

Lecture #17: Bureaucracy and “the Fourth Branch of Government”

I. Bureaucracy Defined and Developed

II. The Good”

A. Max Weber

1. Legal-Rational Administration
2. Impersonal Administration
3. Strict hierarchy

III. “The Bad”

- A. “The Peter Principle”
- B. “The Iron Law of Oligarchy” (“Agency Point-of-View”)
- C. Not: Fast, Exciting, Easily Adaptable.....

IV. “The Evil”

- A. “The Banality of Evil”
 1. Hannah Arendt: “Eichmann in Jerusalem”
 2. From Kafka to the Stassi

V. Chronology of the “Fourth Branch” of US Government

- A. “Small Democracy”
- B. The “Jacksonian Machine”
- C. Civil War
- D. “The Gilded Age”
 1. Civil Service Reform
 - a. **patronage vs. meritocracy**
 - b. neutral competency
- E. Progressive Era and WW I
- F. New Deal and WW II
- G. Post- WW II: “Great Society”
 1. Expansion of Entitlement Programs (Medicare, Medicaid.....)

VI. Federal Bureaucracy: Organization of Tasks and Hierarchy (charts in text)

VII. Independent Regulatory Agencies; Independent Executive Agencies; Government Corporations (charts in text)

V. Federal Bureaucracy’s Relationship to Other Branches

- A. “Iron Triangles”
- B. “Issue Networks”