The Independent Agencies

What is the Purpose?

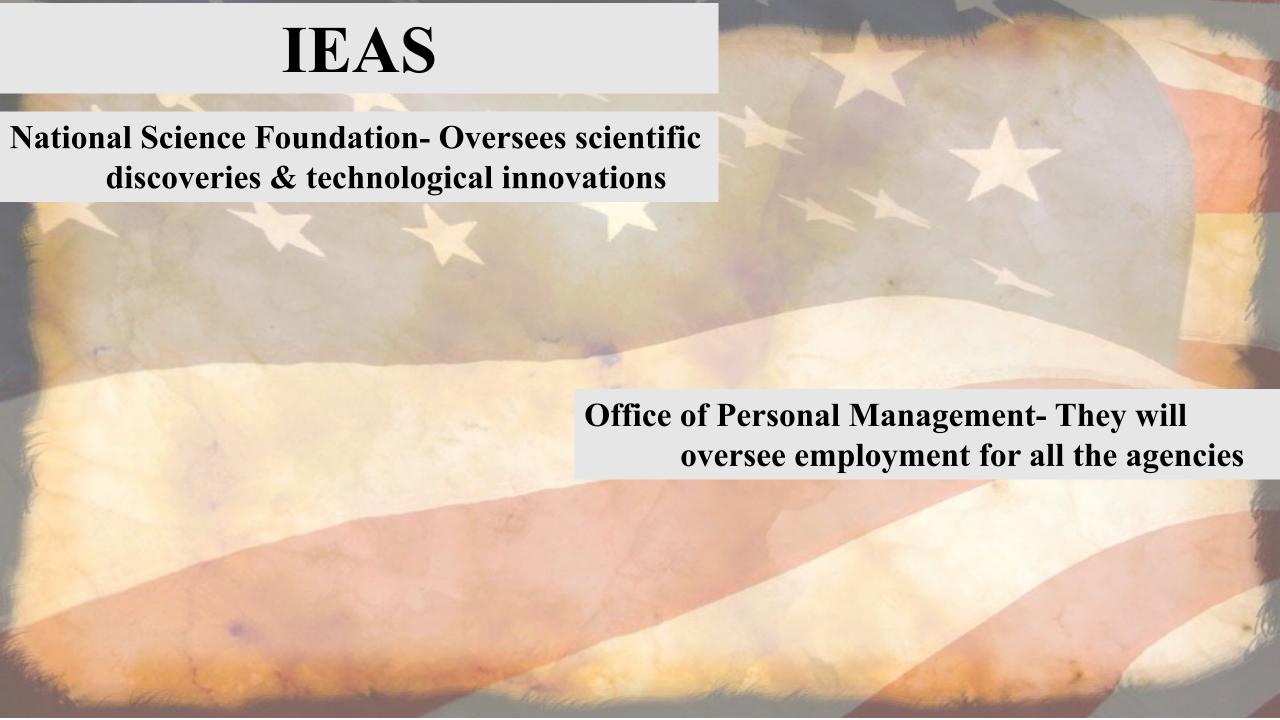
Independent Agencies have programs similar to the cabinet departments, but are different enough to separated ie NASA

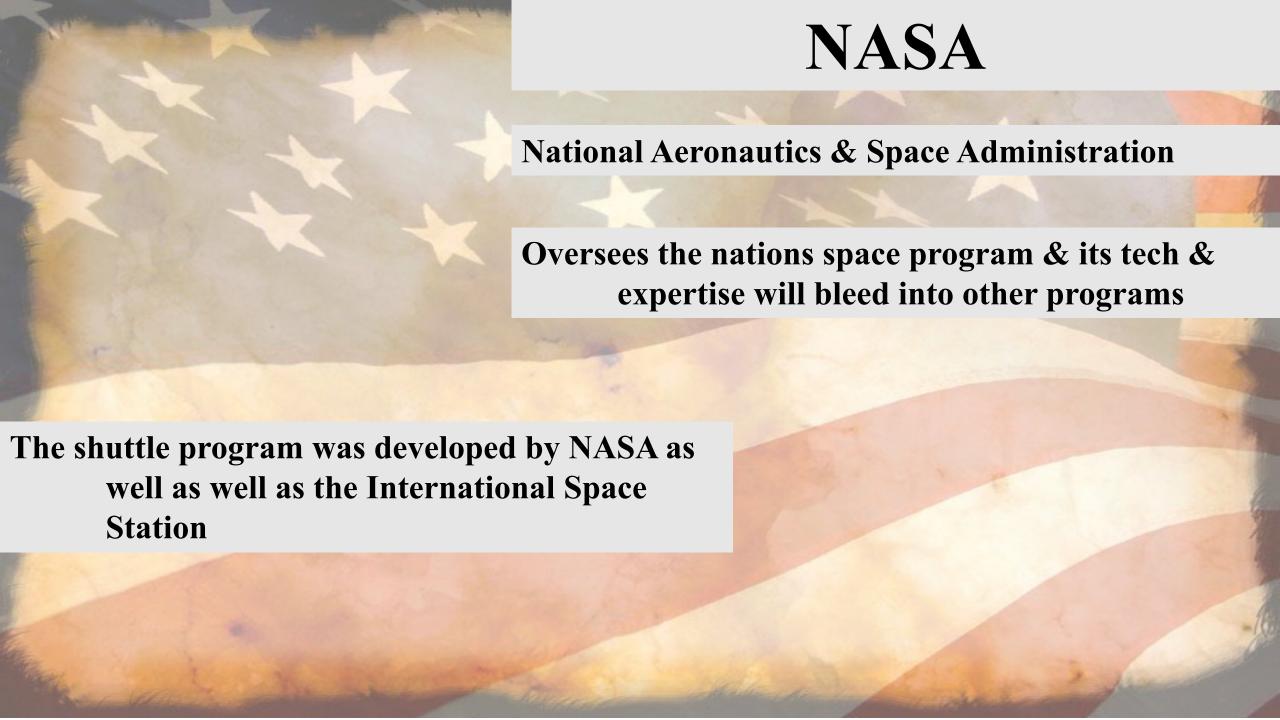
Usually they are independent to protect them from partisan & pressure politics

