**Country Comparison Chart**

**Topic: Identity Structures**

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| **U.K.** | English vs. Celtics (Ireland, Scotland, and Wales) | Middle class vs. working class (both influencial) | Protestant vs. Catholic (past), Christians vs. Muslims (present) | Conservative party received more votes from the working class due to lowering of taxes (Margaret Thatcher, 1979) | Tensions between Christians and Muslims (esp. after terrorist bombings in 2005) may further affect political outcomes |  |
| **Germany** | Aryan race (Nazis) vs. “the rest” (past); now it’s ethnic minorities (e.g. Muslims) vs. “Germans.” | Elites vs. working class | Protestant vs. Catholic (past), Christians vs. Muslims (present) | Class polarization led to collapse of Weimer Democracy and rise of Hitler, after WW2 polarization of West and East | Elites support Christian Democratic Party (CDP), and workers support Social Democratic Party (SDP) |  |
| **France** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mexico** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Brazil** | High ethnic diversity, however no divisions are seen | Wealthy vs. Poor | Catholic vs. Protestant: the Pentecostals (literal interpretation of Bible) | Got independence in a non-violent way, which created peace and less violence demonstrations when each group wanted and want change | Creation of the PT (worker’s Party) party helps the poor community, Pentecostals are gaining representation in the government |  |
| **Russia** | 80% of pop. is ethnically Russian, the others are just minority groups. | Past: Homogenous class, government elites  Present: Rich (growing urban capitalist elite) vs. Poor | Past: Soviet Union vs. Russian Orthodox Church  Present: Orthodox Church vs. Muslim | Communist movement took down Tsarists and Orthodox Church so Soviet Union could rise | Post-Soviet government created polarization in the class divisions |  |
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| **China** | Han Chinese vs. ethnic minorities | Wealth is less evenly distributed, there is a large gap between classes | Buddhism is large, but some are turning into Christians. The Falun Gong is a minority group but they are growing | Confucianism enabled and facilitated the rise of the communist regime. All cleavages were reduced with the communist government. | Falun Gong is not recognized by the government. Government has a hard time controlling ethnic minorities because they are in border areas. |  |
| **India** | There are many ethnic groups that speak different languages. | Caste system divided society into four main groups and the untouchables (Dalits) | There has been conflict between Hindus and Muslims, and caused the creation of Pakistan. | India could not control half of the country, because of size and ethnic and religious diversity | Currently, gender is an issue in political struggles, since they feel excluded. There is preference for male children, killing female fetuses. |  |
| **Nigeria** | Main ethnic groups: Ibo, Hausa-Fulani, Yoruba | Strong class polarization. Elites are connected to the government | Muslim vs. Christian  Shi’ite vs. Sunni | Islamic Law was adopted in Muslim parts of the country | Political elites exacerbate religious tensions to mobilize supporters. This has resulted in religious clashes that have taken thousands of lives |  |
| **Iran** | Persian, Azeris, Kurds. Ethnicity is less politically relevant |  | Supporters of traditional Islam vs. supporters of a more secular society-mostly urban | Khatami’s government gave women more opportunities but did not focus on gender equality | Women have protested against conservative government policies. Islamic government want to turn back gains in legal standing |  |