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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

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ -the-fact controls are attempts to limit bureaucrats discretion through the way that the bureaucracy itself is set up.
- 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.
- 5. The absolute best way to get an agency to do less of whatever it does is by limiting its \_\_\_\_\_, or in some cases getting rid of it altogether.
- 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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3. **After** \_\_\_\_\_-the-fact controls are often just called oversight but extend a bit beyond this.
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