

# Rule of Law Handout

## Order and Security

- Citizens feel safe
- Police have procedures dealingwith crimes
- Criminals face consequences

## Legitimacy

- Citizens have input in the law maiming process
- Citizens see the law as worthy of being followed
- Citizens respect the laws and see the laws as fair

## Checks and Balances

- Power is divided among the branches of government
- Elected officials must answer to the people
- The judicial system is independent from the other branches

## Equal Applications of the Law

- Nobody is above the law, not even elected officials
- The judicial system treats everyone the same

## Procedural Fairness

- The government has rules for legal proceedings
- The government must follow those rules
- The rules for legal proceedings are fair

## Access to Justice

- Citizens have a way to enforce their rights
- Citizens have the knowledge they need to gain justice
- The justice system is available for people to use