Q: Why was amendment #16 needed in the American government?

A: The amendment was needed because after the civil war, since it required a lot of

money to wage a war America was in debt 75 million dollars. Soon after the money

that they had now owed increased to 500 million dollars the country needed a way

to pay back their money. Then congress thought of taxing American citizens and it

after became part of amendment #16.

Q: How does this amendment affect how the current American government runs

now?

A: This amendment affects how the current government runs in many ways. For

example, States became more independent. After a while of people just paying

federal income tax, the states decided to provide their own taxes for the citizens

who lived in the states. Without these taxes, state laws and programs would be

controlled by the federal government

Q: How did the American citizens feel about this amendment?

A: At the time that this amendment was debating to be ratified, many citizens

thought it would benefit the economy. For example before the #16 amendment

American citizens would pay a large amount of taxes on goods, this was bad because

very wealthy people in other countries spent the same amount of money as most

Americans each year. The people wanted that to change and this amendment caused

the less wealthy to spend less so that they did not have to work more than they

needed to. This amendment focused on house taxing so that the less wealthy could

buy a home in their price range and all homes would not cost nearly the same. Also

the government stopped taxing goods as much after they started taxing the homes

of the citizens. People were able to save more and afford more goods because of this

amendment.

Q: Overall did this amendment have a negative or positive effect to the economy?

A: This amendment had a very positive effect. This is because before the amendment

Americans were forced to spend more than they should so some people were forced

into a life of poverty. After the amendment less people were having to face the

challenges of poverty and the people were allowed to spend as much money as they

wanted to.

Q: What problems did this amendment solve?

A: This amendment solved many problems in the economy. For example less people

were becoming homeless because people now could pay less money on goods and

were able choose the price of their house that most people stopped spending more

money than they could afford to.

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