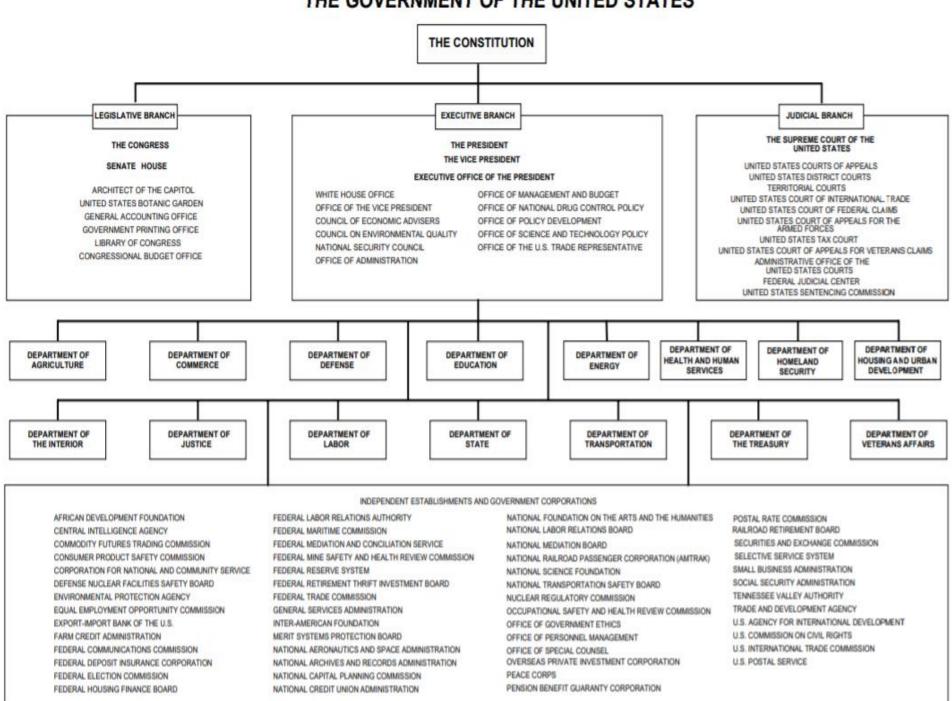


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#### Policy Enforcement (Regulation)

Regulation: the use of governmental authority to control or change some practice in the private sector

#### Methods of Regulation:

- 1. "Command and Control" policy: the government tells business how to reach certain goals, checks the progress and punishes offenders
- 2. Incentive system: positive behavior is rewarded with tax credits or other benefits







REFORESTATION

REDUCTION OF GAS EMISSIONS

#### Deregulation

-The lifting or easing of restrictions on business, industry, and professional activities; the purpose is to increase competition, enhance industrial efficiency, reduce service costs, and stimulate economic growth

Problems with strict regulations:

- -Raises prices for the consumer because costs go up to meet regulations for the producer
- -Negatively impacts America's competitive position abroad



Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

(Ronald Reagan)

### **Bureaucratic Policy Implementation**

Bureaucrat: an individual who works for the government, carrying out policy

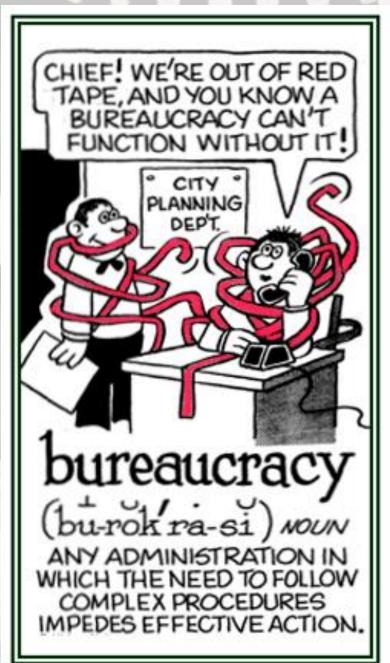
Translating the goals and objectives of a law passed by Congress into an operating, ongoing program

#### Includes:

- -Creating and assigning an agency the policy
- -Turning policy into regulations
- -Coordinating resources to achieve goals
- -Getting feedback and revising regulations



#### Red Tape



Describes the extra hassle and paperwork that is required to get things done in a bureaucracy

