



1.2.1 A state based on the rule of law

The Federal Republic of Germany is a republican, democratic and social **state governed by the rule of law** (Articles 20 [3], 28 Basic Law), i.e., it is bound by the constitutional order and law and justice.

Core tenets:

- bound by **basic rights** and by **justice and law** (legal proviso)
- **separation of powers** between
 - Legislative (legislature): **Parliament**
 - Executive (executive power): **Government/Administration**
 - Judiciary (dispensation of justice): **Courts**
- guarantee of **full legal protection through independent judges** in a fair trial