

SAMOAN DEMOCRACY & CONTEMPORARY POLITICS



Samoa is a parliamentary democracy

With a

1. Structure
2. Purpose
3. The means by which it is executed



1. Structure

- after the Westminster's model
- has a constitution
- The support of the people



Purpose

1. Moral – to preserve the Samoan people and Heritage
2. To safeguard their human rights

Samoa is a parliamentary democracy

With the means by which it is executed

- Its human resources
- Traditional & modern institutions
- Natural resources
- International support





A democracy with a difference

Founded upon a merge of the old and the new – ideas, traditions, customs, attitudes, philosophies, Worldviews, attires, food, languages, moral values, religions

Old:

Le Atua

Lotu

Matai & faamatai

Soalaupule

Tulafono

Feagaiga

Faaaloalo

Ava fatafata

Va fealoa'i

Aiga

Taufolo

Vaisalo

New:

Temokarasi

Palemene

Kerisiano

Aia tatau

Avanoa tutusa

A'oga

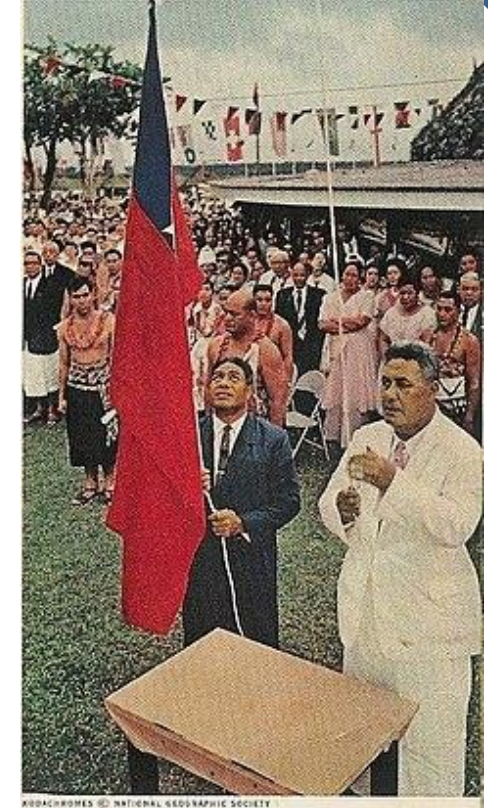
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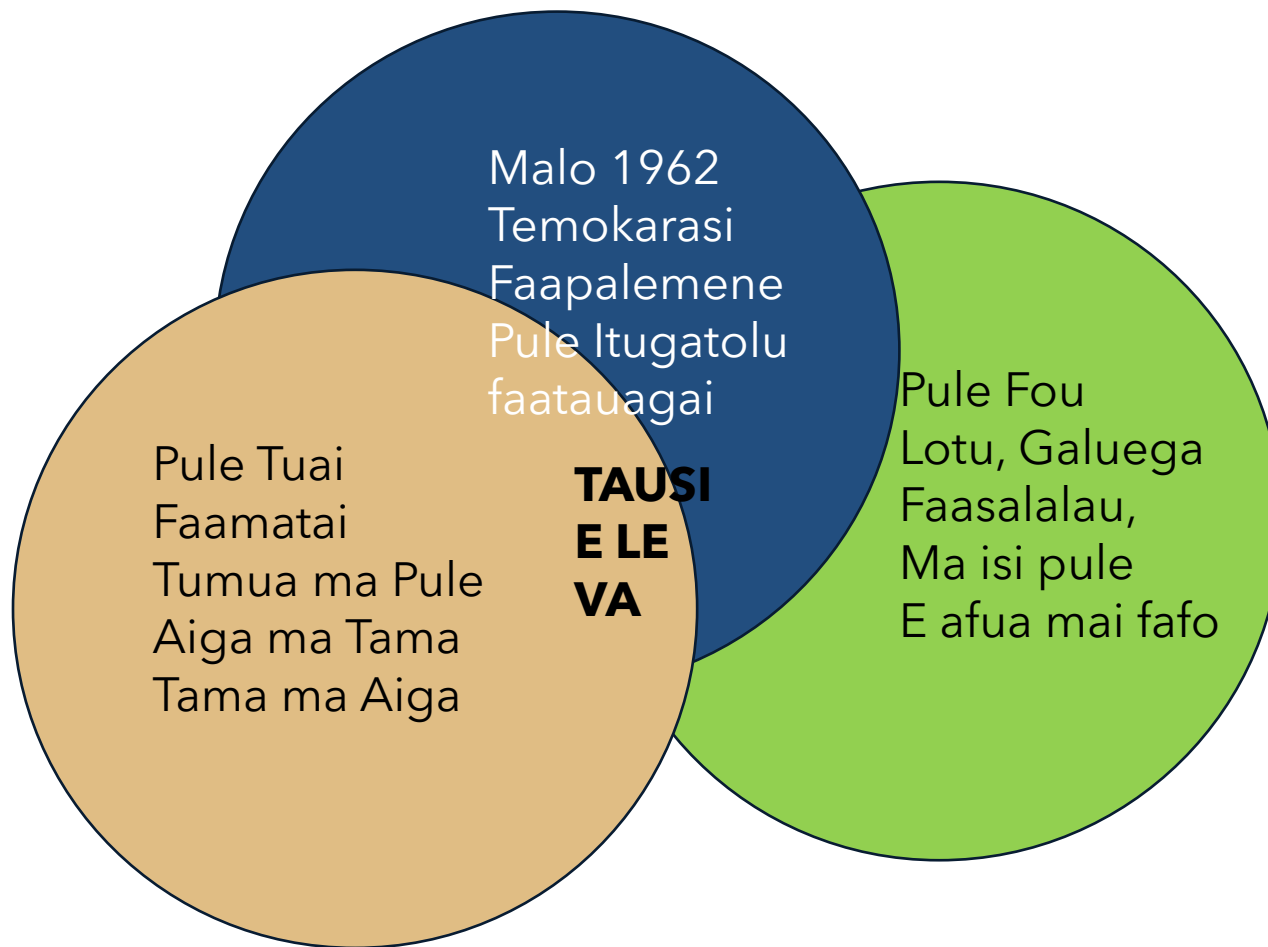
Pule a le Tulafono

