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# 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.**

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# **Independent Executive Agencies**

**Agencies headed by a single administrator with regional subunits, but not a cabinet**

**Most of these agencies operate outside the limelight as they sometimes deal with smaller issues**

**So let's breakdown some of these departments!**

# IEAS

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**National Science Foundation- Oversees scientific discoveries & technological innovations**

**Office of Personal Management- They will oversee employment for all the agencies**



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# **NASA**

**National Aeronautics & Space Administration**

**Oversees the nations space program & its tech & expertise will bleed into other programs**

**The shuttle program was developed by NASA as well as well as the International Space Station**

# **Spoils System/Civil Service**

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**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**

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# **Today's Civil Service**

**Get rid of the spoil system & keep the best available people in the federal workforce**

**We even have a board that looks into merit**

**Selective Service System oversees Nation's armed forces & the draft- compulsory military service**

**The draft law is still on the books and says you have to register by age 18**



# **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?**





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# **Government Corporations**

**Government offices set up by Congress to carry out businesslike activities.**

**They do things such as banking, electricity, power, transportation, etc.**

**Income goes right back into the program & a board oversees the functions.**