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Spoils system

the federal government operated on a spoils system until the Pendleton Act was passed in 1883, following a civil service reform movement.

The spoils (patronage) system in the United States lasted from 1828 to 1883 at the federal level. American Enterprise Institu...

- **Beginning (1828):** The practice became a dominant national policy with the election of President Andrew Jackson in 1828, who widely replaced federal workers with his political supporters. YouTube · Hip Hughes (... +1)
- **Peak (Post-Civil War):** The system reached its height and greatest level of machine corruption in the decades following the American Civil War. Britannica +1
- **End at the Federal Level (1883):** The federal spoils system was largely dismantled by the passage of the **Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act** in 1883, which was signed into law after the assassination of President James A. Garfield by a disappointed office-seeker. Wikipedia +2
- **State and Local Persistence:** While largely phased out of federal hiring by the Pendleton