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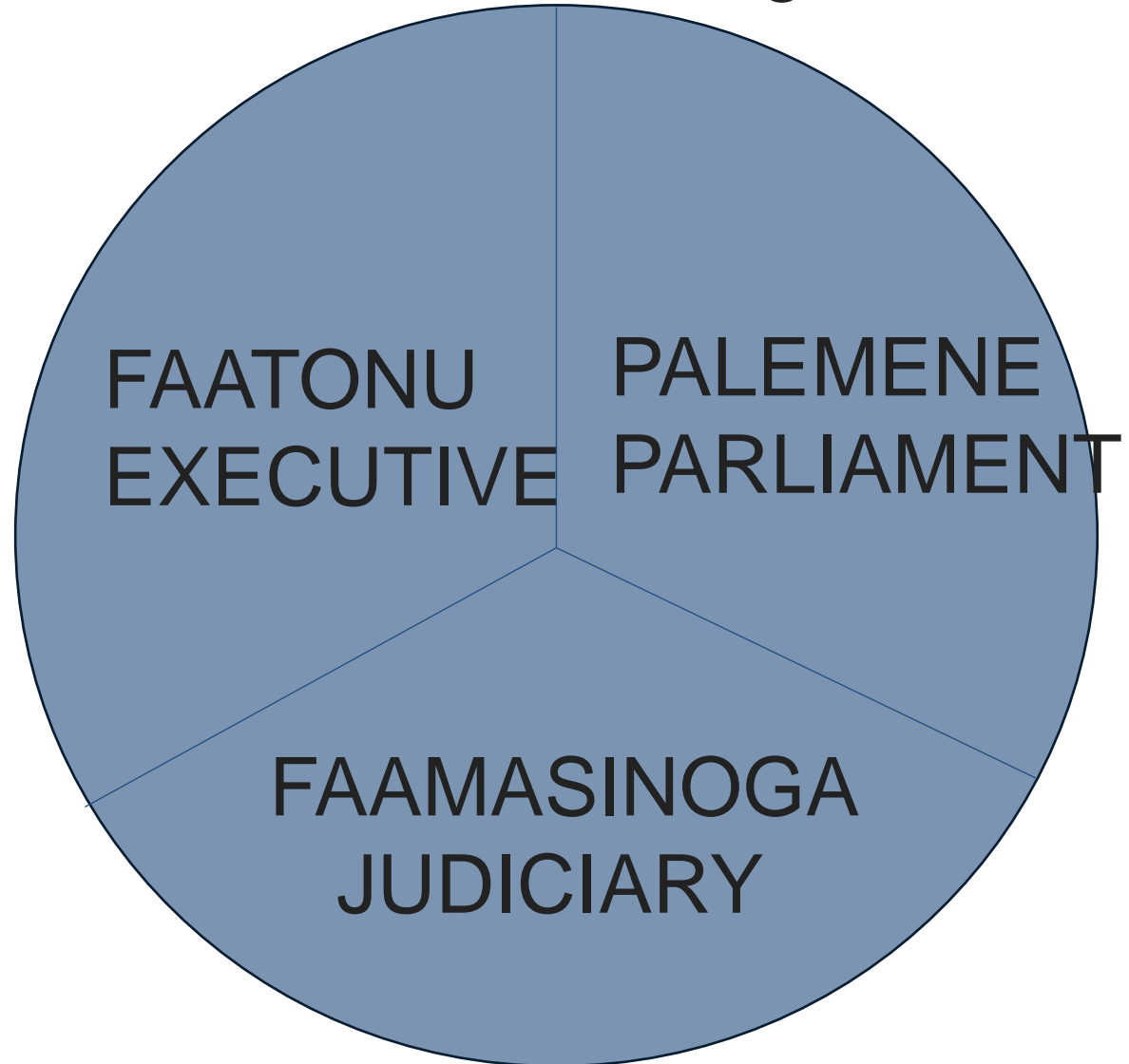
Tupe



