

The Bureaucracy

Barrack???

Blue Helmeted
UN forces

Who Governs?

Who's Behind that Curtain???

Fox News

The Liberal Media

A look behind the scenes

Who really Governs?

Tea Parties

The Fed

The Trilateral Commission

Big Corporations

The Elite

Ivory Towered Universities

Special interests

The Religious Right

Power, Legitimacy and Authority

- Power-The ability to get someone to do something
 - EG- Principals secretary screens telephone calls, she possesses enormous power
- Authority- the rightful use of that Power, formal v. informal authority
 - EG in School- Administrators are perceived to have certain authority that teachers do not have
- Legitimacy- How did that person gain that rightful use?
 - EG in Afghanistan. We believe that legitimacy is conferred by elections

Democracy

- Direct- Athenian Pure Democracy
 - Advantages-Citizen Power- Empowerment of the Masses- EG California Recall Vote
 - Disadvantages- Inconsistencies- EG. Vote for low taxes and Vote for better health care and education
- Representative Democracy- ie. Vote for your Representatives (Republic)
 - Advantages- Representatives can study issues and develop an expertise
 - Disadvantage- Become attenuated from the People- House of Representatives today- 1 per 700,000 pop. California, 2 senators for a 40 Million population

Representative Democracy and who really governs

- Elite Theory- Small cadre of Elite pull the strings
 - Marxist Theory- Ownership determines power- Capitalists run America- Exxon, Enron, Pharmaceutical Industry, etc...
 - Examples:
 - Pharmaceutical company drew up Medicare Prescription care legislation
 - Energy companies working with the Vice-President secretly developed the 2002 Energy Policy
 - C. Wright Mills- Power Elite- Mixture of Key Advisers, Corporate leaders and Military Officers
 - Examples:
 - Bohemian Club- All male Republican Club, meets in Bohemian Grove,
 - John McNamara, Harvard MBA grad, was the CEO for Ford before becoming Secretary of Defense for JFK,
 - Trilateral Commission
 - Aspen Institute
 - Skull and Bones
 - Problem
 - Elites are not uniform- For example, 1) Jon Corzine, Democratic Governor from NJ spent \$70 million on his campaign, he has little common ground w/multi-millionaire, Tom Golisano a Republican running for Gov. in NY

- Bureaucratic Theory- Max Weber (German sociologists at the turn of the 20th Century)- SEE Homeland Security Flowchart!!!
 - As Government's role has expanded its' size required expertise. The bureaucratic experts are the ones that really run the govt.. Decision makers rely upon government institutions for information.
 - EG
 - Govt. Climatologists determine that Global Warming is a problem, this leads to policies consistent with the finding

Once in existence Bureaucracies are difficult to kill- Take on a life of their own

EG- President Reagan ran for office w/the promise to kill the Department of Education, by the end of his Presidency it had substantially grown in size

Pluralistic Theory

- Various groups w/shifting alliances, no single group has “the power”, depends on needs, size etc...of the group demanding change.
 - Medicare Drug Prescription plan favored by Senior Citizens and Pharmaceutical companies passes, alienates, fiscally conservative Republicans who help elect the President.
 - Steel Tariffs are passed, please Steel Companies, swing state voters in W.Va., Pa. and Ohio, alienate, Auto Companies and Democrat and Republican Free Trade advocates
 - Gallo Wine gets a bill passed that only benefits them, minimal impact on anything else

Hyperpluralism

- Pluralism that has gone so far as to cause gridlock, single issue politics, little common ground on issues.

Limits of Government Theory

- Models/Paradigms, designed to provide “real world” simulations
 - Implicit in the Models/Paradigms- Assumptions
- Theories are based upon Cause and Effect
 - A Good Theory- high predictive value and reliability
 - Isolates the cause and effect (one independent and one dependent variable)
 - Social Science Theories can not be tested in a “vacuum”
 - Require “assumption” that all other variables held constant
 - Pluralism/Hyperpluralism are probably the most accurate Government models
 - Provide no predictive value
 - » Different groups at different times result in different outcomes.