

## **Week 2 Outline**

### **Show me the Government**

#### **I. Overview: Government matters**

- How does government influence society and the economy?
- Laws
- Services
- Money
- Taxes
- Other economic instruments

#### **II. Bureaucracy: a bad word?**

- Definition
- Tasks of the Federal Bureaucracy
  - National maintenance
  - Clientele services
  - Regulation of private sector
  - Income redistribution

#### **III. Types of federal bureaucracies**

- Executive departments
- Independent regulatory agencies
- Government corporations
- Independent agencies

#### **IV. How big is big?**

- Personnel size
- Budgetary size
- Causes

#### **V. Bureaucratic constraints**

- Hatch Act
- Executive orders
- Federal Budgets
- Appointees
- Oversight

#### **VI. Resources**

- Administrative discretion
- Clientele Support
- Agency Expertise
- Iron triangles

#### **VII. Shadow government: Contracting out government**

- Statistics and Impacts