

The Core Democratic Values

- **Life** - Each person has the right to the protection of his or her life.
- **Liberty** - freedom to believe what you want, to choose your own friends, to have your own ideas and opinions, to express your ideas in public, to meet in groups, to have any lawful job or business.
- **The Pursuit of Happiness** - Each person can find happiness in their own way, so long as they do not step on the rights of others.
- **Justice** - All people should be treated fairly in getting the advantages and disadvantages of our country. No group or person should be favored.
- **Common Good** - People should work together for the good of all. The government should make laws that are good for everyone.
- **Equality** - Everyone should get the same treatment regardless of where your parents or grandparents were born, race, religion or how much money you have. All people should have political, social and economic equality.
- **Diversity** - Differences in language, dress, food, where parents or grandparents were born, race, and religion are not only allowed but celebrated and important.
- **Popular Sovereignty** - The power of the government comes from the people.
- **Patriotism** - A devotion to our country and the core democratic values in words and deeds.
- **Truth** - Citizens and the government should always be truthful.