## The Effects of the French Revolution

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| **In France** | | | | |
|  | **Before Revolution** | **During Revolution** | | **After Revolution** |
| Social | Partial Feudalism  Tax burden fell on 3rd Estate  The 1st and 2nd estates had exemptions to many laws  Much of France extremely poor  Small parts of France extremely rich | Everyone taxed equally  Laws applied equally—but protections were often removed out of necessity  Much of France extremely poor | | Everyone taxed equally  Nobles and clergy had exemptions to some laws  Much of France extremely poor  Small parts of France extremely rich |
| Government | Aristocratic monarchy  Autocracy/Oligarchy  People could not vote  Women owned by father/husband  Government positions could only be held by Nobles  Central government has considerable power but not total power | Various kinds of democracies—eventually dictatorships  Men who owned property could vote  Women received some small rights  Anyone who was qualified could hold government positions  Central government tries to take all power unto itself—with varying levels of success. | | Aristocratic monarchy  Autocracy  People were allowed to vote locally  Women owned by father/husband  Government positions could be held by anyone but nobles were preferred.  Central government had almost total power |
| **Throughout Europe** | | | | |
|  | **Before Revolution** | | **After Revolution** | |
| Social | Partial Feudalism  Sharp divide between rich and poor  People think of themselves as belonging to towns and regions | | Feudalism abolished  Sharp divide between rich and poor  People think of themselves as belonging to nations | |
| Government | Absolute monarchies | | Absolute monarchies—though challenges against them begin to increase | |
| Military | Small, professional armies  Moved as one group – slow  Focused on careful movement and fortification | | Huge, citizen armies  Moved in separate groups called “corps”  Focused on rapid movement and light artillery | |
| Legal | Varied  Based upon traditions handed down since the Middle Ages | | Most adopt the Code Napoleon  Based upon reason and public stability | |
| Measuring | Hundreds of different measurement systems based upon random measurements such as thumb length or average stone weight. | | Metric  Based on units of ten | |
| Germany | 300 different countries all technically (but not actually) under the rule of the Holy Roman Empire. | | 39 different countries  People of Germany begin to demand unification | |