**III. Necessary Conditions for Democracy**

A. Consent of the Governed

* People must freely agree to have a government
* One of the most important ideas found in the Constitution
* Found in the Preamble
* **“We the people”**
* ***The Social Contract* (1762) *–***
* Only legitimate governments are those that protect individual rights
* King receives powers from the “general will” [of the people] and not God

B. Political Equality

* Equality of opportunity
* **“One person, one vote” –** Equal political unit
* Everyone must have an equal right to participate
* Need not be universal
* Must be roughly representative

– “reflective”

C. Majority Rule – Minority Rights

* **Majority Rule –**
* **Minority Rights –**
* *Endo v. United States*
* During WWII 100,000 Japanese Americans were sent to relocation camps
* Caused by fear and racist beliefs
* Found that it was against the law to fire and relocate Japanese Americans
* Secession was illegal according to Lincoln – Violation of majority rule
* Would lead to an endless splintering of authority
* Disgruntled minorities could chose to seceded all the time

D. Need for Compromise

* **Compromise –**
* Each side is forced to give up something
* Essential part of democratic process
* Most U.S. laws are a product of compromise – Does this still happen?

E. Inclusion

* Government should include equal rights to all citizens
* Right to act and express yourself as long as you do not violate other’s rights