**Country Comparison Chart**

**Topic: Political Culture and Ideology**

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| **U.K.** | **Individualistic (less so than the USA but more than other countries in EU)** | **Security is less central to the country due to low amount of foreign invasion (freedom more emphasized)- however security is covert** | **Working class deference, places emphasis on status and authority of the elites** | **High levels of legitimacy because of deference and evolutionary change** | **Complex due to sharp ethnic divisions but have a strong commitment to improving it** | **Very individualistic culture** |
| **Germany** | **Collectivistic** | **Security highly important** | **Traditional social relations and authority are important** | **System legitimacy rested on performance, but esp. in west democratic rule was legitimized** | **Is more attached to the European Union due to Nazi history but in the past there was a strong attachment** | **More individualistic compared to rest of world but more *collectivistic* than other Western countries** |
| **France** | **Collectivistic** | **Freedom more emphasized** | **Prefer egalitarianism but still value tradition** | **Complex but it rests highly on performance and dissent is common** | **Complex due to diversity; tend to be very nationalistic** | **Collectivistic** |
| **Mexico** | **More individualistic, but less so than the USA** | **Value security more than freedom** | **Highly authoritarian acquiescent to elite rule, emphasizes social hierarchy** | **High level of system legitimacy esp. with PRI-dominant regime** | **Relatively high level of attachment to Mexican identity and state in spite of previous probs.** | **More collectivistic** |
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| **Brazil** | **Individualistic (especially jeito)** | **Value security over freedom** | **Hierarchal and authoritarian culture esp. due to lack of violent revolutions** | **Low level of system legitimacy due to lack of trust in gov. ability to deliver security** | **Heterogeneous culture makes low level of attachment to political community** | **A combination (family is important but other aspects are individualistic)** |
| **Russia** | **Collectivistic** | **Security is highly important** | **Order, authority, and hierarchy is important** | **Legitimacy is connected to military and economic success (strong desire for security/order)** | **Attachment has been weakened esp. with ethnic minorities in separate provinces but stronger among ethnic Russians** | **Collectivistic in general but can be very individualistic (“selfish”) about personal lives** |
| **China** | **Collectivistic** | **Security very important** | **Hierarchy, order, authority highly valued due to Confucianism** | **Strong belief in legitimacy** | **Tend to be patriotic/attached but ethnic minorities feel less connection** | **Very collectivistic due to Confucius values, but less so among educated urban youth** |
| **India** | **Individualistic (esp. based on Hinduism and British rule)** | **Freedom more than security** | **Social hierarchy is important based on caste system past** | **Trust placed more on individuals than institutions (but low level of social trust)** | **Fairly strong and based on “unity in diversity”** | **More individualistic** |
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| **Nigeria** | **Collectivistic** | **Traditional values of order and security- they don’t believe that freedom can coexist with stability** | **Respect authority and accept vertical social relations** | **Low level of legitimacy as a result of a chaotic state** | **Political community tied to ethnic and religious groups, not government** | **Collectivistic** |
| **Iran** | **More individualistic than other Middle Eastern countries but more collectivistic than Europe/USA** | **Values stability and order at the expense of freedom** | **High respect for authority and promotes vertical social relations** | **Hard to know because government censors everything** | **Strong attachment to political** | **Collectivistic but less so among educated urban youth** |