

SO, WHAT IS A PRINCIPLE?

principles

a fundamental purpose or idea that  
serves as the foundation for  
beliefs or behaviors

# Fundamental Constitutional Principles

<b>Inalienable Rights/Social Compact</b>	<b>Popular Sovereignty</b>	<b>Rule of Law</b>	<b>Limited Government</b>	<b>Equality</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• an individual enters into society with certain basic rights and that no government can deny these rights (Life, liberty, property)</li><li>• individuals willingly surrender some of their natural or inalienable rights in exchange for protection by the society in the form of laws and rules</li></ul>	<p>the authority of a state and its government is created and sustained by the consent of its people, who are the source of all political power (people agree to arrangement)</p>	<p>all people and institutions must follow the laws, which are fairly applied to everyone</p>	<p>governmental power is restricted by law, usually in a written constitution</p>	<p>the condition of being equal, or the same in quality, measure, esteem or value especially before the law</p>