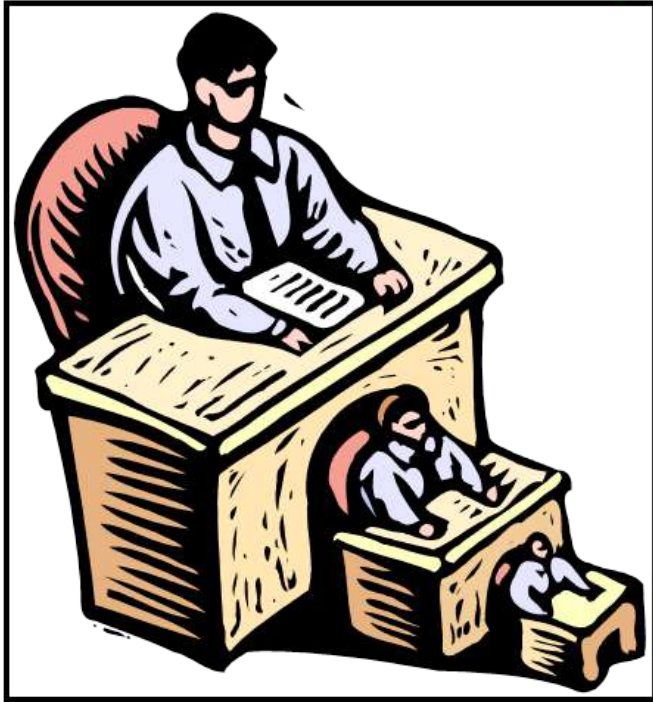
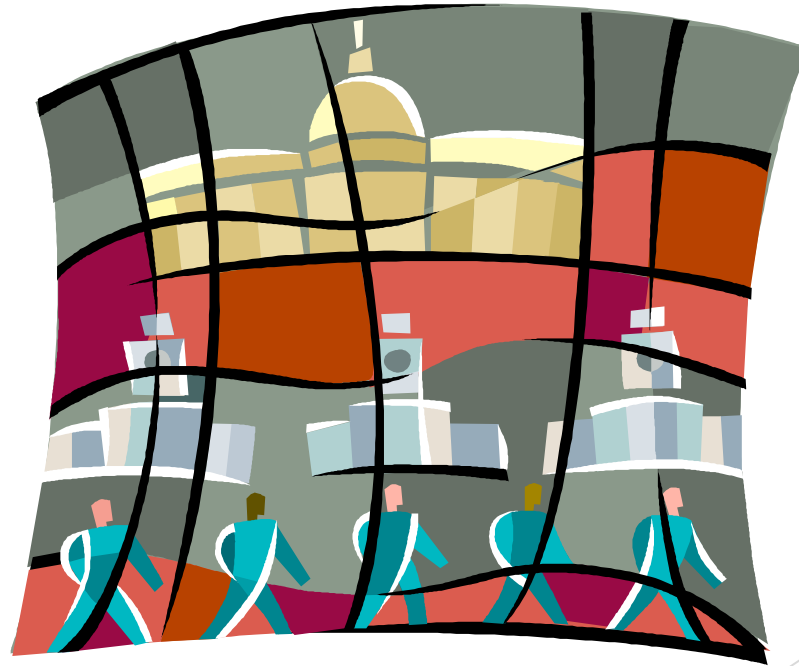


