

**American Government: Unit 7 Test Review**  
**The Executive Branch at Work**

1. Understand that the Executive Branch is an organization designed to get things done. Make sure you understand the overall definition, purposes, characteristics, etc. of *bureaucracies*.
2. Identify the strengths AND the weaknesses (problems) associated with bureaucracies.
3. Specific definitions: Focus on the definitions, characteristics, and purposes of each of the following items which are associated with government bureaucracies:
  - a. Spoils system
  - b. Pendleton Civil Service Act of 1883
  - c. Government corporation
  - d. Independent executive agency
  - e. Independent regulatory commission
  - f. Bi-partisanship
4. Specific definitions, characteristics, examples, and roles of the following economic conditions.
  - a. Progressive income tax
  - b. Mandatory spending
  - c. Discretionary spending
  - d. Monetary policy
  - e. Fiscal policy
  - f. The Federal Reserve Board
  - g. Discount rate
  - h. Reserve requirement
  - i. Inflationary periods
  - j. Recessionary periods