

# THE BUREAUCRACY

“The 4<sup>th</sup> Branch”

# I. Background

- Why the 4<sup>th</sup>?
- Justification = elastic clause
- Functions
- Control?
  - President
  - Congress

## II. Structure

- A. 15 Executive Departments
- Staff vs. Line Agencies

## B. Regulatory Commissions

- Organization
- Size
- Purpose
- “quasi-functions”

# Examples:

- Federal Trade Commission
- Federal Reserve Board
- Securities and Exchange Commission
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission

## C. Independent Executive Agencies

- Purpose
- Organization
- Examples
  - Civil Service
  - Central Intelligence Agency
  - Environmental Protection Agency

## D. Government Corporations

- Purpose
- Independence
- Examples:
  - Tennessee Valley Authority
  - Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.
  - U.S. Postal Service

# III. Demands on Bureaucracy

- President
- Congress
- Courts



## IV. Trends

- Expense – “Fiscal Dumping”
- “Shadow Government”