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Black's Law Dictionary; Fifth Edition, 1979 West Pub. Co.

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From the Latin gubernaculum. Signifies the instrument, the helm, whereby the ship to which the state was compared, was guided on its course by the gubernator or helmsman,

& in that view, the government is but an agency of the state, distinguished as it must be in accurate thought from the scheme & machinery of government.

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The system of polity in a state; that form of fundamental rules & principles by which a nation or state is governed, or by which individual members of a body politic are to regulate their social actions. A constitution, either written or unwritten, by which the rights & duties of citizens & public officers are prescribed & defined

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The sovereign or supreme power in a state or nation. The machinery by which the sovereign power in a state expresses its will & exercises its functions; or the framework of political institutions, departments, & offices, by means of which the executive, judicial, legislative, & administrative business of the state is carried on. ...

The regulation, restraint, supervision or control which is exercised upon the individual members of an organized jural society by those invested with authority; or the act of exercising supreme political power or control.