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