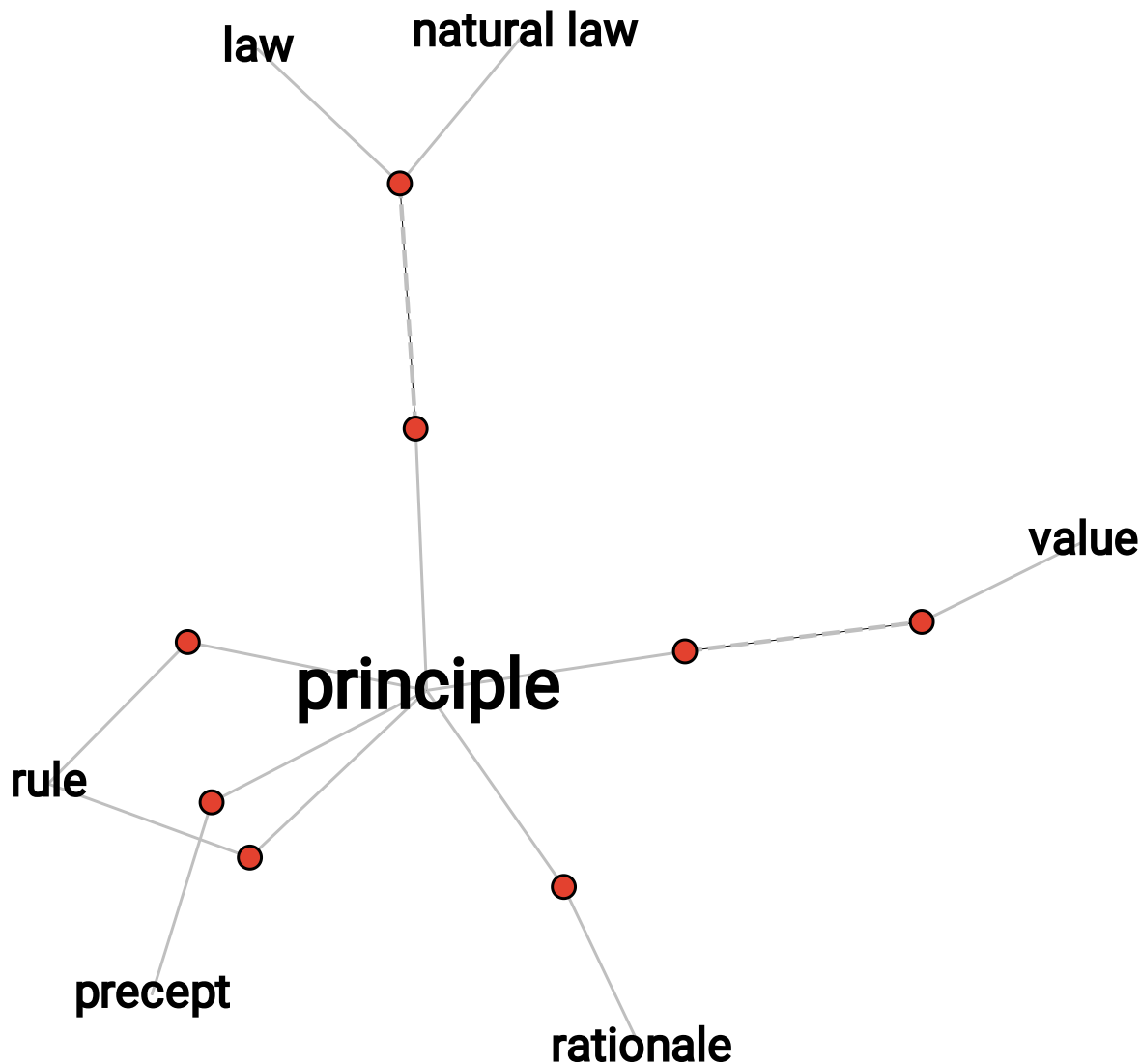

principle



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- **principle, rule**

a basic generalization that is accepted as true and that can be used as a basis for reasoning or conduct

"their principles of composition characterized all their works"

- **principle**

a rule or standard especially of good behavior

"a man of principle"

"he will not violate his principles"

- **principle**

a basic truth or law or assumption

"the principles of democracy"

- **principle, rule**

a rule or law concerning a natural phenomenon or the function of a complex system

"the principle of the conservation of mass"

"the principle of jet propulsion"

"the right-hand rule for inductive fields"

- **principle, precept**

rule of personal conduct

- **principle, rationale**

(law) an explanation of the fundamental reasons (especially an explanation of the working of some device in terms of laws of nature)

"the rationale for capital punishment"

"the principles of internal-combustion engines"