

What is a Bureaucracy?

- ☞ An efficient and effective way to organize people to do work

It isn't just red tape waste, and delay as many people think.



Tidbits of Information

- ☞ 2.7 million employees of executive administration
- ☞ 1.4 million people in the military
- ☞ Most employees are career people not politicians
- ☞ Only the bosses change when a new president is elected
- ☞ Appointments must be approved by Senate
- ☞ 90% of employees work outside of D.C.

Features and Benefits of a Bureaucracy

1. Hierarchical Authority
 - Speeds action/no conflict over who makes decisions
2. Job Specialization
 - Promotes efficiency
3. Formalized Rules
 - Decisions are based on known standards
4. *Bureaucrats – appointed not elected!*



The White House Complex



The Executive Branch Splits into three main components

1. The Executive Office of the President (EoP)
2. Independent Agencies
3. Executive Departments (Cabinet)
 1. 15 of them

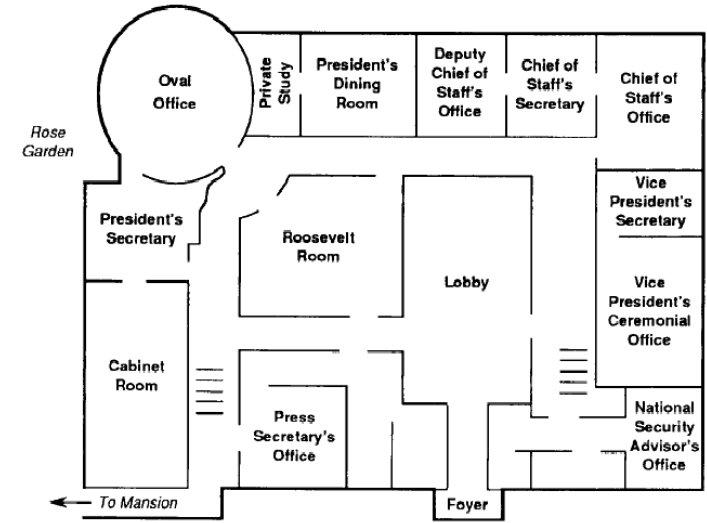


Who down with EOP? Yeah, you know me!

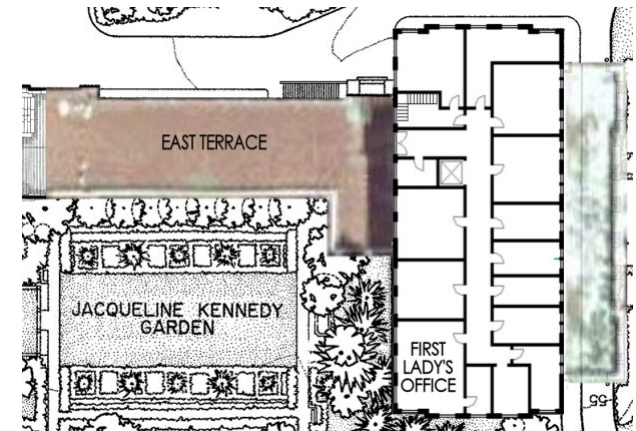
Who down with EOP?!? EVERYBODY!!!

- An organization staffed of several agencies staffed by the President's closest advisors and assistants (established by FDR in 1939)
- Largely operates out of the East and West Wings of the White House
 - West Wing: Houses staff for the President and is rarely seen by the public
 - Oval Office
 - Cabinet Room
 - Situation Room
 - East Wing: Houses staff for First Lady, where tours begin

West Wing First Floor



Source: Adapted from *The West Wing: A Brief History*, 5.



