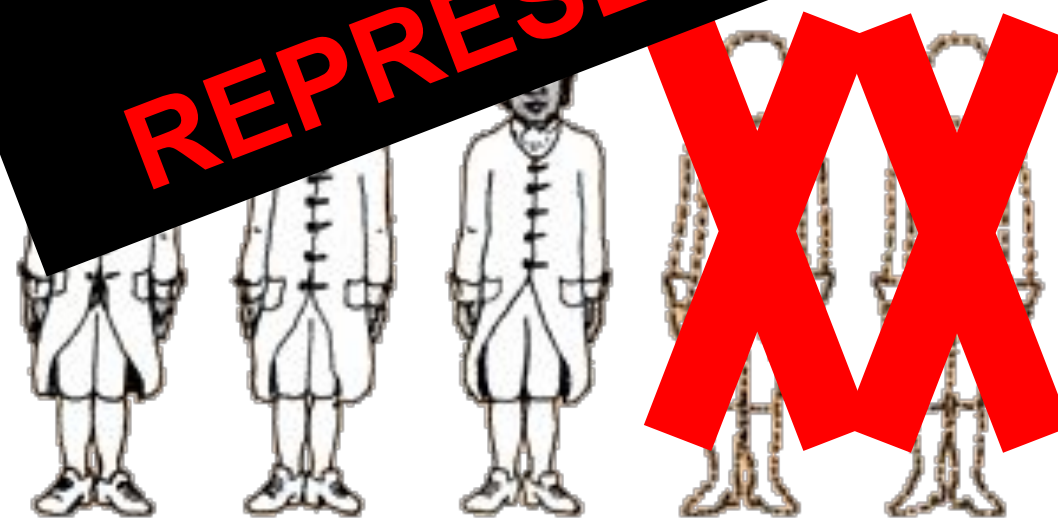


Three-fifths Compromise

Free Population



Slave Population



**TAXATION &
REPRESENTATION**



Commerce (Trade) Compromise

Southern States

- Favored state control over the regulation of all trade
- Feared a federal ban on the slave trade
- Feared a federal duty on agricultural exports

Northern States

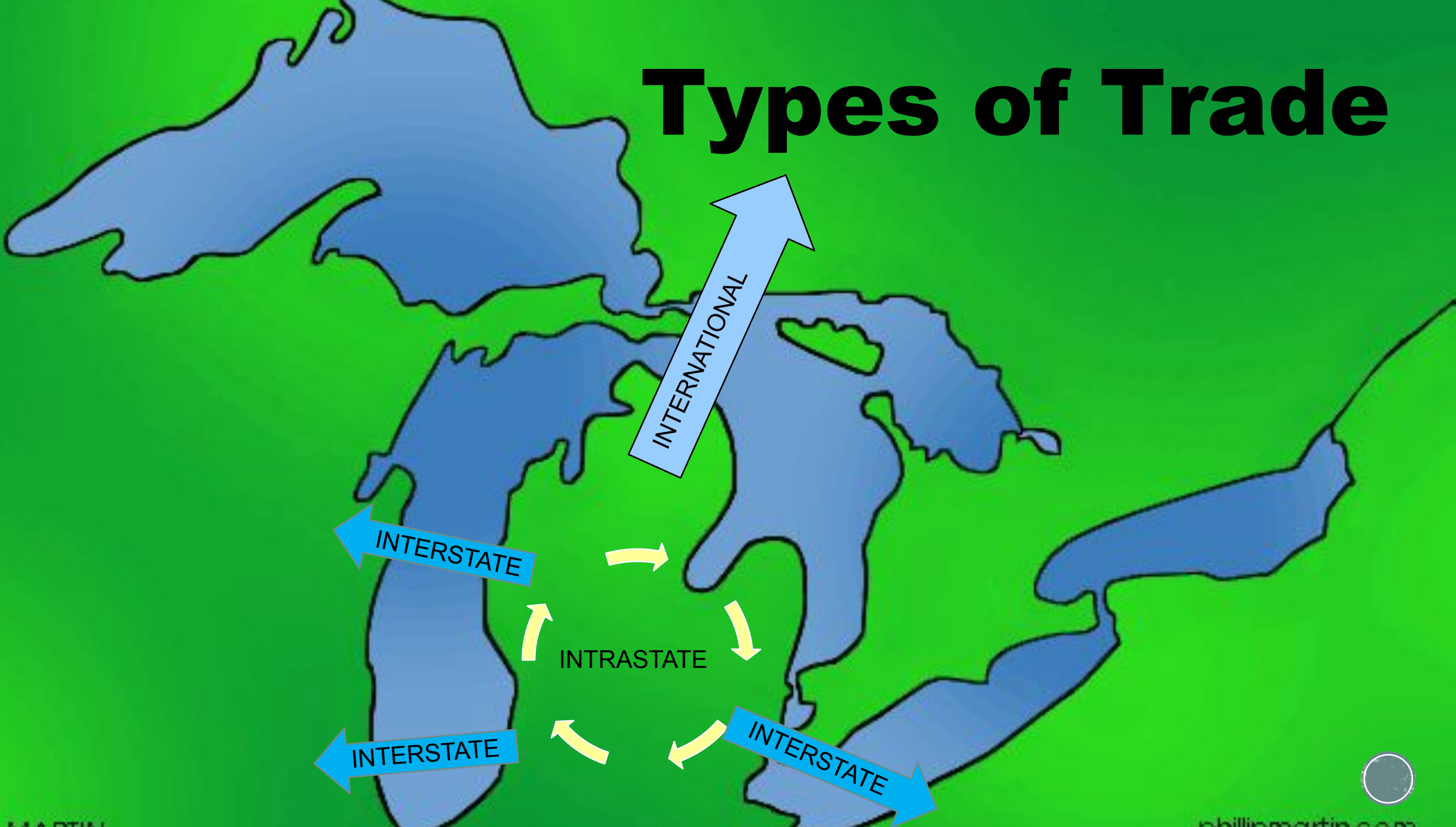
- Favored federal regulation of all trade
- Wanted the federal government to have the power to collect duties and tariffs

