

1. **Popular Sovereignty**- concept that all authority for government flows from the people
2. **Republicanism**- a political order in which power lies with the consent of the people who elect representatives to exercise that power for them.
3. **Federalism**- a political order in which power is divided between the national and state governments thus limiting central authority.
4. **Limited Government**- powers of government are limited by the constitution of the U.S. through three distinct branches of Government
(Executive, Legislative, Judicial)
5. **Separation of Powers**- the idea that each branch of government has its own responsibilities and limitations
6. **Checks and Balances**- each of the three branches of government exercises some control over the others thus sharing power among them.