

Introduction to Law
Chapter 1 Notes
“What is Law?”

Law –

Jurisprudence –

Rule of Law –

Law and Values

- laws generally reflect and promote a society's ...

Goals of our legal system:

1. protect basic _____ rights
2. promote _____
3. help resolve _____
4. promote _____ and _____
5. promote desirable _____ and _____ behavior
6. represent the will of the _____
7. protect the rights of _____

- laws must balance rights with responsibilities, the will of the majority with the rights of the minority, and the need for order with the need for basic human rights

Values

- laws can be based on moral, economic, political, or social values (and any combination)

Moral –

Economic –

Political –

Social –

Why do humans obey the law?

Paradox of Law in America =>

Sources of Law

1. Natural Law Approach

2. Positive Law Approach

3. Sociological Approach

The government is faced with two balances in creating, interpreting, and applying laws:

Traditional Balance –

Modern Balance –

