CE.2a Fundamental political principles of American government

* Consent of the governed—People are the source of any and all governmental power.
* Limited government—Government is not all-powerful and may do only those things people have given it the power to do.
* Rule of law—The government and those who govern are bound by the law.
* Democracy—In a democratic system of government, the people rule.
* Representative government—In a representative system of government people elect public officeholders to make laws and conduct government on their behalf.