**Country Comparison Chart**

**Topic: Class and Class Structure**

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| **U.K.** | **Low** | **Already Developed** | **Low** | **Low-Medium (large working class)** | **Low-Medium (large middle class)** | **Very high- and politically powerful** | **Low-medium distinction** | **Early industrialization led to sharp class divisions** |
| **Germany**  **(Post 1950s West Germany only)** | **Medium-High**  **(Former Industrial East Germany not as equal)** | **Already Developed** | **Medium (low levels of poverty)** | **High** | **High** | **Medium** | **Low-medium distinction** | **Later industrialization- allowed for equality.**  **Strong social welfare programs** |
| **France** | **Very High** | **Already Developed** | **High**  **(low levels of poverty)** | **High** | **High** | **Medium** | **Low-medium distinction** | **Value social responsibility, prestige, and status over capital gain** |
| **Mexico** | **Low-medium** | **Developing** | **Low (large number)** | **Low (large number)** | **Medium (esp. in north)** | **Medium** | **High distinction** | **Middle class have stronger voice in politics** |
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| **Brazil** | **Very low** | **Developing** | **Low** | **Low** | **Low-medium (but growing)** | **High** | **High distinction** | **Many work in informal sector, class does not shape voter’s choices. History of slavery and colonialism perpetuates inequality** |
| **Russia** | **Medium-high** | **Developing but limited and worsening** | **Medium (large amount, but livable during S.U.)** | **Medium**  **(large amount, but livable during S.U.)** | **Medium (grew after S.U. collapse but now slowing)** | **High (oligarchs and “novie russkiye”)** | **High distinction (growing middle class in cities)** | **Collapse of S.U. led to inflation and increased inequality** |
| **China** | **Low-medium (decreasing due to capitalist reforms)** | **Developing** | **Low** | **Low** | **Medium (growing esp. in cities)** | **Medium** | **Very high distinction (rural income has stagnated)** | **Middle class gets power and wealth through links to corrupt government officials** |
| **India** | **Low-medium (decreasing due to capitalist reforms)** | **Developing** | **Low (large amount, more likely to vote)** | **Low (large amount, more likely to vote)** | **Medium and growing** | **Very high** | **Very high distinction** | **Former “caste system” has effected class distinctions but government is trying to level “playing field”** |
| **Nigeria** | **Very low** | **Developing slowly/not developed** | **Low (large amount)** | **Low (large amount)** | **Low (small amount)** | **High** | **Low distinction** | **Oil wealth has contributed to “resource curse,” High government corruption, birth rate, and food shortages** |
| **Iran** | **Low to Medium** | **Developing** | **Low-medium (large amount)** | **Low-medium**  **(large amount)** | **Medium (growth has slowed, except in cities)** | **Medium-High** | **High distinction (esp. middle class in cities)** | **Economy has regressed/**  **stagnated since Shah Islamic Revolution** |