

Instructions for the October 13, 2020 Lecture

Hello Folks,

So let's mellow things out a bit and do a very brief examination of governmental bureaucracy. This particular lecture is relatively short in terms of the presentation, which is good, because the next lecture is beefy. There are actually entire theories based around bureaucracies and their impact on government going back to famous sociologists such as Max Weber and continuing to the present with James Q. Wilson, the author of *Bureaucracy*. The government bureaucracy is huge and has grown even bigger in the 20th century. Let's find out why, and if it's a good thing. Here's your breakdown for the week:

Lecture 8. Governmental Bureaucracy

Task 1: Read these instructions (you already dunnit!).

Task 2: Read Chapter 10 in the Heineman text (pp. 204-222)

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on "Governmental Bureaucracy." You thought / was boring....

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (Which is Worse – Government or Corporate Bureaucracy by Thom Hartmann). You can find the question on the link titled "Lecture / Discussion Page" highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on the assignments page to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch David Graeber speak about his book *Bullshit Jobs*). I imagine people who work in any bureaucratic capacity, public or private, can relate.

Task 6: Click the link titled "Discussion Board Question and Peer Responses for Video Presentation" and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one paragraph or so. Wait for other students to put their responses and then pick two students to respond to. The deadline for these responses will be posted on the Canvas assignments page. Don't be late....

So far, so good. Get ready cuz next week's lecture is going to be brutal. Interesting...but brutal.

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