

Unit #4c: Interaction among Branches—Bureaucracy

AP US Government & Politics

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Bureaucracy: The “Fourth Branch” of the U.S. Government.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Tues 11/19 (Wed 11/20)

- Bureaucracy Intro material (p. 3-4)
- Watch [Bureaucracy Basics: Crash Course Government and Politics #15](#)
- Fill in the #15 side of the paper
- 3 main points, 3 facts, & 3 questions you have
- Presentation: Bureaucracy (Create key term list)
- Read: AG 15.371-376

HW: AG text 15.371-376 & 15.380-387

Thurs 11/21 (Fri 11/22)

- Reading Quiz 15.380-387
- Watch [Types of Bureaucracies: Crash Course Government and Politics #16](#)
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- Presentation: Bureaucracy (Create key term list)

HW: AMSCO 6.189-200



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Beginning the Topic

Compelling Question

Is America a democracy where the people control the government, or does the unelected government (the bureaucracy) control the people?

Define bureaucracy: a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives. The term "bureaucracy" is French in origin, and combines the French word *bureau* – desk or office – with the Greek word κράτος *kratos* – rule or political power.

With a partner, answer these:

- **List three facts you know about the U.S. federal bureaucracy:**

- **Write 1 thing you'd like to learn or 1 question about the bureaucracy:**

- **List five things the U.S. federal bureaucracy does:**

- **List three specific jobs that are part of the U.S. federal bureaucracy:**

- **Describe any interaction you have had with the federal bureaucracy:**

Bureaucracy Video Introduction

With a blank sheet of paper, make a trifold, dividing the paper into thirds. Trace a line down the folds to show the three equal portions of the paper.

It would look something like this

#15 Bureaucracy Basics

3 Main Points	3 Major terms or facts	3 Big Questions

Repeat on the other side.

#16 Types of Bureaucracies

3 Main Points	3 Major terms or facts	3 Big Questions

Agency Accountability

The president has the authority to:

- Appoint and remove agency heads and other top bureaucrats.
- Reorganize the bureaucracy (with congressional approval).
- Make changes in an agency's annual budget proposals.
- Ignore legislative initiatives originating within the bureaucracy.
- Initiate or adjust policies that would, if enacted by Congress, alter the bureaucracy's activities.
- Issue executive orders.
- Reduce an agency's annual budget.

Congress has the authority to:

- Pass legislation that alters the bureaucracy's activities.
- Abolish existing programs.
- Refuse to appropriate funds for certain programs.
- Investigate bureaucratic activities and compel bureaucrats to testify about them.
- Influence presidential appointments of agency heads and other top bureaucratic officials.
- Write legislation to limit the bureaucracy's discretion.

The judiciary has the authority to:

- Rule on whether bureaucrats have acted within the law and require policy changes to comply with the law.
 - Force the bureaucracy to respect the rights of individuals through hearings and other proceedings.
 - Rule on the constitutionality of all challenged rules and regulations.
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The Bureaucracy

How does the Congress control it?	How does the president control it?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm nominations made by the president to appoint people to departments 2. Appropriate money 3. Create and pass the legislation needed to create these departments 4. Investigate the administration 5. Shape the laws that would be executed by that administration 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominate people to be appointed to a department... Remove people from departments 2. Shape the direction of the administration 3. Give directives to an agency of what it needs to accomplish 4. Reorganize federal departments 5. Change discretionary spending (but not really mandatory spending) 6. OBM analyzes and makes suggestions on the President's budget and President can use this to cut parts