

## **United States:**

- Representative democracy – citizens chose representative to vote on laws/policies
- 18+ citizens can vote
  - o Born in the US
  - o One parent is from the US
  - o Naturalization
- US Constitution sets up the government – since 1789
- Society has a social structure but it is fluid

## **Social Structure in the USA:**

- Based on income
  - o Low, middle, high

## **Principles of American Democracy:**

- Citizens chose representatives to rule them
  - o President, Senators, Representatives
- Majority rules
- All people regardless of race, income, ethnicity have equal rights
- Individual rights are promised in the Bill of Rights (US Constitution)

## **American Structure of Government:**

Executive Branch → President: voted on every 4 years by legal voters

Legislative Branch → Senate & House of Representatives: voted on by legal voters

Judicial Branch → Supreme Court: appointed by the President