

# THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNMENT & LAW

## What is a State?

- A state is a body of people living in a defined \_\_\_\_\_ with a government
- As opposed to these \_\_\_\_\_:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - ethnic term: large group of people
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - geographic term: particular place, region or area of land

4 Characteristics of a State			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have _____</li> <li>• _____ doesn't matter</li> <li>• People who make up the state may or may not be _____ (share customs, language, ethnic background)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ _____ - 33,203 people</li> <li>○ _____ - 1,379,000,000 people</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have _____ with known and recognized boundaries</li> <li>• _____ - 0.2 square miles</li> <li>• _____ - 6.6 million square miles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ and absolute power within its own territory</li> <li>• Can decide its own foreign and domestic _____</li> <li>• One of the main characteristics that distinguishes the state from _____ political units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each state is _____ organized</li> <li>• _____ - the agency the state uses to accomplish goals</li> </ul>

## What is Government?

- Institution which makes and enforces \_\_\_\_\_
- Public policies include \_\_\_\_\_, crime, education, health care, transportation, civil rights, etc.

## Purposes of Government

- To Form a More Perfect \_\_\_\_\_ - In union, there is \_\_\_\_\_
- To guarantee \_\_\_\_\_ and liberties
- To promote the general \_\_\_\_\_ of citizens
- To Establish \_\_\_\_\_: The law must be reasonable, fair and impartial
- To ensure domestic \_\_\_\_\_ (ie: Police, laws): order is essential to society
- To provide for common \_\_\_\_\_ against outside attack

## Powers of Government

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Law making- (US Congress, State Legislatures)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Law enforcing (US President, Governor)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - Law interpreting (Courts)