

Bureaucracy

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Introduction

The rise and growth of bureaucracy is integrally associated with the emergence of the capitalist state in modern times. If the rise of a bourgeois system at the debris of a feudal order created a middle class, the same class swelled the ranks of a new type of executive that represented a switch over from purely personal service of an absolute monarch to a public service of the state. In this way, the rise of capitalism not only brought about fundamental changes in the social and economic spheres, it brought with it similar transformation in the political or administrative sphere. A gradual but irresistible expansion of the sphere of state activity led to the development of an administrative class that not only served the new democrats, it also concentrated immense authority in its own hands with the result that eventually democracy or rule of the people degenerated into bureaucracy or rule of public servants. Growing economic progress entailing from the success of the industrial revolution new intellectual development together dictated the necessity of reorganizing the services on a principle and in a manner consistent