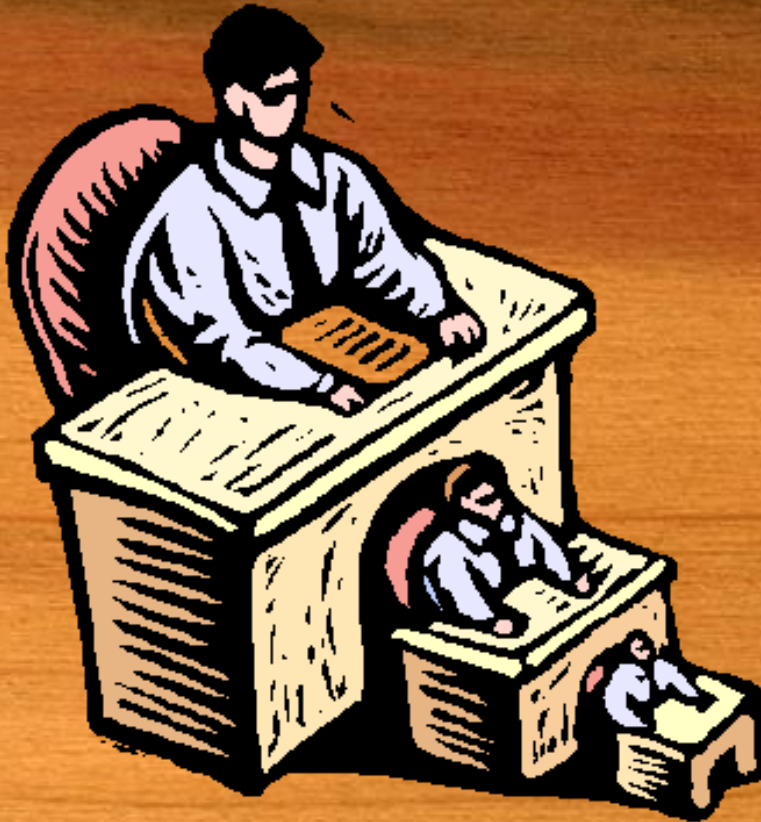


# Implementation



& Translating the goals and objectives of a law passed by Congress into an operating, ongoing program.

⌘ It includes:

& Creating / assigning an agency the policy

& Turning policy into regulations.

& Coordinating resources to achieve the goals.

& Getting feedback and revising regulations.

# Why Some Policies Fail

⊖ Poor program design

⊖ Lack of Clarity.

↳ Congressional laws are ambiguous and imprecise.

↳ Sometimes the laws conflict with each other.

↳ Title IX

⊖ Lack of Resources

↳ Budget cuts may make it difficult for agencies to fulfill their goals.

# Why Policies Fail



- Administrative Discretion
  - Ability to ignore or subvert portions a policy
  - Street-level bureaucrats have the most discretion.
- Fragmentation.
  - Some policies are spread among several agencies.

# Why Policies Succeed



- A Case Study: The Voting Rights Act of 1965
  - Had a clear, concise goal (increase registration and turnout rates among African Americans).
  - The implementation was clear (send Federal Marshals to the South).
  - Those carrying out the law had obvious authority and vigor to do so.

# Regulation

- Regulation: Use of governmental authority to control or change some practice in the private sector.
- A Full Day of Regulation.
  - Federal agencies check, verify and inspect many of the products and services we take for granted.

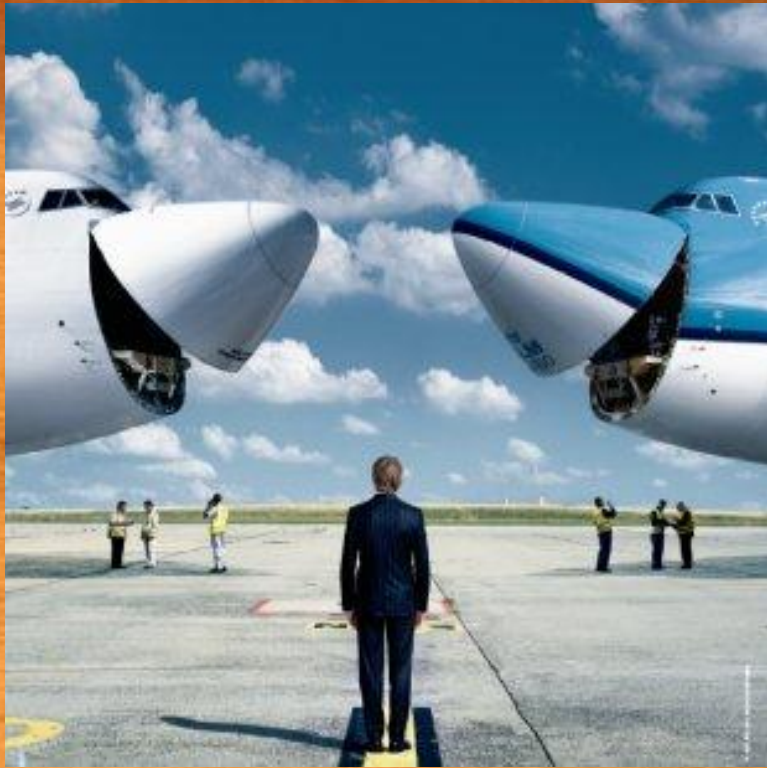


# Regulation



- **Command-and-Control Policy:** Government tells business how to reach certain goals, checks the progress and punishes offenders.
- **Incentive System:** Positive behavior is rewarded with tax credits or other benefits.

