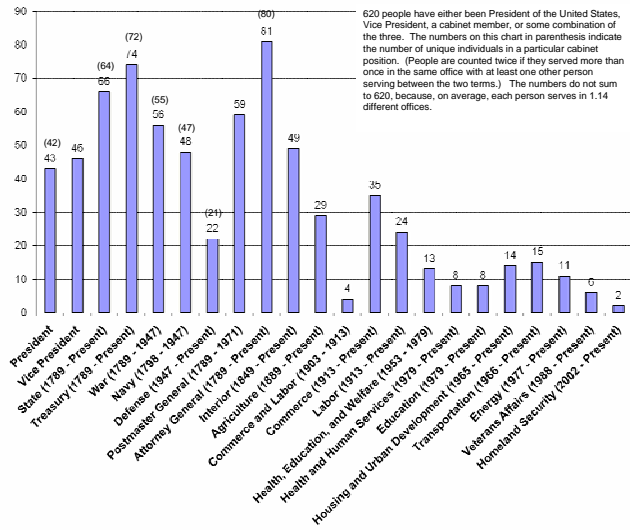
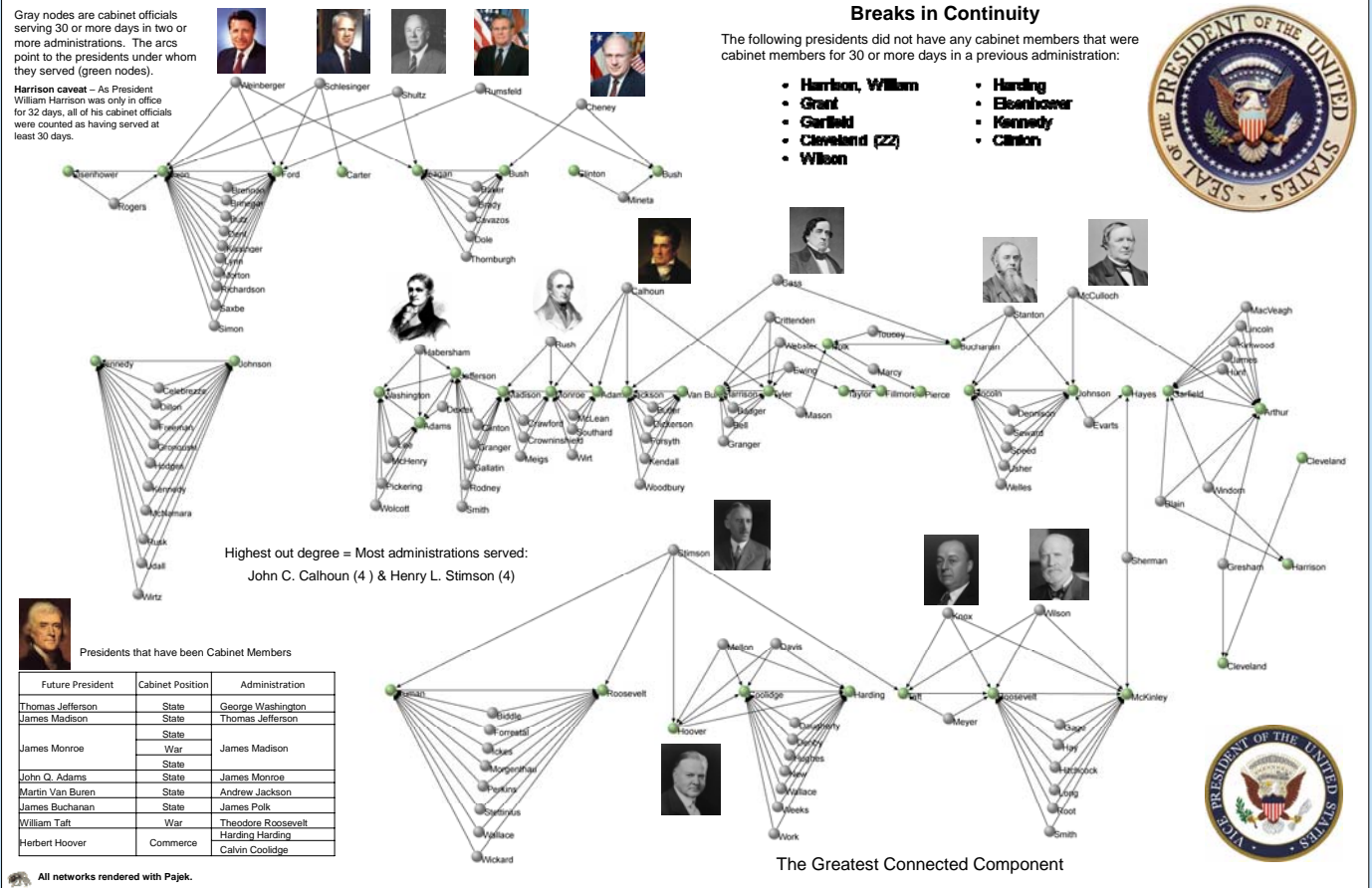


