

The Bureaucracy



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Bureaucracy –
any large,
complex,
organization can
be defined as a
bureaucracy, with
the people
working in them
known as
bureaucrats.



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The Expanding Role of Government in the 20th Century

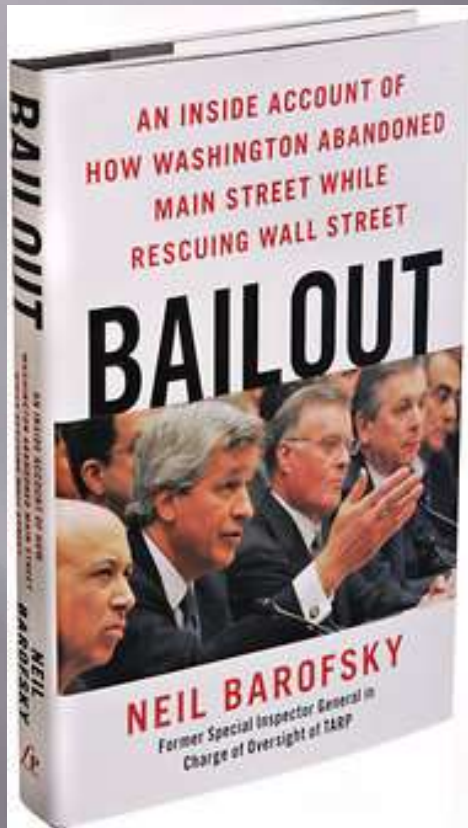
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1. Providing Collective Benefits

Government provides some services which a private company could not, especially military security(?).



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2. Regulating Abuses of Private Power

When the “free” market fails to work efficiently.

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3. Protecting Health and Safety

Bureaucracies such as the FDA, OSHA, EPA, etc...



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How

U.S. Government

Is

Organized

(4 Primary Bureaucracies)

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1. Cabinet Departments

14 to 17 Cabinet
departments



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2. Executive Agencies

CIA, OMB,
SSS, NASA,
NSF...



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3. Independent Regulatory Agencies

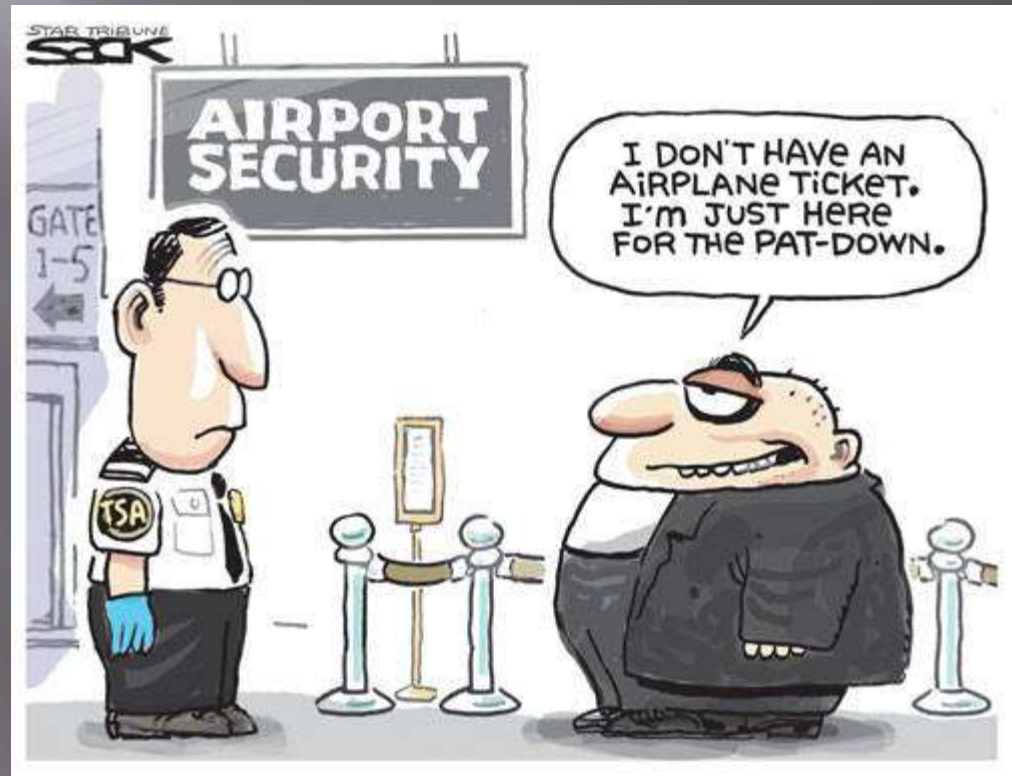
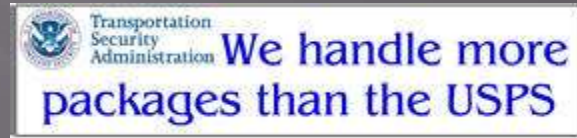


FCC, FEC,
SEC...

