

The Seven Principles of the Constitution

Match each principle of the Constitution to its meaning.

1) popular sovereignty

Elected representatives make and enforce laws.

2) republicanism

Each branch can limit the actions of the other two.

3) federalism

The people hold the ultimate authority in the government.

4) separation of powers

Government powers are defined and restricted by the Constitution.

5) checks and balances

The Constitution protects individual freedoms and rights.

6) limited government

Powers are divided between federal and state governments.

7) individual rights

The government is divided into three branches.