

Basic Principles Reflected in the U.S. Constitution

BASIC PRINCIPLES	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE OF HOW THE CONSTITUTION REFLECTS THESE PRINCIPLES
Limited Government	Powers of government are restricted by the constitution.	
Republicanism	Voters hold the power to elect representatives to make and enforce laws.	
Checks and Balances	Each of the three branches of government exercise some control over the others.	
Federalism	Power divided between the national and state governments.	
Separation of Powers	Power is divided among the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of government.	
Popular Sovereignty	Authority for government comes from the people who express their ideas through voting.	
Individual Rights (Unalienable)	Rights that are guaranteed to all citizens.	