

They do not take the tests. It is their minor officials, secretaries, clerks, and janitors who take the tests. There is an assumption that the top level of Federal bureaucracy is made up of stable and competent people based on their past records, and this judgment stands until it is proven otherwise by their actions. I would suggest that we make the same assumption about the dedicated men and women who make up the rank and file of our public service. Sure, a few psychological misfits may slip through, just as they do in the top echelons. But at least the Federal Government will have guarded a sacred right guaranteed to public employees, as well as to all Americans—the right to be let alone.

