

Principles in the Constitution

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Popular Sovereignty

- Power lies with the people
- Protected by the Const.

- How does the Dec. of Ind. And the Constitution express support for pop. Sov.?

Pop. Sov. ?

- Power of the gov is derived from the consent of the governed
- “We the People...establish this constitution”
- Rt. To vote

Rule of Law

- Law applies to everyone...including those who make the laws
- No one may break the law or escape its reach

Separation of Powers

- Split of authority b/w Leg, Exe, & Jud branches
- Protects against abuse of power and the possibility of one person gaining too much control

Checks & Balances

- Helps keep branched power equal

Federalism

- **Enumerated/Expressed Powers**
– Federal govt powers –
- **Concurrent Powers** – shared powers
- **Reserved Powers** – state govt powers