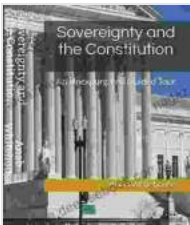


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In the modern era, the concept of sovereignty has been challenged by a number of different theories. One of the most influential theories of sovereignty is the theory of popular sovereignty, which holds that the sovereign power is vested in the people. This theory was first developed by John Locke in the 17th century, and it has been influential in the development of democratic constitutions around the world.

Another important theory of sovereignty is the theory of divine right of kings, which holds that the sovereign power is vested in the king by God. This theory was popular in Europe during the Middle Ages, and it was used to justify the absolute power of the monarchy. However, the theory of divine right of kings was eventually challenged by the theory of popular sovereignty, and it is no longer widely accepted today.

A third important theory of sovereignty is the theory of state sovereignty, which holds that the sovereign power is vested in the state. This theory was developed by Jean Bodin in the 16th century, and it has been influential in the development of the modern state system. The theory of state sovereignty holds that the state is a sovereign entity that is independent of all other states. This theory has been used to justify the state's monopoly on the use of force and its right to make and enforce laws.

In modern constitutional democracies, the concept of sovereignty is typically understood in terms of constitutional sovereignty. This means that the sovereign power is vested in the constitution, and that the government

is bound by the limits set forth in the constitution. The constitution is the supreme law of the land, and it sets forth the basic rules and principles that govern the government. The government cannot make or enforce laws that violate the constitution, and the courts have the power to strike down laws that are unconstitutional.

The concept of constitutional sovereignty is essential for the protection of individual rights and liberties. The constitution limits the powers of the government, and it ensures that the government is accountable to the people. The rule of law is the foundation of constitutional democracy, and it is essential for the protection of individual rights and liberties.

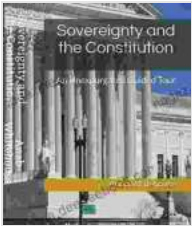
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