

Downsizing Government

The Administration has as its prime directive to eliminate all government regulations. To this end, an administrator is sitting at a desk going through a thick book containing hundreds of thousands of federal regulations. Whenever he comes to a rule, he cuts it out of the book and drops the slip of paper into a pneumatic tube, flushing it down into the floor below. There, a low level bureaucrat crumples the slip into a ball and pops it into his mouth. And the rule is no more. But that low level bureaucrat is Fred, who thinks to himself, “I sought out this job because I thought I could play some small role in helping government serve the people... How have I come to this?!?!” The Administration considers that Fred may have radical left views that don’t align with its values, so several Texas Rangers have been stationed around Fred’s desk to discourage him from attempting any sabotage. The Rangers are kind-hearted souls, however, and to help Fred get through his despair, they encourage him every time a slip flushes down. “Yay, Fred!” “You got this!” “Way to go!” And so, when a DOGE agent comes to inspect the department, he is bewildered to find a room in which rules flush in where Rangers cheer to Fred.

