Incompetent Government

The real incompetence in our government is not just the incompetence of congress. It's the ever increasing incompetence and corruption of the entrenched bureaucracy of unelected management throughout the various government agencies.

In the 1930's, as the size of government projects increased with such projects as the Hoover and Grand Coulee Dams, consortiums of companies were necessary to get the job done, and the established practice of accepting the single low bid, with every nut and bolt specified, was gradually replaced with a more goal oriented, rather than process oriented bid system. As the prospect of our entry into WWII became increasingly evident, time constraints and the necessary massive increase in the volume of production eventually required the de facto elimination of the bid system. Because we had a common goal, a pervasively positive work ethic, and a largely intact and available resource base, it was a system that worked well. Without the constraints of a bureaucratic bid system, innovation drastically increased the efficiency of production. It was messy, but we were in a hurry.

That was then and this is now. We no longer have a common goal and a pervasive work ethic, the individual goals are just a paycheck, and, as the massive growth of bureaucracy clogs the system, government is becoming ever more incompetent.

In a business environment, incompetent management generally results in failure and a more competent company fills the void. In government, there's no bottom line, no competition, and it's almost impossible to get fired.

There's a tipping point where, in any working environment, incompetent management can drive away any real talent and competency by causing them to quit in disgust. Large portions of the U.S. Government have tipped into pervasive incompetence.