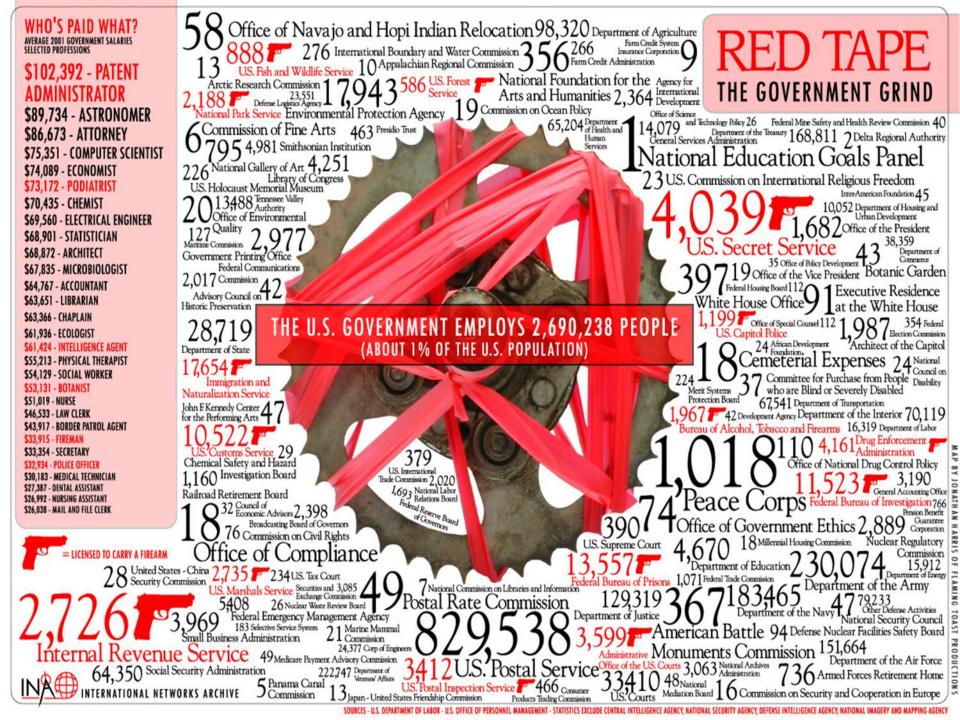
If "Red Tape" is such a hassle, why is it needed?

- 1. Although a hassle, the procedures which cause red tape also reduce the number of decision makers in the bureaucracy
- 2. Creates a system which is equal for all involved (it sucks for everyone, but it's a standardized process that all must have to go through)

#### **Expanding Bureaucracy**

- -The federal government employs nearly 9.1 million workers; which includes nearly 2.1 million federal employees, 4.1 million contract employees, 1.2 million grant employees, 1.3 million active-duty military personnel, and more than 500,000 postal service employees
  - -Citizens demand greater services
  - -Government is involved in more areas than ever before





#### Patronage

- -Presidents have the responsibility of appointing many people to lead the executive departments and agencies
- -The president will choose party members, advisors, supporters to fill these roles (Patronage)
- -Spoils System: giving government positions as political rewards without experience or "merit"; leads to corruption; comes from the saying "To the victor belong the spoils."
- -The Civil Service Commission was established in 1883 as a response to the assassination of President Garfield by the Arthur Administration

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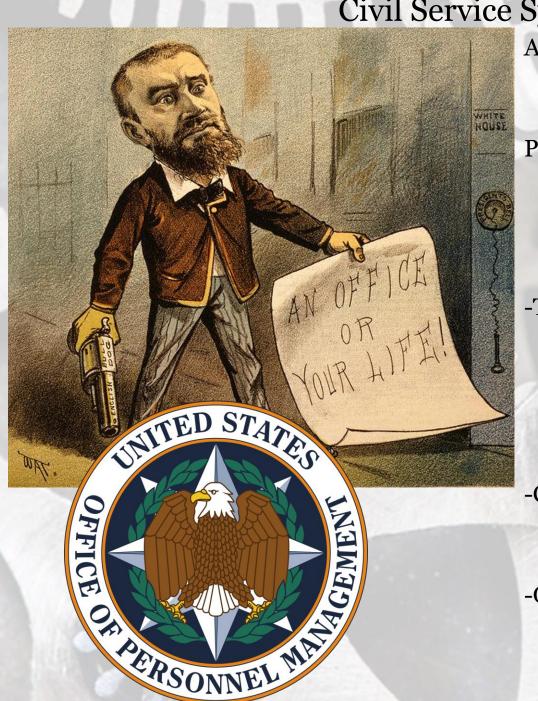
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#### Civil Service System



Attempt to end the "Spoils System" as citizens began to tire of the corrupt government in the late 1800s

President Garfield was assassinated in 1881 by a man who was refused a job he thought he earned under the "Spoils System"; this event led to the passage of  $\rightarrow$ 

-The Pendleton Civil Service Act (1883): established the Civil Service System (also known as the merit system) to determine the availability and hiring practices of certain government positions

-Civil Service Commission: established an examination and other procedures to hire government employees fairly

-Office of Personnel Management: independent agency responsible for the management and human resource aspect of federal workers

#### The Plum Book

- -Originated in 1952 and published by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and House Committee on Government Reform alternately after each presidential election
- -Lists over 7,000 federal civil service leadership and support positions in the legislative and executive branches of the federal government that may be subject to noncompetitive appointment
- -Used to identify presidentially appointed positions within the federal government
- -Named after the "plum positions" that politicians give to their supporters

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#### Why Some Policies Fail

- -Poor program design
- -Lack of clarity: Congressional law can be ambiguous
- -Sometimes laws conflict with each other
- -Lack of resources: budget cuts may make it difficult for agencies to fulfill their goals
- -Administrative discretion: there is the ability to ignore or subvert portions of a policy
- -Fragmentation: the responsibility to implement/enforce/regulate some policies can be spread among several agencies



The Voting Rights Act of 1965: A Case Study in Successful Implementation?

- -Had a clear concise goal to increase black voter turnout
- -U.S. Marshals were sent to states to enforce the act with the authority to act

# The Voting Rights Act increased Black employment in the public sector without affecting White workers

The growth of public-sector employment, by race, 1962–1983

