

LIST OF THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF
ANY CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM

A CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE IN ANY POLITICAL SYSTEM HAS TWO PARTS:

- ◆THE STRUCTURE, EITHER WRITTEN OR NOT
- ◆THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY HAS AT ITS BASE THAT THE RULERS ACT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE AND/OR IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE

1. RESPONSIVENESS TO THE PEOPLE
 - A. ELECTIONS WHICH ARE COMPETITIVE, FREE, FAIR, RECURRING, WITH UNIVERSAL ADULT SUFFRAGE
 - B. RESPONSIVENESS BETWEEN ELECTIONS
2. CONTROL/ACCOUNTABILITY OF THOSE WHO RULE
 - A. RULE OF LAW
 - B. COUNTERVAILING SOCIAL ELEMENTS (THE ECONOMY, THE PUBLIC REALM, CIVIL SOCIETY, FEDERALISM, SOURCES OF INFORMATION, ABILITY TO ORGANIZE)
 - C. ELECTIONS
3. BEHAVIOR OF RULERS
 - A. COOPERATIVE COMPETITION AT THE MINIMUM:
 - ◆ ACCEPTS THE RIGHTS OF THOSE OUT OF POWER
 - ◆ ACCEPTS THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE
 - ◆ ATTEMPTS TO ACT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND/OR THE NATIONAL INTEREST
 - B. ACTS WITHIN THE RULE OF LAW