**AN EXERCISE IN THE DESIGN OF GOVERNMENT**

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If the Internal Revenue Service does not have enough employees to answer the phone when people are preparing their taxes, the government is not able to work as intended. If the number of meat inspectors in the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is not sufficient to do an adequate number of inspections of meat producers, the safety of the public is endangered. These are just two recent examples of lack of requisite variety (insufficient staff to handle the task required by law) in federal regulation. Many more examples can be found at the blog location given below. This presentation will consider "the design of government" which may lead to a discussion of "designing the design of government.” How SHOULD the American government go about designing our laws and regulations?

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