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## US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #15 BUREAUCRACY BASICS

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

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rules	bureaucracy	regulations	governments	political

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- 2. They make it easier for \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish tasks quickly and to basically operate at all.
- 3. Bureaucrats implement the \_\_\_\_\_ that Congress writes.
- 4. Bureaucrats also make and enforce their own \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Technically the federal bureaucracy is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ branch.
- 6. Bureaucracies don't just enforce the rules; they make new ones called  
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- 7. But many upper level bureaucratic leaders especially cabinet secretaries and also ambassadors are very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8. So in addition to being useful and filling roles that the \_\_\_\_\_ sector might not fill, one of the reasons we have so many bureaucracies is because Congress keeps making them and delegating power to them.
- 9. Once Congress makes a bureaucracy it's usually \_\_\_\_\_ for a number of practical and political reasons.
- 10. I feel the need to remind anyone who has had this experience at the DMV, that it's a \_\_\_\_\_ bureaucracy, not the federal bureaucracy.



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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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