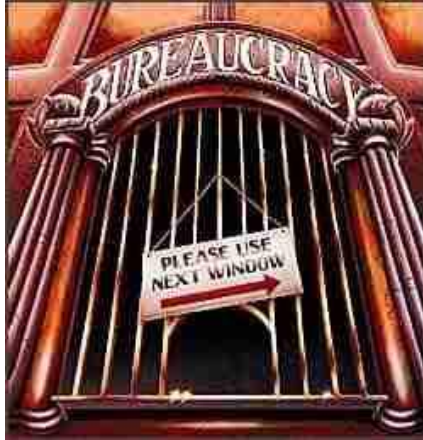


# The Federal Bureaucracy



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- What is “Bureaucracy?”
  - Used to be associated with very efficient, well-trained government workers
  - Has since become associated with slow moving, inefficient, government operations
- The Federal Bureaucracy
  - Around 3 million people work for the Executive Branch
    - Referred to as “civil servants” or “bureaucrats”
  - 3 Functions of Bureaucracy:
    - Decide how to apply new laws
    - Administer the day-to-day activities of the government
    - Regulate various activities

## Types of Government Workers

- **Political Appointees**
  - When the President wins the election, they can select a number of jobs for their supports
  - Jobs are temporary and usually change with each President
  
- **Civil Service Workers**
  - 90% of Bureaucrats
  - Long term employees chosen based on their qualifications for the various jobs



## To The Victor...

- **Spoils System (Pre-1883)**
  - Politicians hired their friends to work in the government
  - Led to widespread abuse of power
  - Banned by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1883
  
- **Merit System (Post-1883)**
  - A person receives a job based on tests and standards



## Executive Agencies

- The Executive Office
- The Cabinet
- Office of Management and Budget
- Council of Economic Advisors
- National Security Council
- Independent Agencies



## Executive Agencies

- The Executive Office
  - A.k.a. the White House Office
    - 500 people work directly with the President
  - Chief of Staff is the most powerful person in this group



# Executive Agencies

- The Cabinet
  - Group of Presidential Advisors
  - 15 Departments
  - Leaders of these departments are given the title “Secretary”
    - Except for the Department of Justice – Attorney General



## Executive Agencies

- Office of Management & Budget

- Helps the President prepare the federal budget



- Council of Economic Advisors

- Help the President make decisions concerning the economy and foreign trade



**Council of Economic Advisors**

## Executive Agencies

- National Security Council

- Comprised of:
  - Vice President
  - Secretary of Defense
  - Top commanders from each branch of the military
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff
  - CIA
  - NSA
- Handles all matters affecting the security of the United States



## Executive Agencies

- Independent Agencies
  - Serve specialized areas within the government
    - NASA
  - Government Corporations
    - US Post Office
  - Regulatory Boards
    - Protect the public
    - FCC

