

The Cabinets

I “Overt” Cabinet

A. Basics

- 1. Constitution?**
- 2. George Washington
1789**
- 3. “elastic clause”**
- 4. Expansion**
- 5. Membership**
- 6. Selection**

B. Meetings



⌘ Advisory and informal

⌘ Style = weak or strong

II Cabinet Positions

A. State 1789

B. Treasury 1789

C. Defense 1789

**D. Attorney General
1789**

**(Justice Department
1870)**

Cabinet Positions (cont.)

E. Interior 1849

F. Agriculture 1889

G. Commerce 1903*

H. Labor 1913*

**I. Health and Human
Services 1953***

Cabinet Positions (cont.)

**J. Housing and Urban
Development 1965**

K. Transportation 1967

L. Energy 1977

M. Education 1979*

N. Veterans Affairs 1989

O. Homeland Security 2002

***** A Trend?**

III. “Covert” Cabinet



⌘ **“Executive Office of the Pres.”**

⌘ **September 10, 1939**


⌘ **Key = executive order**

⌘ **Senate Confirmation?**

⌘ **Power?**

⌘ **E.O.P. 3 Levels---**

1. White House Staff (inner circle)



- Secretaries**

 - Press**

 - Correspondence**

 - Appointments**

- legal counsel**

2. Special Councils

- **O.M.B.**
- **National Security**
 - **Council**
- **Office of Trade Rep.**
- **Etc.**

3. External Advisors

-**“kitchen cabinet”**

-**“brain trust”**

-**“president’s men”**

IV. Evolution of Power

1. Secrecy?

2. Protection of President?

3. Executive Orders?

4. Loyalty/discipline?