


Fundamental Political Principles

Definitions



- **Fundamental** – 1. basic 2. of central importance
- **Political** – having to do with the practice of government
- **Principles** – general laws, rules, or codes of conduct

Fundamental Political Principles

Consent of the governed: the people are the source of any and all governmental power.


• **Definitions**

Vote  Let them know...  

- **consent** – give permission or approval (to say it's OK)
- **governed** – those (people) who are controlled or guided

Fundamental Political Principles

Limited government: government is not all-powerful and may do only those things the people have given it the power to do.



- Definitions**
 - limited** – confined to a point or line beyond which something ends or cannot go

Fundamental Political Principles

Rule of law: the government and those who govern are bound by the law, as are those who are governed.

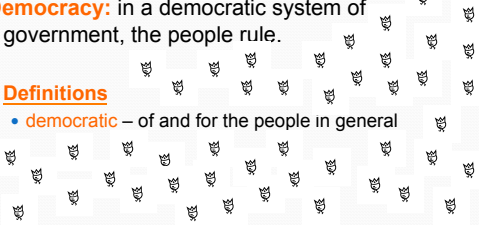


- Definitions**
 - govern** – to guide or control

Fundamental Political Principles

The people are their own rulers !

Democracy: in a democratic system of government, the people rule.



- Definitions**
 - democratic** – of and for the people in general

Fundamental Political Principles

Representative government: in a representative system of government, the people elect public officeholders to make laws and govern of their behalf.



- **Definitions**

- **representative** – a person who serves as a delegate or agent of another person(s)
- **elect** – to choose or decide
- **behalf** – interest or benefit
