# Core Democratic Values



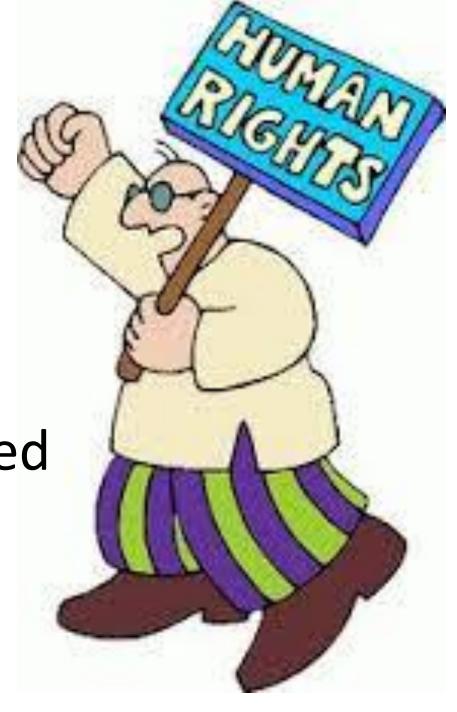
beliefs and <u>principles</u> that <u>unite</u> all <u>Americans</u>

These are only a few, there are 18 total CDVs.



### Individual Rights

basic <u>rights</u> and <u>freedoms</u> not created by the <u>government</u>



# Freedom of Religion



right to practice <u>faith</u> or have <u>certain</u> beliefs

#### Common Good



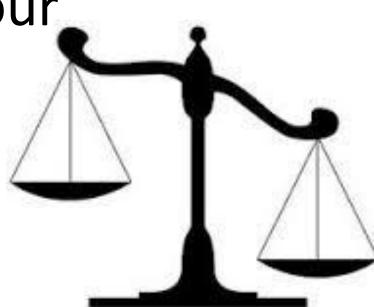
Giving up <u>personal</u> time or <u>money</u> to benefit <u>society</u>



### **Justice**

to be treated <u>fairly</u> by our

<u>laws</u>



#### Rule of Law



all <u>people</u> must obey all laws

### Truth



government has a duty to be trustworthy and honest

### Life



all <u>people</u> have the <u>right</u> to <u>live</u>

# Pursuit of Happiness



right to obtain happiness as long as it doesn't hurt others



### Equality

all <u>people</u> have equal rights and equal opportunities



### Diversity

accepting variety in cultures, ethnicity, races, and lifestyle, etc.





### Federalism



power shared between state and federal governments

## Popular Sovereignty



people hold the power in our country through voting

# Civilian Control of the Military

Civilians control the military to preserve democracy



## Representative Government

Citizens elect representatives to represent their views/ beliefs in congress