

## **Fundamental Law of Hungary**

The Preamble of the 2011 Hungarian Constitution could be considered a “declarative memory law” which refuses to recognise the 1949 Constitution [“We do not recognise the communist constitution of 1949, since it was the basis for tyrannical rule; therefore we proclaim it to be invalid.”].

The 2nd of May 1990, day of the first free elections, is declared to be the date of Hungary restoration, day of a new democracy. [“We date the restoration of our country’s self-determination, lost on the nineteenth day of March 1944, from the second day of May 1990, when the first freely elected body of popular representation was formed. We shall consider this date to be the beginning of our country’s new democracy and constitutional order.”] No distinction is made between the period of Nazi occupation (starting 1944) and the communist rule.

The Constitution also recognizes in the years of communist rule a period of moral decay.

[Full English text of the Hungarian Constitution (2011) with the 2013 amendments

<http://extwprlegs1.fao.org/docs/pdf/hun136081.pdf> ]