Bureaucracy and the Democratic System

A citizen exercising his right to criticize the government is a good deal like a man with a shotgun. If it's the Fourth of July a man can fire his shotgun in any direction and get satisfaction out of the noise he creates. But if he is duck hunting, he has to make up his mind which duck he wants and take careful aim; otherwise he comes home empty handed. It is much the same way with the citizen exercising his right to criticize the government. He can raise hell generally and get whatever satisfaction there is in hearing the noise he makes. Or he can size up the situation carefully, identify something that doesn't look right and hope to lend a hand to correcting it by addressing his remarks to the precise point. This short essay is intended for those who want to call their shots. It is concerned with certain problems that grow out of the big government of our times. It is based on the recent writings of a number of people who are concerned that we not let the piling up of power in Washington destroy our democratic way of governing ourselves.' I hope that what is said here will help guide the fire of individuals who wish, not to blast away at government generally, but rather to bring down some of the things that endanger the effectiveness and security of our democracy. It will be well to start by making sure that no misunderstanding arises out of the use of the words democracy and bureaucracy.