

2.14 Holding the Bureaucracy Accountable



ESSENTIALS

1. Oversight and methods used by Congress to ensure that legislation is implemented as intended are represented by:
Committee hearings
Power of the purse
2. As a means to curtail the use of presidential power, “congressional oversight” serves as a check of executive authorization and appropriation.
3. Presidential ideology, authority, and influence affect how executive branch agencies carry out the goals of the administration.
4. Compliance monitoring can pose a challenge to policy implementation

1. What is the underlying idea of this cartoon? [Write your response as a thesis using a “because” statement]

2. What makes the Congressional “purse” so powerful? Why might the Congress be reluctant to use their “purse”?

Investigate three (3) Congressional committee hearings that are going on right now. Complete the chart below:

Name of Committee	Name of Committee	Name of Committee
Purpose of hearing	Purpose of hearing	Purpose of hearing
Chairman’s name/party	Chairman’s name/party	Chairman’s name/party
# of Democrats/Republicans on committee	# of Democrats/Republicans on committee	# of Democrats/Republicans on committee
Recent action taken by committee	Recent action taken by committee	Recent action taken by committee

Investigate three (3) of the following Presidential scenarios. Complete the chart below:

LBJ Ex. Order 11246	Reagan EPA Superfund	Trump State Department
Goal of the President	Goal of the President	Goal of the President
Goal of the agency	Goal of the agency	Goal of the agency
Outcome	Outcome	Outcome

From what you have learned above write a **claim statement** about president’s ideology, authority and influence over executive branch agencies:

Investigate enforcement of marijuana policy in the United States.

What has the U.S. Supreme Court said?

How did President Obama respond?

How did President Trump respond?

What does this say about law enforcement in the United States?

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

The Founding Fathers enabled three branches with specific enumerated powers. The Constitution says little about a federal bureaucracy. Assess the power of the federal bureaucracy and present an argument for how best to control it.

In your essay, you must:

- Articulate a defensible claim or thesis that responds to the prompt and establishes a line of reasoning.
- Support your claim with at least TWO pieces of accurate and relevant information. At least ONE piece of evidence must be from one of the following foundational documents – U.S. Constitution, Federalist 70, Federalist 78
- Use a second piece of evidence from another foundational document from the list or from your study of the electoral process
- Use reasoning to explain why your evidence supports your claim/thesis
- Respond to an opposing or alternative perspective using refutation, concession, or rebuttal