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Table 5-3 Common Bureaupathologies

Common 2 months			
Abuse of authority/	Favoritism	Lack of coordination	Red-tape
power position	Fear of change,	Lack of creativity/	Reluctance to
Account padding	innovation, risk	experimentation	delegate
Alienation	Finagling	Lack of credibility	Reluctance to take
Anorexia	Footdragging	Lack of imagination	decisions
Arbitrariness	Framing	Lack of initiative	Reluctance to take
Arrogance	Fraud	Lack of performance	responsibility
Bias	Fudging/fuzzing	indicators	Remoteness
Blurring issues	(issues)	Lack of vision	Rigidity/brittleness
Boondoggles	Gamesmanship	Lawlessness	Rip-offs
Bribery	Gattopardismo	Laxity	Ritualism
Bureaucratese	(superficiality)	Leadership vacuums	Rudeness
(unintelligibility)	Ghost employees	Malfeasance	Sabotage
Busywork	Gobbledygook/jargon	Malice	Scams
Carelessness	Highhandedness	Malignity	Secrecy
Chiseling	Ignorance	Meaningless/make	Self-perpetuation
Coercion	Illegality	work	Self-serving
Complacency	Impervious to criti-	Mediocrity	Slick bookkeeping
Compulsiveness	cism/suggestion	Mellownization	Sloppiness
Conflicts of interest	Improper motivation	Mindless job per-	Social astigmatism (failure
objectives	Inability to learn	formance	to see problems)
Confusion	Inaccessibility	Miscommunication	Soul-destroying work
Conspiracy	Inaction	Misconduct	Spendthrift
Corruption	Inadequate rewards	Misfeasance	Spoils
Counter-	and incentives	Misinformation	Stagnation
productiveness	Inadequate working	Misplaced zeal	Stalling
Cowardice	conditions	Negativism	Stonewalling
Criminality	Inappropriateness	Negligence/neglect	Suboptimization
Deadwood	Incompatible tasks	Nepotism	Sycophancy
Deceit and deception	Incompetence	Neuroticism	Tail-chasing
Dedication to	Inconvenience	Nonaccountability	Tampering
status quo	Indecision	Noncommunication	Territorial imperative
Defective goods	(decidophobia)	Nonfeasance	Theft
Delay	Indifference	Nonproductivity	Tokenism
Deterioration	Indiscipline	Obscurity	Tunnel vision
Discourtesy	Ineffectiveness	Obstruction	Unclear objectives
Discrimination	Ineptitude	Officiousness	Unfairness
Diseconomies of size	Inertia	Oppression	Unnecessary work
Displacement of	Inferior quality	Overkill	Unprofessional conduct
goals/objectives	Inflexibility	Oversight	Unreasonableness
Dogmatism	Inhumanity	Overspread	Unsafe conditions
Dramaturgy	Injustice	Overstaffing	Unsuitable premises and
Empire-building	Insensitivity	Paperasserie	equipment
Excessive social	Insolence	Paranoia	Usurpatory
costs complexity	Intimidation	Patronage	Vanity
Exploitation	Irregularity	Payoffs and kickbacks	Vested interest
Extortion	Irrelevance	Perversity	Vindictiveness
Extravagance	Irresolution	•	Waste
Failure to acknowl-		Phony contracts	
	Irresponsibility	Pointless activity	Whim
edge/act/answer/	Kleptocracy	Procrastination	Xenophobia
respond	Lack of commitment	Punitive supervision	