

Reading Guide Chapter 14 – The Federal Bureaucracy

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1. Who are civil servants? How do they get their jobs?
2. How did they get their jobs, and how did that change?
3. What is the Hatch Act and why is it important?

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4. How is the Federal Bureaucracy Organized?
5. What is the Cabinet? What title do Department heads have (except DOJ)?
6. Who is in charge of the Department of Justice?
7. What is the purpose of Independent Regulatory Commissions?
 - a. Provide two examples of an IRC
8. What is a government corporation?
 - a. Provide an example of a government corporation.
9. What are independent agencies?
 - a. Provide two examples of an independent agency.

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10. What role does the bureaucracy play in policy implementation?
11. Briefly summarize factors that can cause policies to break down (p. 484-491):
12. (p. 493, and 494 - 496) Thinking back to the idea of the devolution revolution begun in the 1980s, what arguments are made for privatization and deregulation of government agencies?

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13. How do bureaucracies perform regulatory duties?
14. What is deregulation? What role do bureaucratic agencies perform to assist in deregulation?
15. What are some problems that come from deregulation?
16. Describe the differences between command-and-control policies and incentive policies?

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17. How can the president control the bureaucracy?
18. How can Congress control the bureaucracy?
19. What is an iron triangle?
20. How can iron triangles “die?”
21. Summarize the difference between iron triangles and issue networks. Which do you think has greater ability to affect a change in policy?

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22. How democratic is the bureaucracy, in your opinion?
23. How has our expectations of government influenced the role of the bureaucracy?