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Why Three-Fifths?

To help us better understand our Founding Fathers' decision, let's look at some of the numbers …

- **<u>Free</u>** population:
  - North = 1,927,784
  - South = 1,271,573
  - How many more **free people** lived in the North? _____

- **<u>Free and slave</u>** population:
  - North = 1,968,154
  - South = 1,925,483
  - How many more **total people** lived in the North? _____

- In 1789, a state received ***1 representative in the House of Representatives*** (Legislative Branch) for every ***33,000 people***.

  - How many representatives would the **north** have had if representation was determined only by the **free** population?

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  - How many representatives would the **south** have had if representation was determined only by the **free** population?

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  - How many representatives would the **north** have had if representation was determined by the **free and slave populations**?

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  - How many representatives would the **south** have had if representation was determined by the **free and slave populations**?

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  - Which scenario above would the north have preferred? _____
  - Why?

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- *Why not ¾? Why not ½?* Do the math to help figure out the logic behind the Three-Fifths Compromise. Let's do some math to determine what the numbers in each scenario listed below would mean for representation in Congress ...

The Fourth-Fifths Compromise	The One-Half Compromise	The Three-Fifths Compromise
Difference between **Northern** Free Population and **Northern** Slave Population = ---------- Take the number above and divide it by 33,000 = ---------- Multiply this number by **0.8** = ---------- Add this number of representatives to the number of **free population representatives the north** would have =	*Difference* between **Northern** Free Population and **Northern** Slave Population = ---------- Take the number above and divide it by 33,000 = ---------- Multiply this number by **0.5** = ---------- Add this number of representatives to the number of **free population representatives the north** would have =	Difference between **Northern** Free Population and **Northern** Slave Population = ---------- -- Take the number above and divide it by 33,000 = ---------- -- Multiply this number by **0.6** = ---------- -- Add this number of representatives to the number of **free population representatives the north** would have =
Difference between **Southern** Free Population and **Southern** Slave Population = ---------- Take the number above and divide it by 33,000 = ---------- Multiply this number by **0.8** = ---------- Add this number of representatives to the number of **free population representatives the south** would have =	*Difference* between **Southern** Free Population and **Southern** Slave Population = ---------- Take the number above and divide it by 33,000 = ---------- Multiply this number by **0.5** = ---------- Add this number of representatives to the number of **free population representatives the south** would have =	*Difference* between **Southern** Free Population and **Southern** Slave Population = ---------- -- Take the number above and divide it by 33,000 = ---------- -- Multiply this number by **0.6** = ---------- -- Add this number of representatives to the number of **free population representatives the south** would have =