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4. Government Corporations

USPS, TVA,
Amtrak



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**Principles of
Bureaucratic
Organization**

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1. Hierarchy

Superiors and
Subordinates



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2. Specialization

3. Formal Rules



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Erecting a large screen so that you can watch the fireworks, in case your view is obstructed by the large screen that was just erected.

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**What Motivates
Bureaucrats?
(3 Approaches)**

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1. Public Interest

- a. Limits on the rights of bureaucrats
- b. The cost-benefit factor



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2. Self-Interest

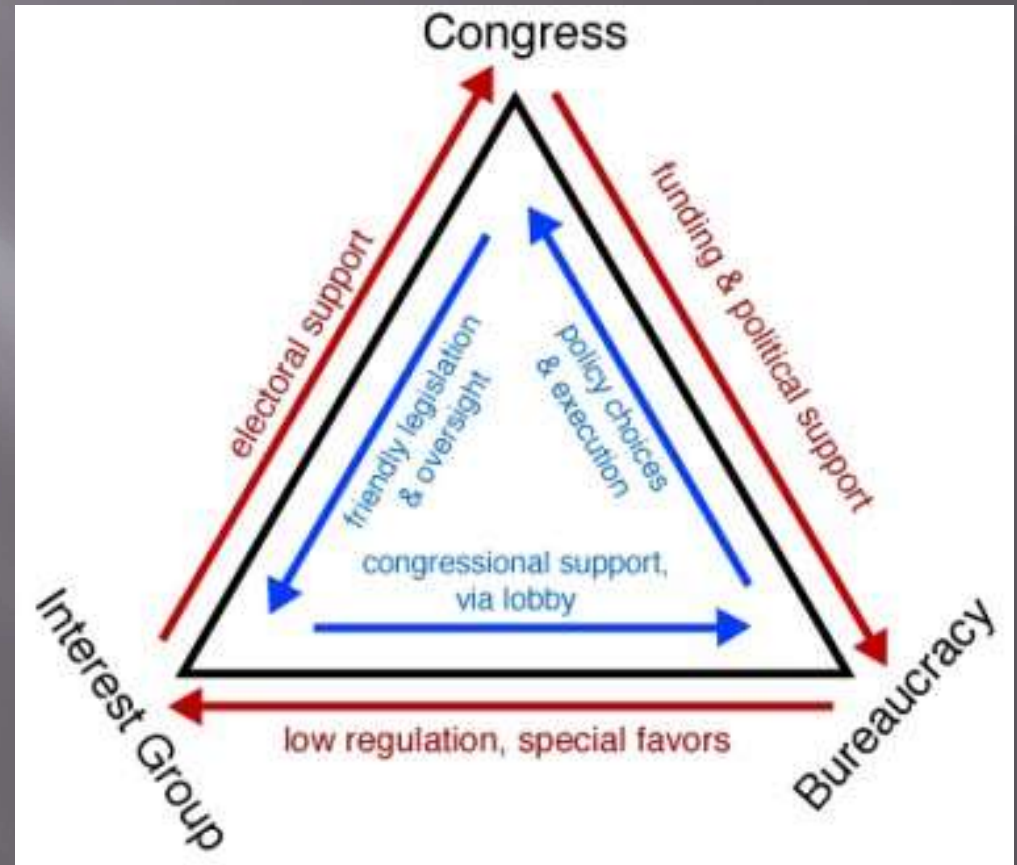


- a. Personal concerns
- b. Organizational goals

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1. Political Response

- a. Policy triangles
- b. Agency capture
- c. Issue nets



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Criticisms

Of

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1. Inefficiency and Low Productivity

The “free-rider”
problem

Hard at work??