Confluence of power ~ Fetii o le Nofoapule Samoa



Three branches of the State Tafatolu faatauagai



State of the nation:

Two protest marches, 1981, 1994

Two constitutional crises, 1981-, 2021

Consolidation of political parties

State of the economy:

A developing economy

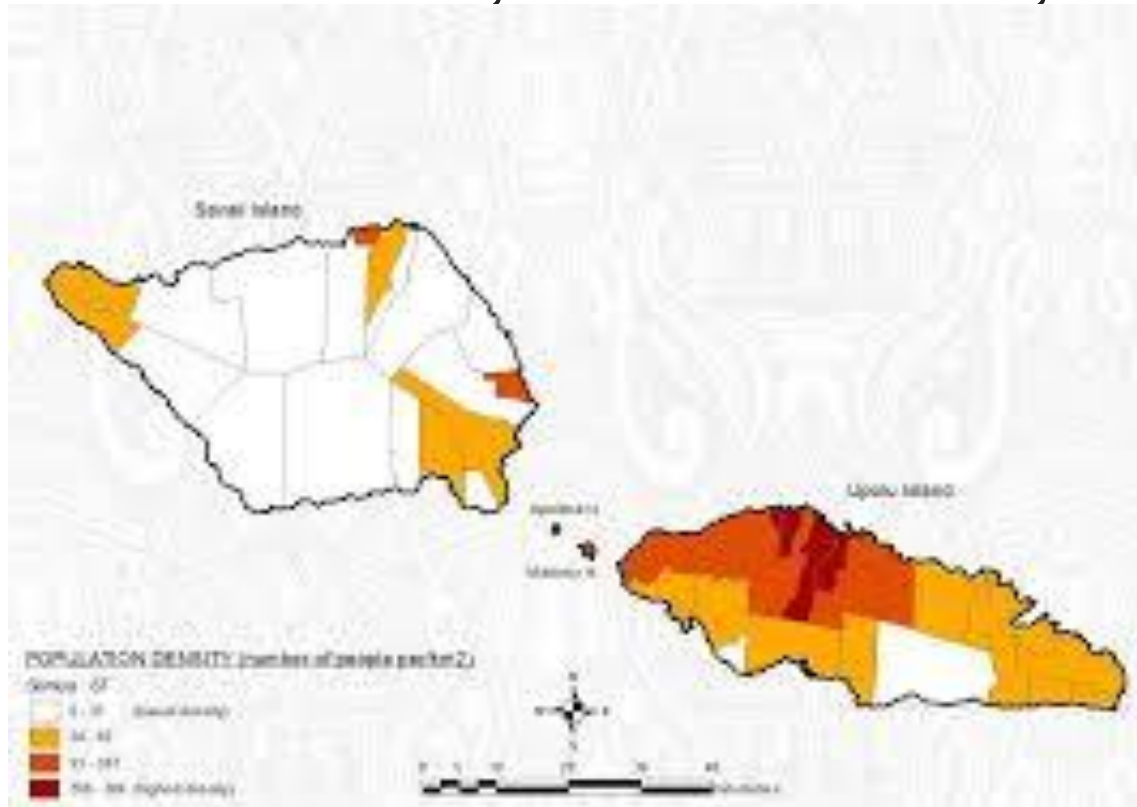
Dependent mainly on foreign donors
& remittances from families overseas