Continuity of Government—A Network Approach to Cabinet Level Positions

Number of Officials (As of June 6, 2008)

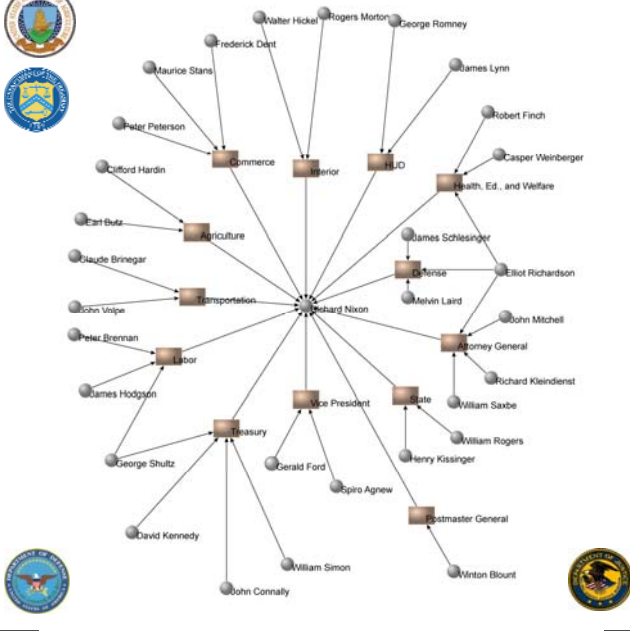


Associative Conceptualization of the Cabinet Continuity Network



2 Mode Conceptualization of the Cabinet Network

Nodes are both people and offices. This allows for a more nuanced capturing of an administration. High inflow degree for a particular cabinet position indicates high turnover for that particular position (Attorney General (4); Secretary of the Treasury (4)). High outflow for a particular individual might indicate high confidence placed in him/her by the President (Richardson (3)).



Is there a Starter Cabinet Position?

- In the graph on the right, arcs represent subsequent cabinet positions held by the same individual.
- In the aggregate, cabinet positions with a net outflow may be regarded as less prestigious than cabinet positions with a net inflow.
- Rationale: In the aggregate, once an individual has held a cabinet position, s/he will not accept a different one unless it is more desirable.

	In Weights "x"	Out Weights "-"	Net
State	24	5	19
Treasury	11	6	5
Commerce	7	2	4
Vice President	5	2	3
Interior	4	1	3
HHS	2	0	2
Energy	2	1	1
Defense	4	4	0
Education	0	0	0
Veterans Affairs	0	0	0
Homeland Security	0	0	0
Labor	1	2	-1
Transportation	1	2	-1
HUD	0	2	-2
Navy	4	7	-3
Agriculture	0	3	-3
Commerce and Labor	0	3	-3
Health, Ed., and Welfare	1	5	-4
Attorney General	6	12	-6
War	5	12	-7
Postmaster General	1	9	-8

Secretary of State
Out Degree Weight - 5
In Degree Weight - 24
Net - 19 In

VS.

Postmaster General
Out Degree Weight - 9
In Degree Weight - 1
Net - 8 Out

Note: Out Degree does not include 6 who became President

Cabinet Mobility Network