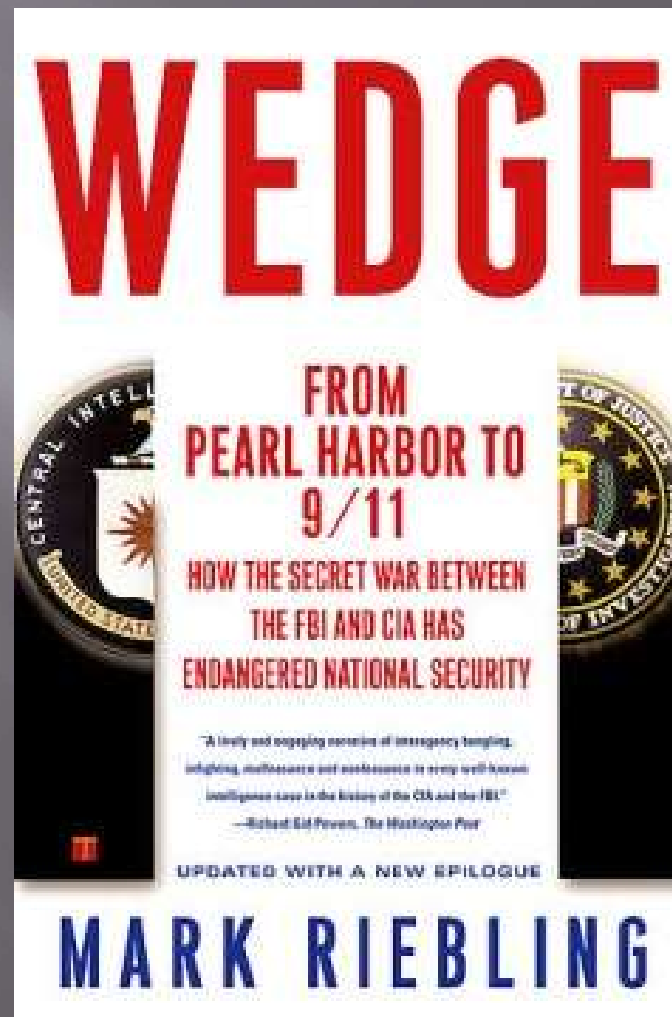
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2. Red Tape

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3. Turfing



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4. Inconsistent Policies



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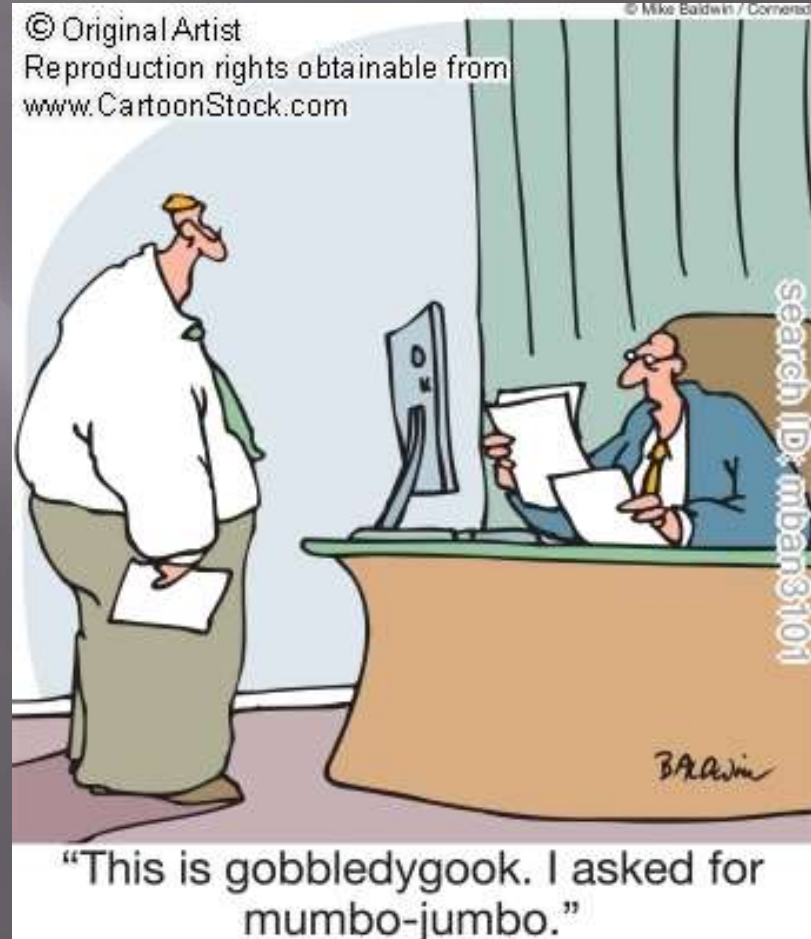
5. Bureaucratic Jargon



According to
company rules
there can be no:

- * Innovation
- * Fun
- * Creativity
- * Change

Now run along.



"This is gobbledygook. I asked for mumbo-jumbo."