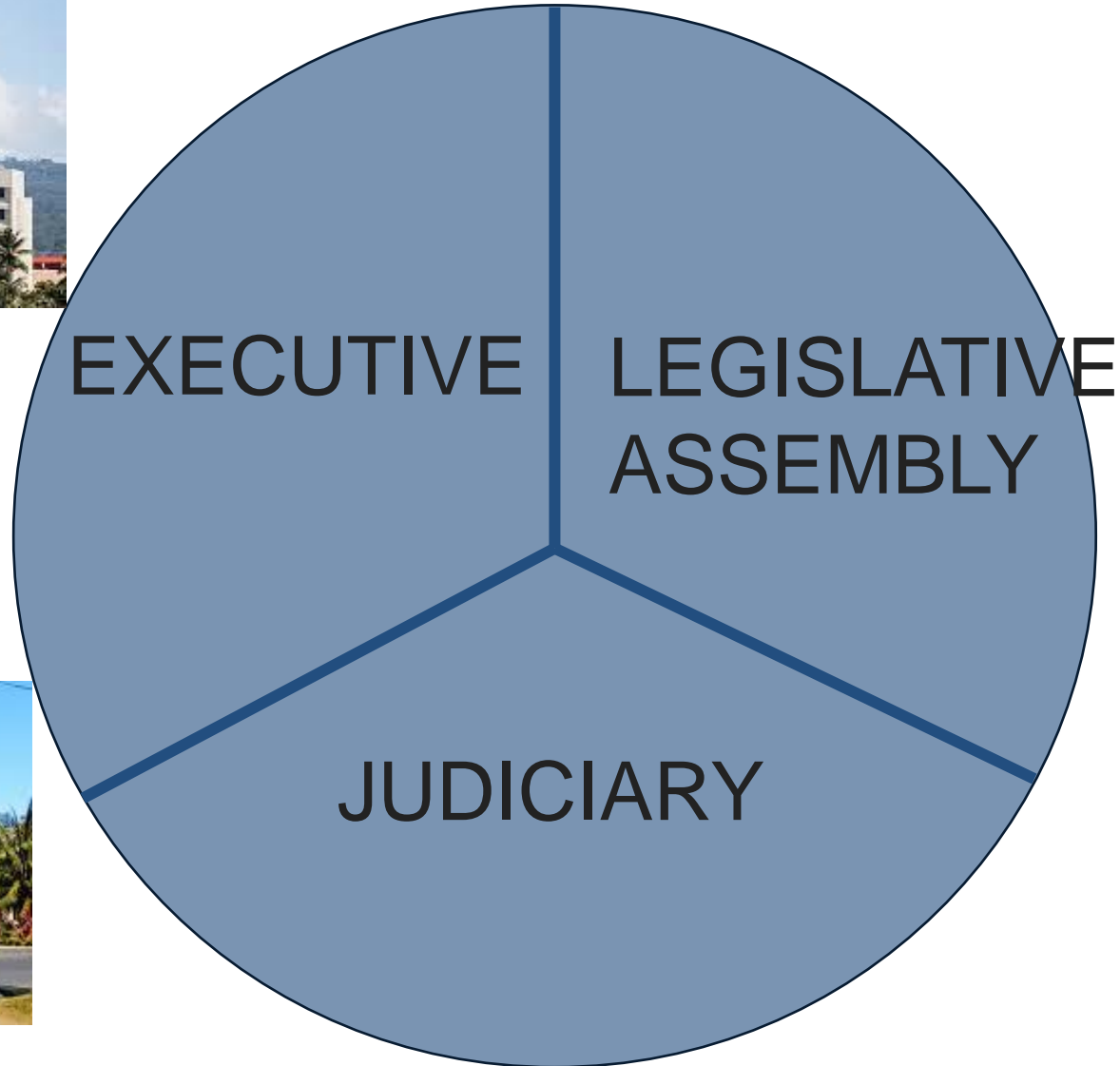
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Demographics:

