

8.1 Foundations of Government

- *Government* – people who make and enforce laws for a country or area
- Collect taxes and protect citizens
- Taxes pay for roads, schools, public workers

I. Origins of Government

- A. Began in Southwest Asia 5,000 years ago
- B. Governments were needed to resolve problems, for irrigation, and providing food.
 1. C. Hammurabi's Code was first laws set in stone in 1760 BC in Babylon

II. Powers of Government

- A. *Constitution* – rules by which a government is organized
- B. Limited Government
 1. *limited government* – government actions are limited by law
 2. United States and Canada
- C. Unlimited Government
 1. *unlimited government* – no limits on government actions
 2. *tyranny* – unjust use of power
 3. China and North Korea