The Trade Compromise

- Federal regulation between the states and international trade
- State regulation of intrastate (within the state)
- No export duties for 20 years
- No ban on the slave trade for 20 years



Types of Trade



Presidency Compromise

State's Rights

- Wanted state legislatures to elect the president
- Favored a shorter presidential term
- Favored limits on number of terms served

Federal Power

- Wanted direct election of president by qualified voters
- Favored a longer term of service
- Favored no limits on number of terms

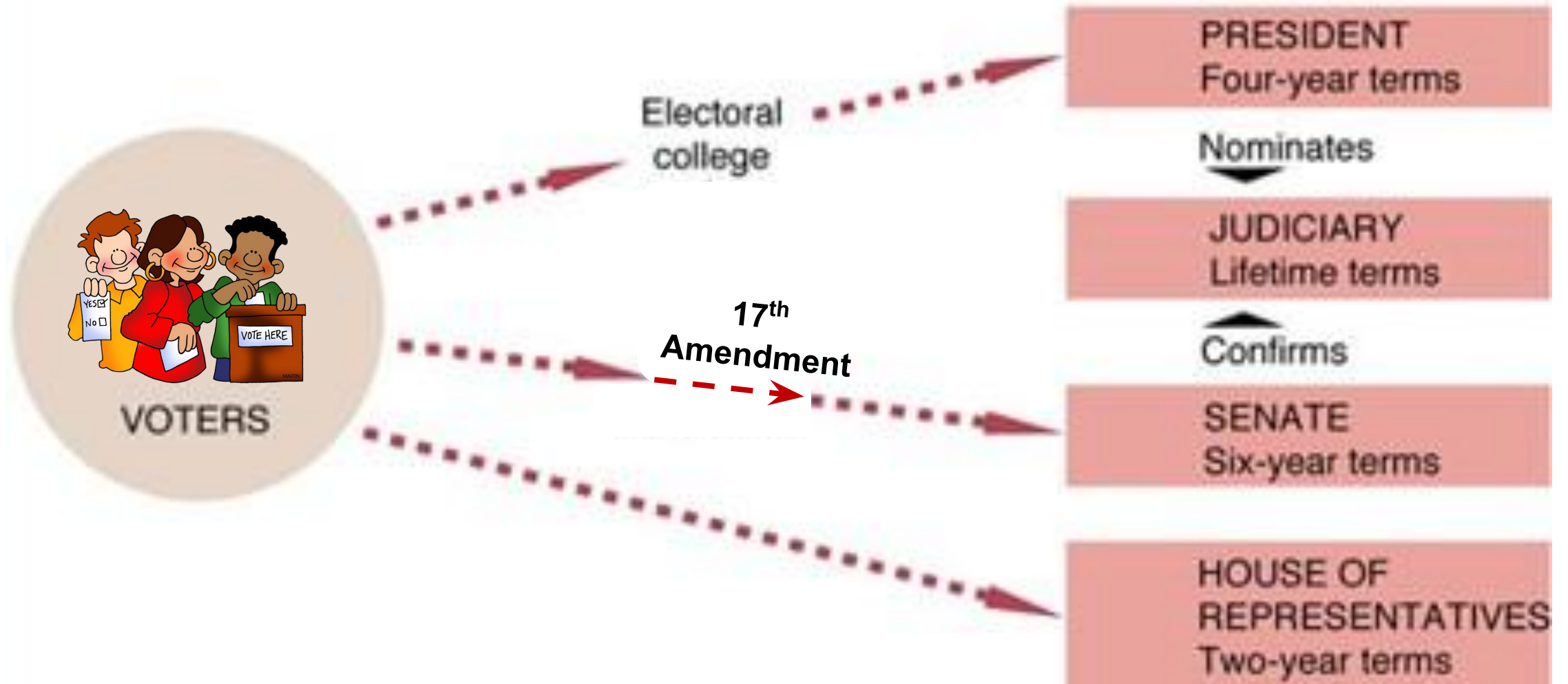
Presidency Compromise


- Indirect election of the president by the Electoral College
- 4 year terms of service
- No limits of number of terms



Electoral Process

The Original Plan





**Was
compromise
important
when writing
the
Constitution?**



**Is the
Constitution
Fair?**



**Is
compromise
always fair?**

Committees

Committee of Detail

Reviewed the constitution for details, caught mistakes, and possible questions or concerns. Corrected the Constitution.

Rutledge, Randolph,
Gorham

Committee of Style

Worked on the language and phrases. We the People...

Hamilton, Johnson, Madison, King, Morris

