Risks and Benefits of the President Choosing Sub-Cabinet Appointmentees

	Pros	Cons	Examples
PRESIDENT'S PEOPLE	 Can start appointment process earlier, therefor, more appointments will be in place sooner More compatible and aligned with President's vision 	 Possible that the president's appointees won't work as well with other political appointees May not work well with team that is in place at cabinet level 	Steven Chu-Secretary of Energy under President Obama President Bush appointed sub-cabinet level personal under Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez
SUBCABINET'S PEOPLE	 Sub-cabinet appointees tend to work better together Sub-cabinet appointees tend to work well with other cabinet members and teams already in place 	 Take longer to appoint members, therefore, fewer appointees Sub-cabinet appointees may not be as aligned or compatible with the President's vision 	Many of President Carter's Cabinet Secretaries were able to select their own sub-cabinet level people, including Joseph Califano, Health, Education and Welfare Secretary (referenced in Heroes, Hacks, and Fools) Hillary Clinton brought a team with her when she became Secretary of State.



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