

List of Political Ideals and Principles --Foundations of American Government

I. Political Culture

A. American Political Ideals

1. American Values

a. Liberty

i. Political liberty

ii. Individual liberty

b. Equality

i. Equality under the Law

ii. Social Equality

B. Principles of Political liberty

1. Popular Consent

2. Limited Government

3. Constitutional Government

4. Democratic Republic (Representative Government)

5. Federalism

6. Checks and Balances in Government

7. Separation of Powers in Government

8. Right to Vote for Government Officials

9. Right to Frequent Elections

C. Principles of Individual liberty

1. Freedom of Thought, Speech and Belief

2. Freedom to Criticize the Government

3. Freedom from taxation without consent

4. Right to privacy of person and property

5. Right to life and protection from harm

6. Right to happiness & self determination

7. Habeas Corpus

8. Free From Ex Post Facto Laws

9. Free From Bills of Attainder

10. Free From Self-Incrimination

11. Free From excessive bail.

12. Free From Cruel and Unusual Punishment

13. Due Process of Law

14. free enterprise

D. Principles of Equality under the Law

1. Rule of Law

2. Blind justice and equal treatment under the law

3. Trial by Jury of Peers

4. Right to Counsel

5. Trial by Jury in both Civil and Criminal Cases

6. No liberties denied by reason of Race, Religion, Gender, sexual

7. Equal Protection under the Law

E. Principles of Social Equality

1. Equal Opportunity

2. Non-Discrimination

3. Equal Access

4. Affirmative Action

5. Social Security

6. Welfare

7. Medicaid and Medicare