The theory in Political Science

**Accuracy (accurate)**

*A theory should fit the facts.*

**Parsimony (parsimonious)**

*A theory should have as few components as possible. The less we have to assume, the better.*

**Causality (causal)**

*A theory should tell us what causes a phenomenon and how.*

**Generality (general)**

*A theory should aim to explain the same phenomenon wherever and whenever it occurs.*

**Falsifiability (falsifiable)**

*A theory should be structured so that it is possible—given the right evidence—to prove it wrong.*