

# 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