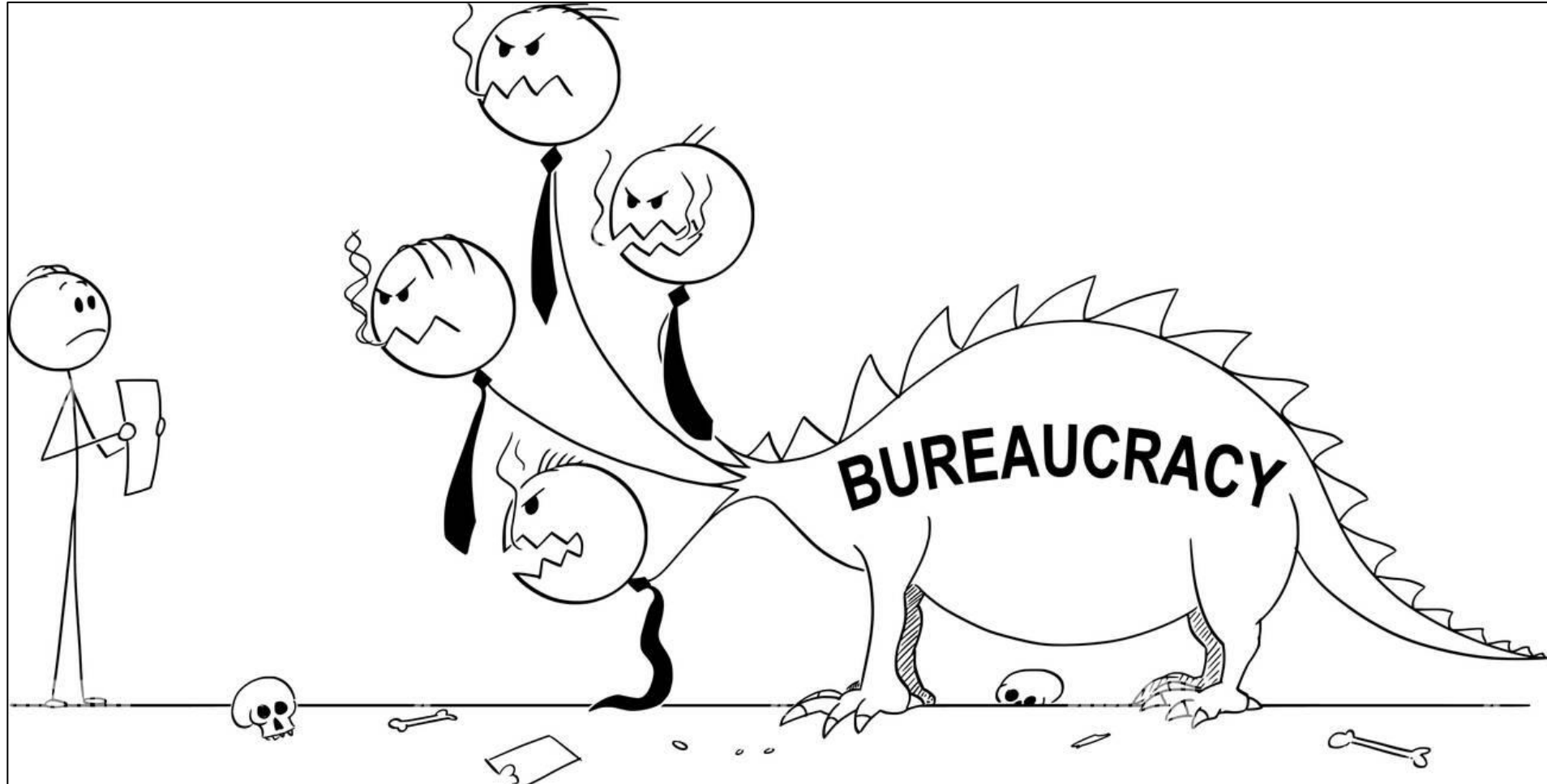
Unequal distribution of population between the two main islands – Upolu & Savaii
So as resources, infrastructure, etc



