

**July 14 (Session 5)—POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS: THE PRESIDENCY
& THE BUREAUCRACY**

In order to streamline the reading a bit, here is an adjusted list of the required chapters and articles for this session—in the order in which they will be covered in the lectures:

Krutz et al., Chapters 12.
John Dickerson, “The Hardest Job in the World,” *The Atlantic*, May 2018.
Ivan Eland, “A Parade of Imperial Presidencies,” *The American Conservative*,
May 24, 2019—found @ <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/a-parade-of-imperial-presidencies/>
~~Andrew L. Johns, “Declining the ‘Invitation to Struggle’,” *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 89, No. 1 (2020): 97–130.~~
Krutz et al., Chap. 15.
Douglas J. Amy, “The Case FOR Bureaucracy,” *Government Is Good* (2017).

STUDY QUESTIONS:

- 1) Be sure to ponder the Review Questions and Critical Discussion Questions found on pp. 481-483 and 586-587 in the textbook.
- 2) How did the role of the “president” differ under the Articles of Confederation and U.S. Constitution? What powers does the Constitution explicitly give to the president? What are the requirements to be president?
- 3) How did several early presidential elections force Constitutional change?
- 4) How many presidents have been impeached? Why?
- 5) What are the positive and negative aspects of the Electoral College? What reforms have been suggested for improving how Americans select their president?
- 6) Has the U.S. been dealing with (a) bad president(s), or is the presidency itself broken? If so, can it be fixed?
- 7) If the U.S. is dealing with an “imperial presidency” nowadays, whose fault is it?
- 8) Does it make sense to call the federal bureaucracy the “fourth branch” of government?

- 9) What are the 3 general categories of work in the federal government?
- 10) What are the 4 main types of bureaucratic organizations in the federal government?
- 11) What are the various models of incorporating market forces into the function of government?
- 12) What are the main criticisms or drawbacks of bureaucracy? What is the case *for* bureaucracy? What are the 6 myths about bureaucracy?