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1. 1. No one is the law
2. 2. Everyone is under the law
3. 3. Laws apply to everyone
4. 4. All are entitled to equal of the law
5. 5. All have equal to uphold the law

# Principles of Rule of Law

**Accountability** -­‐ *all people* (regular citizens & public officials) are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Due Process** – a set of legal rights based on established that must be

**Consistent application of law** – every person should be treated the by the legal system

**Enforcement** – once established, have a duty to effectively laws to prevent crime

**Transparency** – open to public view, trials take place in and become public record, laws are to all

# What If Rule of Law Didn’t Exist?

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If arrested, you would have of a public trial by a jury

Different set of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ standards might apply to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, ,

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Nixon and ruled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the tapes must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Nixon \_.

By ruling Nixon, the Supreme Court the principal of .

1. Citizens 1. No one is above the law
2. Lawmakers 2. Everyone is equal under the law
3. Lawyers, judges 3. Laws apply equally to everyone
4. Law Enforcement 4. All are entitled to equal protection of the law
5. The President 5. All have equal responsibility to uphold the law

# Principles of Rule of Law

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unanimously that the tapes must be surrendered\_\_\_. Nixon \_\_\_resigned .

By ruling against Nixon, the Supreme Court upheld the principal of Rule of Law .