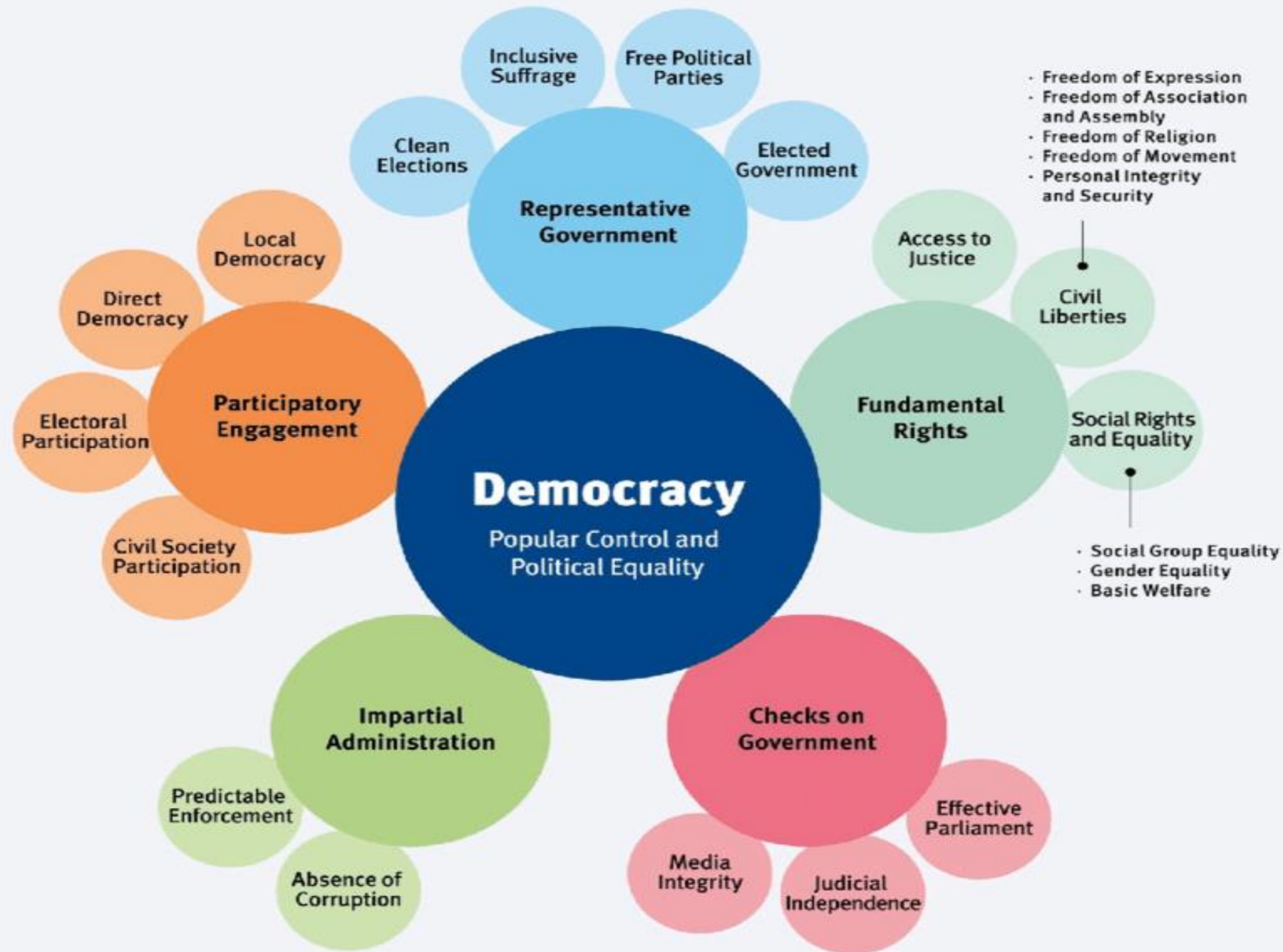
Three branches of the State



Bureaucracy: Is a power in its own right



State democratization



State politicization

