# Core Democratic Values

## Truth
- honesty
- integrity
- sincerity

## Popular Sovereignty
- consent of the government
- independence
- majorities have right to make political decisions

## Diversity
- rights of individuals
- respecting differences

## Patriotism
- loyalty to the values and principles of American democracy found in documents such as the Pledge of Allegiance
- Bill of Rights

## Constitutional Government
- checks and balances
- separation of powers
- federalism

## The Common Good
- provide for safety and security
- promote the general welfare

## Justice
- due process
- protection against unreasonable search and seizure
- rule of law
- right to a speedy public trial by a jury

## Equality
- equal protection of the law
- social equality
- right to vote and seek office
- equal employment opportunity
- equal housing opportunity

## Individual rights
- life
- liberty
- freedom of press
- freedom of speech