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*What the newspapers won't tell you!*

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## POLITICS 101

# SECRET GOVERNMENT EXPOSED!

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Conspiracy researchers have long postulated the existence of a "secret government" that really runs things behind the scenes. The politicians we see on TV are mere figureheads. The real power resides with people most of us have never heard of who ignore democracy while pursuing their own hidden agendas.

After years of observing government at every level, I can confirm that these theories are true! Our country isn't run by politicians but by a secret cabal of faceless bureaucrats. They pull the strings and make the politicians do what they want them to.

And thank God for that! The last thing we need is politicians calling the shots.

Politicians usually get elected by promising to bring "new ideas" to government. When they actually get there, however, the secret government calmly advises them that what they had promised can't be done. Then it digs in its heels and resists any major changes.

This is good, because nine times out

of ten, those new ideas are hokum and would screw things up even worse than they already are.

When politicians are running for office, most don't have a clue how government really works. Their one and only proven skill is convincing the voters to elect them. They usually have no background in public administration, sociology or fiscal responsibility, so for their own protection as well as ours they need to be firmly controlled.

The secret government takes care of this for us. You see, politicians can have all the new ideas in the world, but they can't implement them without the secret government's help. Only the faceless bureaucrats actually know how to get things done.

Politicians can defy the secret government, but they do so at their own peril. For example, when a new president decided to invade a Middle Eastern country with the brilliant new idea of imposing democracy on it, the diplomatic wing of the secret government was dead set against it. By defying the cabal, the president ultimately brought ignominy and disaster upon

himself and his party, while the secret government only got stronger. At least in foreign policy, no president is likely to defy the secret government again.

The secret government is the upper layer of bureaucracy just below the political domain. It is composed of career professionals who are actually qualified for their jobs. They didn't get chosen by whim of the voters but had to rise through the ranks the hard way, by establishing their credentials and proving their skills.

There can be ponderous bureaucracies and inept bureaucrats, but time after time in the secret government you stumble upon something you never would have expected in a democracy.

Quiet competence.

The secret government is crafty. It knows that politicians are necessary but that their impulses are often self-destructive. It cleverly diverts them with meaningless tasks like issuing proclamations and declaring April "Graffiti Awareness Month." The politicians get to appear on television and feel they are in charge, without them causing too much damage.

Whenever the secret government faces a difficult problem, it passes it on to the politicians. Like the Oracle at Delphi, the politicians issue a decision, and the secret government is off the hook for the outcome.

Government is such a complex beast, hemmed in by so many constraints, that only incremental changes are possible. Any politician who promises to "reinvent government" must be regarded with deep suspicion, because those schemes almost always lead to disaster if implemented. Thanks to the secret government, they rarely are.

The secret government knows what those incremental changes should be, but it needs the politicians to write them into law. Hopefully, by careful management, the politicians are pointed in the right direction and we avoid by the skin of our teeth the chaos of total democracy.

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