Bureaucracy



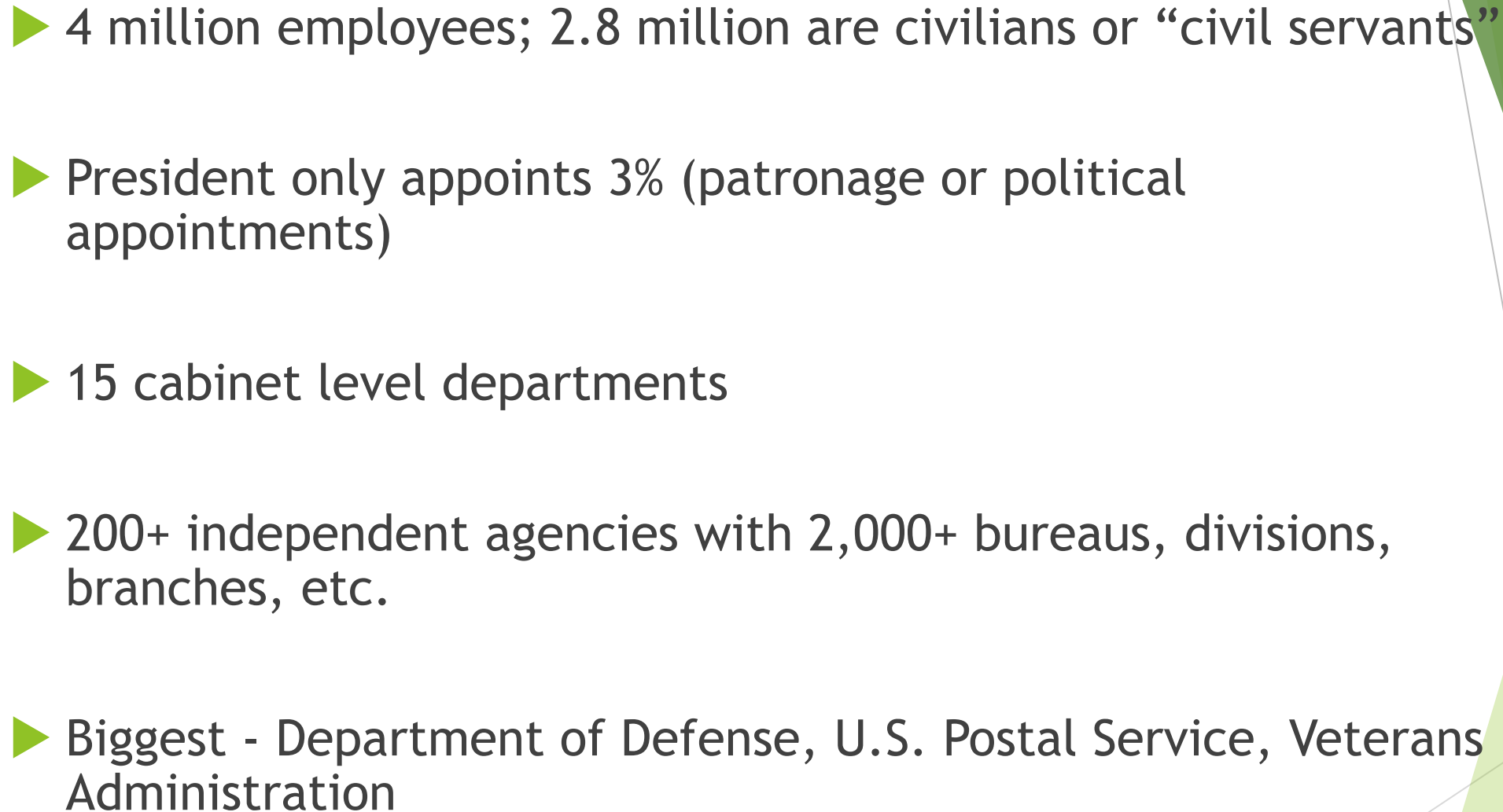
Rule By Desks—
Bureaucracy

- ▶ A professional corps of unelected officials organized in a pyramid hierarchy, functioning under impersonal uniform rules and procedures.



How are they hired?

- ▶ Civil Service Exam
<https://www.cselearningcenter.org/demo/templates/contentTemp.cfm?TID=1>
- ▶ Foreign Service Exam <https://www.csmonitor.com/World/2011/0127/Are-you-smarter-than-a-US-diplomat-Take-our-Foreign-Service-Exam/Economics-101>
- ▶ Meritocracy....

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- The background of the slide features abstract, overlapping green geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in various shades of green, creating a modern and dynamic visual effect.
- ▶ 4 million employees; 2.8 million are civilians or “civil servants”
 - ▶ President only appoints 3% (patronage or political appointments)
 - ▶ 15 cabinet level departments
 - ▶ 200+ independent agencies with 2,000+ bureaus, divisions, branches, etc.
 - ▶ Biggest - Department of Defense, U.S. Postal Service, Veterans Administration

Bureaucracies are organized into:

▶ Cabinet departments

- ▶ Regulatory Agencies
- ▶ Government Corporations
- ▶ Independent Executive Agencies

15 Cabinet Departments

- ▶ Each has its own staff & budget
- ▶ Each is supervised by a secretary (confirmed by Senate)
- ▶ Each is considered “expert” in own area
- ▶ Homeland Security is the newest (2002)

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Regulatory Agencies

- ▶ Oversee a specific aspect of the economy
- ▶ Intended to operate independently of Congress and the Executive
- ▶ Create regulations that protect people
- ▶ Can enforce regulations by judging disputes
- ▶ Headed by a commission (Confirmed by Congress) rather than a secretary
- ▶ Once confirmed, cannot be removed without cause
- ▶ Closely involved with interest groups that want to influence regulations
- ▶ Federal Communication Commission
- ▶ Federal Reserve Board

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Government Corporations

- ▶ Perform service for a fee, like a private business
- ▶ Government owned
- ▶ May or may not make a profit, but serve a “public need”
- ▶ USPS is the largest
- ▶ Amtrak
- ▶ Corporation for Public Broadcasting

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Independent Executive Agencies

- ▶ All other executive bodies
- ▶ Established by Congress as outside the Executive Branch
- ▶ Perform a service function, not a regulatory one
- ▶ Heads appointed by president
- ▶ NASA
- ▶ CIA
- ▶ EPA

Iron Triangles

Iron Triangle



Who are the bureaucrats?

- ▶ 97% are career government employees or *civil servants*
- ▶
- ▶ Only 10% live in the D.C. area
- ▶
- ▶ 30% work for the Department of Defense
- ▶
- ▶ Less than 15% work for social welfare agencies
- ▶
- ▶ Most are white collar workers: secretaries, clerks, lawyers, inspectors & engineers
- ▶
- ▶ Civil employees more diverse demographically than Congress

Oversight of the Federal Bureaucracy

The President can:

- appoint & remove agency heads
- reorganize the bureaucracy
- issue executive orders
- reduce an agency's budget

Congress can:

- create or abolish agencies & departments
- cut or reduce funding
- investigate agency activities
- hold committee hearings
- pass legislation that alters an agency's functions
- influence or even fail to confirm presidential appointments

The Federal Courts can:

- through *judicial review* rule on whether the bureaucracy has acted within the law and the U.S. Constitution
- provide due process for individuals affected by a bureaucratic action

Thinking Critically

- Of the tools at his disposal, what is the most effective check the President has on the bureaucracy? Explain. Congress? The Judiciary?
- How does the federal bureaucracy fit with our class definition of “bureaucracy?”
- What generalizations can you make about the federal bureaucracy?
- Why is the federal bureaucracy often referred to as “the fourth branch?”
- Some critics believe that the real power in the federal government lies with the federal bureaucracy. To what extent do you believe this is true?

In the news....

- ▶ http://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2017/02/23/stephen_bannon_pillar_of_trumps_platform_is_deconstruction_of_the_administrative_state.html
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtN4h7giLAW> CPB
- ▶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/24/us/politics/state-department-tillerson.html>