

The 7 Principles of the Constitution

Popular Sovereignty	All Government power belongs to the people
Limited government	Government can do only what the people say it can do
Separation of powers	Power is divided between three branches of the national government
Checks and balances	Each branch of the national government is able to check the power of the other branches
Federalism	Power is divided between the national government and the state governments
Republicanism	Citizens elect representatives to carry out the will of the people
Individual rights	Individual rights are protected