

PROTECT THE POLITICAL PARTY

A presidential administration only has power for a very short time. Too short to really get much done. You start some initiatives, but your successor gets control in another couple years. The only way to make sure a project actually accomplishes anything is to see that the next guy has the same political goals that you do.

So you need to make sure the party is well set up for the next election. And if that means using a cabinet member or the president as a scapegoat, then so be it.

Jobs to avoid: White House Counsel

ADVANCE YOUR OWN CAREER ★

You're working on climbing the political ladder (or, if president, staying on top of the ladder). So your goal for the moment is to get yourself some positive press. Make yourself look like the hero of the situation, whatever it may be. Make all the good ideas look like they are yours. Take whatever credit you can. If you can get your name in the papers enough, then your prospects for the next election should be good.

PROTECT ★ YOUR JOB

You serve on the Cabinet at the pleasure of the sitting President. And for whatever reason, you fear that the President is not pleased with you. So you're hoping to use this current crisis to help your standing in the White House. Come up with some good ideas, or steal someone else's and make it look like your own. Or suck up to the president or whatever else is necessary for you to keep your cushy government job.