**Chapter 8**

***A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Books, Movies, and Popular Culture***

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why are bureaucracies indispensible?
2. Identify the United States bureaucracy. What are some of the agencies?
3. What are some of the main roles of bureaucracies? Give examples.
4. What are some of the flaws associated with the growth of the bureaucracy?
5. Discuss the principle-agent model. What has research found and how does it impact the perception that bureaucracy can destroy democracy?
6. What is an iron triangle?
7. Discuss the cockroach theory of democracy. Do you agree with the author?
8. How do interest groups influence bureaucratic agencies?