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US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #17 CONTROLLING BUREAUCRACIES

Directions: While watching the video, fill in the blanks.

termination	growth	investigations	deregulation	devolution
privatization	after	political	before	reporting

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- ☐ 2. One of the main procedural controls on bureaucracies are _____ requirements, which are forms that agencies have to send back to other oversight agencies detailing what the original agencies actually did.
- ☐ 3. _____-the fact controls are often just called oversight but extend a bit beyond this.
- ☐ 4. Congress can also institute _____ which are less public than hearings, and result in a report.
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- ☐ 6. This is called _____ and despite the calls of politicians to get rid of executive departments, it almost never happens.
- ☐ 7. More common than termination is _____ which is when congress limits the number of regulations that an agency is allowed to enforce.
- ☐ 8. _____ is when congress shifts, or devolves, the task, or burden, of regulation from a federal agency to states and local municipalities.
- ☐ 9. _____ looks great politically and it gives the appearance of shrinking the size of the bureaucracy because employees are off the government's books.
- ☐ 10. The thing to remember here is that no matter what we think of them, bureaucracies are _____ entities and subject to political pressure despite efforts to keep them out of politics.



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Directions: Write one thing you think you know about the topic.

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Answer Key

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