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## **Red Tape in the Real World**

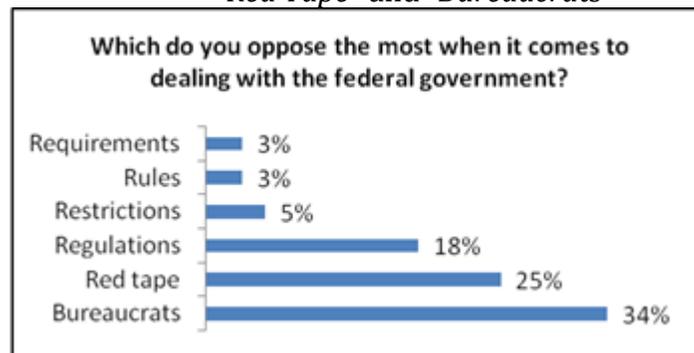
Americans are becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of red tape coming out of Washington. The Tarrance Group, a polling firm, recently reported that voters overwhelmingly (74%) believe they are over-regulated and (67%) believe regulations have increased over the past few years.

The problem is.... **52% of Americans** say that **Congress creates regulations**,  
27% say that Federal Government Agencies create regulations,  
8% say that the President creates regulations,  
5% say that judges create regulations.

It's time to set the record straight. The **Obama Administration and bureaucrats** throughout the federal government are rolling out red tape that destroys jobs across the country.

### **Words to Remember**

*"Red Tape" and "Bureaucrats"*



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Additionally, according to polling research, it is critically important that we tell real-life stories of job-destroying regulations.

Last week, Senator Rand Paul hosted an event to highlight how Washington's red tape impacts Americans' private property rights. Participants' experiences communicate the cost of excessive red tape:

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture fined a Missouri couple **\$90,643** for a "paperwork violation" after the family sold some rabbits to a local pet store.
- Fish and Wildlife Services raided Gibson Guitar headquarters in Tennessee and accused the company of making guitars with prohibited wood. According to the Obama administration, purchasing unfinished wood is a violation of Madagascarian law. This red tape overreach cost the company **over \$3 million**.
- The Environmental Protection Agency stopped an Idaho couple from building a house in a neighborhood where other houses have stood for years. The couple started the project after the Army Corps of Engineers told them they did not need a federal permit. The EPA has threatened to fine the couple over **\$32,500 a day**. Their case is now pending before the Supreme Court.

*\*To receive a copy of the Tarrance Group's report on regulations, please contact Arjun Mody in the Vice Chairman's Office.*