

American Government: Stories of a Nation for the AP® Course

Guided Reading

Section 7.3: The Bureaucracy and Policymaking

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 **Before you read**

Before reading this section, take a moment to read the Learning Target and vocabulary terms you will encounter.

Learning Target: Explain the role of the federal bureaucracy in the policymaking process.

AP® Key Concepts

implementation

regulation

bureaucratic discretion

bureaucratic adjudication

 **While you read**

Use the following table to take notes as you read the section.

Bureaucratic departments	Methods of implementing policy	Impact on government

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 **After you read**

Once you've finished reading the section, answer the following questions.

1. Which statement is accurate about the policymaking process?
 - A. Forming a policy is vital for anyone who wishes to influence the process.
 - B. Defining the problem is considered the most significant part of the process.
 - C. How the public views an issue is crucial to how a related policy is implemented.
 - D. Termination is always the final step of the process.

2. Why is the implementation of a new policy typically not a straightforward process?
 - A. Federal bureaucrats often do not possess the technical expertise for successful implementation.
 - B. It is introduced into a body of existing policies, sometimes with competing demands.
 - C. High-level executive branch officials often wish to participate in the process at the same level as technical experts.
 - D. The implementation goals set by Congress are typically too restrictive.

3. Dalia is a police officer. In this capacity, what role does she serve within the bureaucracy?
 - A. She is a career civil servant.
 - B. She is a member of the Senior Executive Service.
 - C. She is an executive branch official.
 - D. She is a front-line bureaucrat.

4. The power of bureaucrats to exercise partial authority over how a policy is implemented is known as:
 - A. discretion.
 - B. adjudication.
 - C. implementation.
 - D. regulation.

5. The process of addressing the critical details of a law is known as:
 - A. implementation.
 - B. regulation.
 - C. adjudication.
 - D. evaluating.

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6. It is the duty of which commission to enforce reporting requirements by publicly held companies?
 - A. the Securities and Exchange Commission
 - B. the Federal Communications Commission
 - C. the Federal Trade Commission
 - D. the Interstate Commerce Commission

7. Bristol is a federal employee whose job is to oversee public funding of presidential campaigns. For which agency does Bristol work?
 - A. the Securities and Exchange Commission
 - B. the Department of the Interior
 - C. the Federal Election Commission
 - D. the Department of State

8. As a bureaucrat Hayato is often called upon to determine which individuals or groups may be covered under a particular program. What bureaucratic responsibility is Hayato exercising in this capacity?
 - A. discretion
 - B. adjudication
 - C. regulation
 - D. implementation

9. Which is an example of the regulations set forth by the Hatch Act?
 - A. Federal employees were forbidden from holding any elective office.
 - B. Federal employees were allowed to participate in fund-raising for political campaigns.
 - C. Federal employees were forbidden from running in political campaigns.
 - D. Federal employees were allowed to use their authority to influence others to participate in political campaigns.

10. Thomas, a federal employee, regularly participates in political campaigns. His actions are allowed under the:
 - A. Hatch Act.
 - B. Pendleton Act.
 - C. Civil Service Reform Act.
 - D. Federal Employees Political Activities Act.

11. Which group is NOT typically part of the policy evaluation process?
 - A. local courts
 - B. Congress
 - C. academic institutions
 - D. policy entrepreneurs

12. Which two bodies have the authority to terminate a federal policy?
 - A. Congress and the Supreme Court
 - B. the president and Congress
 - C. Congress and the Senior Executive Service
 - D. the Supreme Court and the Government Accountability Office