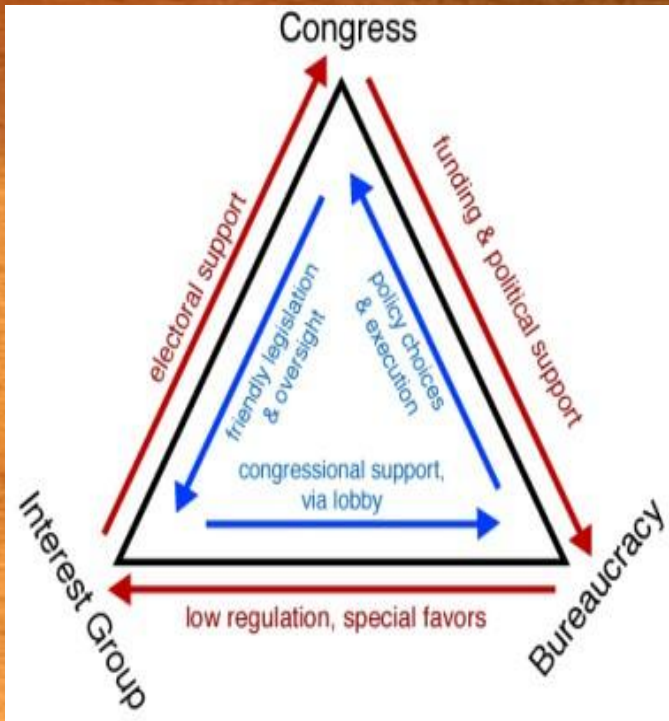
# Deregulation



- Deregulation: The lifting of restrictions on business, industry and professional activities.
- Problems with Strict Regulations
  - Raises prices
  - Hurts U.S.'s competitive position abroad
  - Are not always effective

# Understanding Bureaucracies

- Bureaucracy and Democracy

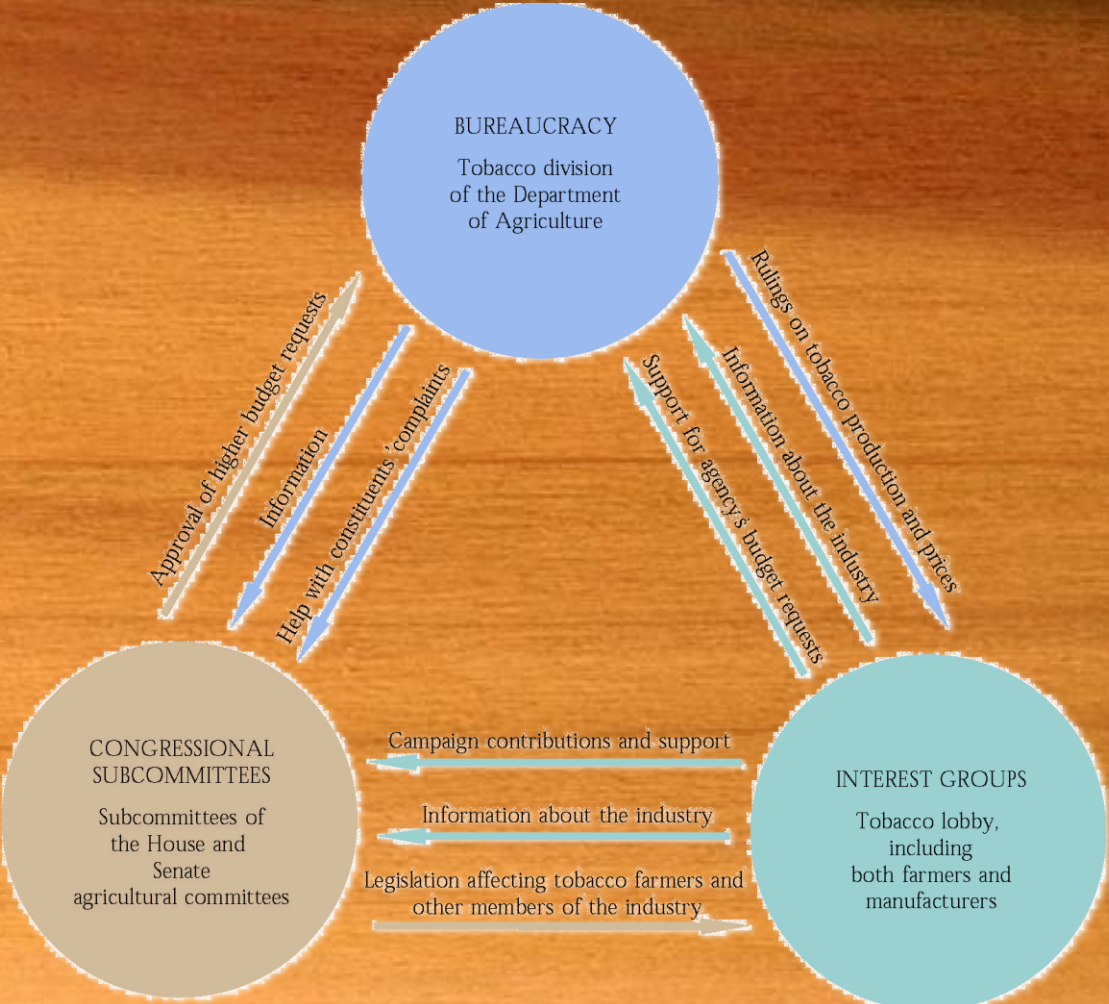


- Iron Triangles and Issue Networks

- A mutually dependent relationship between bureaucratic agencies, interest groups, and congressional committees or subcommittees.
- Exist independently of each other.
- They are tough, but not impossible, to eliminate
- Some argue they are being replaced by wider *issue networks* that focus on more policies.



# Iron Triangle



# Understanding Bureaucracies

