

# Ap gov bureaucracy vocab flashcard



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bureaucracyan organization characterized by hierarchal structure, worker specialization, explicit rules, and advancement by meritneutral competencethe principle that bureaucracy should be depoliticized by making it more professionalspoils systemthe 19th century practice of rewarding political supporters with public officepatronagesystem in which successful party candidates reward supporters with jobs or favorscivil servicenonmilitary employees of the government who are appointed through the merit systemPendleton Act1883 civil service reform that required the hiring and promoting of civil servants to be based on merit, not patronageHatch Act1939 law limiting the political involvement of civil servants in order to protect them from political pressure and keep politics out of the bureaucracyaccountabilitythe principle that bureaucratic employees should be answerable for their performance to supervisors, all the way up to the chain of commandred tapethe complex procedures and regulations surrounding bureaucratic activityclientelegroups of citizens whose interests are affected by an agency or department and who work to influence its policiesdepartmentsone of the major subdivisions of the federal government, represented in the president's cabinetindependent agenciesgovernment organizations independent of the departments but with a narrower policy focusindependent regulatory boards and commissionsgovernment organizations that regulate various businesses, industries, or economic sectorsregulationslimitations or restrictions on the activities of a business or individualgovernment corporationscompanies created by Congress to provide to the public a good or service that private enterprise cannot or will not profitably providebureaucratic discretionbureaucrats' use of their own judgement in interpreting and

carrying out the laws of Congress  
Federal Register publication containing all federal regulations and notifications of regulatory agency  
hearings  
bureaucratic culture the accepted values and procedures of an organization  
bureaucratese the often unintelligible language used by bureaucrats to avoid controversy and lend weight to their words  
whistle blowers individuals who publicize instances of fraud, corruption, or other wrongdoing in the bureaucracy  
agency capture process whereby regulatory agencies come to be protective of and influenced by the industries they were established to regulate  
iron triangle the phenomenon of a clientele group, congressional committee, and bureaucratic agencies cooperating to make mutually beneficial policy  
issue networks complex systems of relationships between groups that influence policy, including elected leaders, interest groups, specialists, consultants, and research institutes  
citizen advisory council a citizen group that considers the policy decisions of an agency; a way to make the bureaucratic policymaking to the public  
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 1966 law that allows citizens to obtain copies of most public records  
Privacy Act of 1974 a law that gives citizens access to the government's files on them