Govt. 101 for Interns
Basic moving parts

• Domestic politics
  – Legislative branch
  – Executive branch
  – [Judiciary]

• International policy/politics
  – Formal international organizations

• Interest groups
• Think tanks
• Independent lobbyists
Legislative branch

- **House**
  - Introduction
  - Committee (20)
    - Rules Committee
      - Floor
      - Conference Committee
  - Subcommittee (67)

- **Senate**
  - Introduction
  - Committee (20)
    - Scheduling
  - Subcommittee (69)

- Cong'l Support Agencies
- Interest groups
- Agencies
- State and local govs
- Think tanks
Example: Election Reform

- **Congressional Actors**
  - House (H.R. 3295)
    - Members (Hoyer [D-MD], Ney [R-OH], Conyers [D-MI])
    - Committees
      - House Administration
      - Judiciary
      - Science
      - Government Reform
      - Armed Services
  - Subcommittees
  - Senate (S. 565)
    - Members (Dodd [D-CT], McConnell [R-KY])
    - Committee
      - Rules and Administration
    - Subcommittees
  - Support organizations
    - General Accounting Office
    - Congressional Research Service
Example: Election Reform

- **Agencies**
  - Federal Elections Commission (Office of Election Administration)
- **Think tanks (and universities)**
  - Brookings Institution
  - Century Foundation
  - Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project
  - Constitution Project
  - International Foundation for Election Systems
- **State and local governments**
  - American Legislative Exchange Council (Telecommunications & Information Technology Task Force)
  - Council of State Governments
  - Election Center
  - Int’l Assn. of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials, and Treasurers
  - Nat. Assn. of Secretaries of State
  - Nat. Assn. of State Election Directors
  - Nat. Conf. of State Legislatures
  - Nat. Governors Assn.
  - National Association of Counties

- **Interest groups**
  - AFL-CIO
  - Amer. Assn. of People with Disabilities
  - Amer. Foundation for the Blind
  - Amer. Civil Liberties Union
  - Amer. Council for the Blind
  - Center for Democracy and Technology
  - Common Cause
  - Leadership Conference for Civil Rights
  - League of Women Voters
  - NAACP
  - NAACP Legal Defense Fund
  - National Council of La Raza
Rest of policy world: simpler

Agency rule-making

- Agency head or board
- Agency staff
- Congress
- Interest groups, Etc.

International organization

- Interest groups, Gov’ts, etc.
- Governing Board/executive
- Program

Think tank

- Governing Board/executive
- Program
So, where to start?
Professional and member associations
Coalition for National Science Funding

- American Association of Engineering Societies
- American Association of Physicians in Medicine
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- American Astronomical Society
- American Chemical Society/GRASP
- American Geological Institute
- American Geophysical Union
- American Institute of Biological Sciences
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- American Institute of Physics
- American Mathematical Society
- American Meteorological Society
- American Physical Society
- American Physiological Society
- American Political Science Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Psychological Society
- American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- American Society for Cell Biology
- American Society for Engineering Education
- American Society for Microbiology
- American Society of Agronomy
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society of Limnology and Oceanography
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- American Society of Plant Physiologists
- American Sociological Association
- Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS)
- Association for Women in Mathematics
- Association of American Geographers
- Association of American Universities
- Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors
- Association of Research Libraries

- Battelle Memorial Institute
- Biophysical Society
- Coalition for Academic Scientific Computation
- Computing Research Association
- Consortium of Social Science Associations
- Cornell University
- Council for Chemical Research, Inc.
- Council of Graduate Schools
- Council on Undergraduate Research
- Crop Science Society of America
- Ecological Society of America
- Educational Testing Service
- Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
- Federation of Behavioral, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
- Genetics Society of America
- Industrial Research Institute
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-USA
- Linguistic Society of America
- Mathematical Association of America
- National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
- National Association of Geoscience Teachers
- National Council for Science and the Environment
- National Society of Professional Engineers
- Natural Science Collections Alliance
- Optical Society of America
- Ornithological Council
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
- Society for Neuroscience
- Soil Science Society of America
- SPIE-The International Society for Optical Engineering
- University Corporation for Atmospheric Research

http://www.cnsfweb.org/
Library resources

• Publications
  – CQ Weekly Report (oncongress.cq.com)
  – National Journal (nationaljournal.com)

• US Government Manual

• Congressional Staff Directory