White House Office

- ☞ Most important part of EOP
- ☞ Includes: Chief of Staff, legal advisor, Press Secretary, physician, White House Counsel, and many assistants
- ☞ 400 total members today
- ☞ Chief of Staff Documentary:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ6k-fH9vpM>
- ☞ Press Secretary: Josh Earnest
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utxTlo807w0>

National Security Council (NSC)

- Advises the President on domestic, foreign, and military matters that relate to the nation's security
- President, Vice President, Secretary of State, Treasury, and Defense
- Director of National Intelligence and chairmen of the Joint Chiefs regularly attend
- Much of the super secret intelligence work is done at the direction of the NSC



Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

- 2nd most influential unit
- Headed by a Director that is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate
- Major task is to prepare the federal budget, which the President must submit to Congress each year



Other EoP Agencies

- **Office of National Drug Control Policy:** Dramatizes the nation's concerns over drugs
- **Council of Economic Advisors:** Major source of information advice on the state of the nation's economy
- **Office of Policy Development:** Advise President on all matters related to the nation's domestic affairs
- **Council of Environmental Quality:** Aids the President in environmental policy matters
- **Office of the Vice President:** Houses the Vice President's staff
- **Office of the United States Trade Representative:** Advises on matters of foreign trade
- **Office of Science and Technology:** Major advisors in all scientific, engineering, and other technological matters relating to national policies and programs
- **Office of Administration:** General housekeeping agency for all the agencies in the E.O.P.

Independent agencies

- Additional agencies of the Executive Branch found outside the Cabinet Departments
- Why Independent Agencies?
 - Some do not fit well within any Cabinet Department.
 - Some need protection from the influence of partisan and pressure politics.
 - Some were born as independent by accident.



Independent Agencies

Three Types

1. The independent executive agencies – do important work but don't have Cabinet status. Ex: NASA, EPA
2. The independent regulatory commissions – 10 agencies with no presidential direction, created to regulate or police important aspects of economy
3. The government corporations – FDIC, AMTRAK, TVA.

The Executive Departments

- Often called the “Cabinet Departments”
- Each is built around a broad field of activity
- Each is headed by a Secretary (Department of Justice headed by Attorney General)
 - Primary link between the presidential policy and their own department
 - They strive to promote and protect their own department
- Each gets divided into various subunits



Seal of the Department of Agriculture



Seal of the Department of Commerce



Seal of the Department of Defense



Seal of the Department of Education



Seal of the Department of Energy



Seal of the Department of Health and Human Services



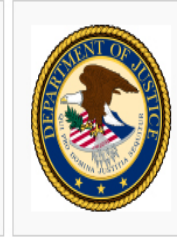
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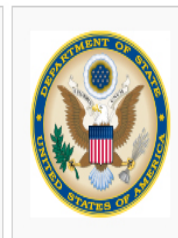
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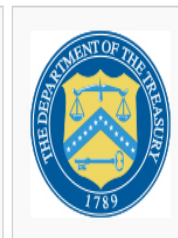
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Seal of the Department of State



Seal of the Department of Transportation



Seal of the Department of the Treasury



Seal of the Department of Veterans Affairs

The Cabinet

- Informal advisory body brought together by the President to serve his needs
- Not mentioned in the Constitution
- First three departments: State, Treasury, War (now known as Defense)
- Newest department: Homeland Security
- President chooses members, but they must be confirmed by the Senate
- Jobs
 - Individually, each member heads an executive department
 - Collectively, they are advisors to the President



How the Pres Chooses Cabinet

- ∞ Party affiliation
- ∞ Personal qualifications and practical experience
- ∞ Geographical balance
- ∞ Various interest groups influence decision
- ∞ Gender and race

All the President's Men and Women

- ∞ Complete the worksheet/activity and then turn it in.
- ∞ This worksheet will help you to understand the various functions of the Cabinet and this will be part of the Unit Test, so you will get this worksheet back to study from.

William Howard Taft

“The Constitution contains no suggestion of a meeting of all the department heads, in consultation over general governmental matters. The Cabinet is a mere creation of the President’s will...It exists only by custom. If the President desired to dispense with it, he could do so.”