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Starting from the underreported reality that the size of the federal workforce hasn't increased since the early 1960s even though the federal budget has skyrocketed and the number of federal programs has ballooned, *Bring Back the Bureaucrats* tells us what our elected leaders won't: there simply are not enough federal workers to do work that's critical to our democracy.

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Review

John DiIulio's *Bring Back the Bureaucrats* (Templeton Press) is an eye-opening account of the hollowing out of American government. DiIulio, an expert on public administration at the University of Pennsylvania, points out that the US has fewer full-time federal officials than it did in 1960, while the amount of money they dispense has increased fivefold. In their place is a legion of for-profit contractors and non-profit NGOs with highly mixed motives, about which we know very little. In the process, misguided American hostility to government has produced a huge challenge for democratic accountability. —Francis Fukuyama, Senior fellow at Stanford and author of *Political Order and Political Decay*

“Recommended for public libraries, universities, and anyone interested in political science.” —Dorothy J. Smith, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, *The Christian Librarian*

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