

Week 6 Discussion: A Bloated Bureaucracy and an inclusive Supreme Court

Initial Post Instructions

For the initial post, respond to one of the following options, and label the beginning of your post indicating either Option 1 or Option 2:

- Option 1: How does the bureaucracy affect your life, and thus, your freedom as an ordinary citizen? In what ways does it hinder or help your life? Do you see the bureaucracy as an effective aspect in your life or do you see issues with the bureaucracy as it stands? Why/why not? List one issue you would change concerning the bureaucracy and how you would remedy the issue.
- Option 2: Identify a recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court and discuss the nature of the case and the basis of the argument the Supreme Court used to reach the decision. Explain why you agree or disagree with the ruling?

Hi Professor and Class,

For this discussion I will be discussing option 2.

“Our judicial system is organized in a step by step process where eventually, many of the landmark cases will end up in the highest court in the United States, the Supreme Court” (Chamberlain College of Nursing, 2021) A recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court is *Borden v. United States*. The case started when Borden was caught with a pistol at a traffic stop. He pleaded guilty to possessing a firearm as a felon. The government wanted to sentence Borden as an armed career criminal, based on his 3 prior aggravated assault convictions. “Borden objected, arguing that one of his prior convictions—reckless aggravated assault—did not qualify