Some were born by accident & made independent to avoid confusion

Sometimes their functions are very peculiar & sensitive. These agencies still report to the President.







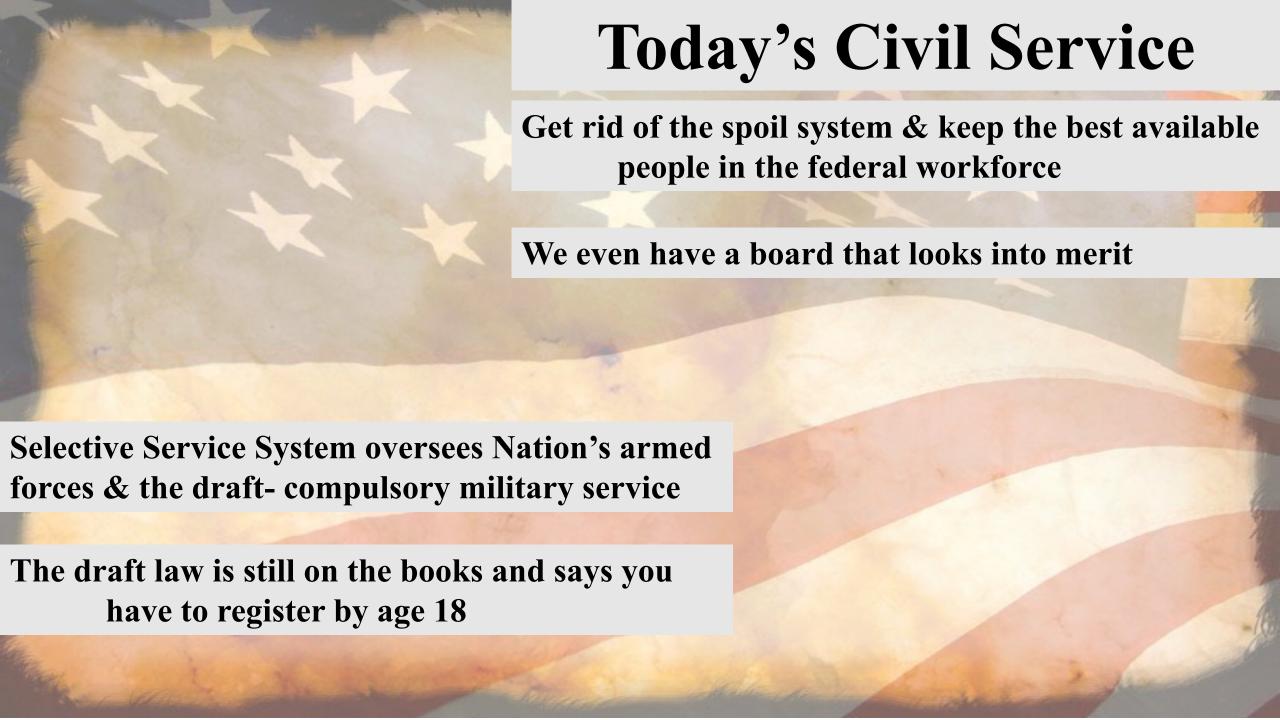
Spoils System/Civil Service

Civil Service- People who work for the Federal Government.

Patronage/ Spoils System- Practice of giving offices & other favors of government to supporters & friends

Pendleton Act (Civil Service Act of 1883)- Created the classified & unclassified job divisions.

Classified positions had to be given based on merit & practical examinations



Independent Regulatory Commissions

Commissions created by Congress designed to regulate economy, President does not control

President does appoint positions, but Senate must approve

These agencies function like Congress focusing on regulation so Congress can focus on legislation

Is regulation necessary?

