

Democracy: *demo* the people *kratos* rule



Scrutiny by the people:

Regular, free and fair elections
Informed and active citizens
Freedom of speech, association and media
Culture of lawfulness

Checks and Balances on Government:

Constitution, laws and legal processes
Decisions made transparently and openly
Scrutiny of decisions
Pluralistic system of government
Independent Judiciary

The rule of law supports the rights and freedoms of all people by ensuring no one is above the law. This means all people have a say in how they are governed, all people have the opportunity to be elected to government and all people including those in power must operate in accordance with the law, that is applied equally and fairly to all.

