

Getting Ready For A Season Of Lies

FRIEND, OVER THE NEXT THREE AND A HALF MONTHS you're going to hear 1,000 times that the income tax started with the 16th Amendment (or is authorized by the 16th Amendment). EVERY WORD OF IT WILL BE COMPLETELY FALSE!

Have a look at the following authorities, starting with Treasury Department legislative draftsman F. Morse Hubbard summarizing the 16th Amendment's effect for Congress in [hearing testimony in 1943](#):

"[T]he amendment made it possible to bring investment income within the scope of the general income-tax law, but did not change the character of the tax. It is still fundamentally an excise or duty..."

Here are summaries of the unanimous 1916 Supreme Court ruling on the meaning and effect of the amendment in *Brushaber v. Union Pacific R. Co.*, 240 U. S. 1, 240 U. S. 17-18 (1916):

"The Amendment, the [Supreme] court said, judged by the purpose for which it was passed, does not treat income taxes as direct taxes but simply removed the ground which led to their being considered as such in the Pollock case, namely, the source of the income. Therefore, they are again to be classified in the class of indirect taxes to which they by nature belong."

[Cornell Law Quarterly, 1 Cornell L. Q. 298 \(1915-16\)](#);

"In Brushaber v. Union Pacific Railroad Co., Mr. C. J. White, upholding the income tax imposed by the Tariff Act of 1913, construed the Amendment as a declaration that an income tax is "indirect," rather than as making an exception to the rule that direct taxes must be apportioned."

[Harvard Law Review, 29 Harv. L. Rev. 536 \(1915-16\)](#);

"The Supreme Court, in a decision written by Chief Justice White, first noted that the Sixteenth Amendment did not authorize any new type of tax, nor did it repeal or revoke the tax clauses of Article I of the Constitution, quoted above. Direct taxes were, notwithstanding the advent of the Sixteenth Amendment, still subject to the rule of apportionment..."

Legislative Attorney of the American Law Division of the Library of Congress Howard M. Zaritsky in his [1979 Report No. 80-19A](#), entitled 'Some Constitutional Questions Regarding the Federal Income Tax Laws'.

Here are a few of many Supreme Court rulings reiterating *Brushaber* over the years:

"The Sixteenth Amendment, although referred to in argument, has no real bearing and may be put out of view. As pointed out in recent decisions, it does not extend the taxing power to new or excepted subjects..."

U.S. Supreme Court, [Peck v. Lowe](#), 247 U.S. 165 (1918);

"[T]he settled doctrine is that the Sixteenth Amendment confers no power upon Congress to define and tax as income without apportionment something which theretofore could not have been properly regarded as income."

U.S. Supreme Court, [Taft v. Bowers](#), 278 US 470, 481 (1929).

"[T]he sole purpose of the Sixteenth Amendment was to remove the apportionment requirement for whichever incomes were otherwise taxable. 45 Cong. Rec. 2245-2246 (1910); id. at 2539; see also [Brushaber v. Union Pacific R. Co.](#), 240 U. S. 1, 240 U. S. 17-18 (1916)"

U.S. Supreme Court, [So. Carolina v. Baker](#), 485 U.S. 505 (1988).

This language from [the preamble to the 1939 Internal Revenue Code](#) really says it all (emphasis added):

The title contains no provision, except for effective date, not derived from a law approved prior to January 3, 1939... The whole body of internal revenue law in effect on January 2, 1939, therefore, has its ultimate origin in 164 separate enactments of Congress. **The earliest of these was approved July 1, 1862**; the latest, June 16, 1938...."

Here is the truth that all these authorities express: The income tax began in 1862 and the 16th Amendment just closed a minor loophole which briefly hindered the application of the tax to two things-- excise-taxable dividends and rent.

SO, WHY THE ENDLESS LIES about the origin of the tax when the truth is so simple and irrefutable? That's simple, too.

Believing the myth of a 16th-Amendment origin makes it very hard to understand the real nature of the tax. On the other hand, knowing the 1862 origin makes it easy to understand the real nature of the tax; in fact, it makes it almost impossible to misunderstand the tax. ***The government wants you to misunderstand the tax!***

Your misunderstanding of the tax is probably the only reason you have been paying it all your working life, and feeding Leviathan's destructive fires. Leviathan wants you to continue.

However, scores of thousands of your fellow Americans who have learned the truth no longer feed the beast (and have recovered or retained \$billions). Maybe you shouldn't feed the beast, either, or wouldn't if you too knew the truth.

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