

- reform consistently focus on bureaucratic reform instead of electoral or campaign finance reform. Bureaucracy has become the symbol for all that is wrong with American government. Yet elected officials are the ones passing vague legislation and leaving the real work of government to experts in bureaucratic agencies.
- 7 Graham Allison's 1971 classic of decision making and the Cuban Missile Crisis, and its revision (1999), are still perhaps the best examples of this phenomenon.
 - 8 Tragically, many "triggering events" in American history have been literal triggering events.
 - 9 De Venanzi (2012) and Bonanno and Levenson (2014) provide excellent reviews of the emerging academic literature on school shootings. Bonanno and Levenson (2014) provide ideas about research findings that can be used in school prevention efforts.
 - 10 The manufacture and sale of 19 specific assault weapons were banned by the federal legislation signed into law in 1994. This gun control legislation got a momentum boost from another tragic triggering event at a school, when a 24-year-old drifter with an AK47 assault rifle opened fire on a Stockton, California, schoolyard, killing five children and wounding 30 more. However, this law was allowed to lapse in 2004.
 - 11 Elk have high levels of brucellosis in the southern regions of Yellowstone. In this area, elk migrate outside of the park and feed on the National Elk Refuge near Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Cattle graze in fairly large numbers in this region during summer months. Yet there have been no calls to kill infected elk or the small Grand Teton National Park bison herd.
 - 12 APHIS loosened its standards in August 1997 and allowed "low-risk" bison on the public ranges. The state of Montana, however, opposed this more liberal policy. Montana Chief Veterinarian Arnold Gertonsen wrote the 49 other state veterinarians and asked them to reject the new federal proposal that allowed low-risk bison (yearlings, bulls, mother cows which had already dropped their young) to leave the park. Gertonsen feared that allowing such bison would equate to acceptance of expansion of the park's borders.
 - 13 Racicot's disaggregation of "industry" into "family" is a common political tactic mentioned by Stone (2002).
 - 14 This portrayal of the bad government (national) and the good government (state) is also an example of the creation of a dichotomy from a continuum, wherein, through the linguistic construction of a difference, one half is depicted as natural, superior, and more important than the other half. Further, the significant relationship between the two artificially created binary categories and the important differences within the categories are downplayed (Tavris, 1992; Wonders, 1999).
 - 15 Clark Collins's talk was held on February 10, 1998, at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. The authors thank Mr. Collins for sharing his views on the bison subject with an ISU public policy analysis course.
 - 16 The reader should note that the use of the term "Blue Ribbon" by this group is very ambiguous because it is often used to portray clean and natural trout streams.
 - 17 The speaking presentation of Marv Hoyt was held on February 17, 1998, at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. The authors thank Mr. Hoyt for sharing his views on the bison subject with an ISU public policy analysis course.
 - 18 Stone (2002, p. 163) writes of numbers in problem definition: "And just as there are infinite ways of describing a single object in words or paint, so there are infinite ways of describing with numbers. Numbers are a form of poetry."
 - 19 Wilkinson (1997, p. 8) writes of the bison killings: "That slaughter has dramatized a fundamental conflict over the management of wildlife in and around Yellowstone National Park: Should the park be a sort of zoo, in which bison, grizzlies, and other animals are confined? Or is the park just one part of a larger ecosystem, with the animals free to move onto neighboring national forest and private land? It's a question no one wants to confront, but that the bison slaughter raises starkly."
 - 20 A different version of the bison stories is found in McBeth and Clemons (1999). The stories included in this chapter have been updated with survey data not found in the original stories and, where relevant, they have been updated for changes occurring between 1999 and 2015.