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Who Runs the World? Mid-Level Bureaucrats.

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As President Donald Trump works to fill the United States government with his appointees, it will take many months for these new initiates to find their sea legs. Given how few Republican alumni are returning — another sign of rough seas ahead — it may take even longer, as anyone without federal experience faces a steep and daunting learning curve.

Among the hundreds of new officials who will take on foreign policy and national security assignments, many will be appointees who serve at the senior advisor or deputy assistant secretary/administrator level, as we did for a combined twelve years under President Barack Obama.

Although many mid-level officials lack raw power (that is, outsized resources and personnel), if they act responsibly, judiciously, and with savvy, they can enjoy a lot of influence and leave their mark.

For those in this middle tier — be they appointees or newly elevated career officials — we offer these tips for increased impact and greater influence.

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