Institutions and Policy Making: Bureaucracy, Courts, and Interest Groups

Courts and Policy Making
- Courts of Appeals (Circuit Courts)
- Supreme Court
- Judicial Review
- Interpretation
- Precedent
- Judicial restraint and judicial activism
  - “Activist judges”

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Bureaucratic Policy Making
- Modern Bureaucracy
- Bureaucratic Authority
- Regulations
- Deregulation

Influences on Bureaucratic Policy Making
- President
- Congress
- Interest Groups
- Iron Triangles
- Issue networks
- Courts

Interest Groups and Policymaking
- Defining Interest Groups
- Lobbying
- Who do Interest Groups represent?
Interest Group Influence: Insider Strategies

• PAC’s
• Lobbying Congress
• Lobbying the Bureaucracy
• *Fast Food Nation*

Interest Group Influence: Outsider Strategies

• Courts
• Grassroots Lobbying
• Protest

Factors affecting success in influencing policy

• Group resources
• Group intensity
• Group competition
• Group goals
• Status Quo