## The Effects of the French Revolution

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|  **In France** |
|  | **Before Revolution** | **During Revolution** | **After Revolution** |
| Social | Partial FeudalismTax burden fell on 3rd EstateThe 1st and 2nd estates had exemptions to many lawsMuch of France extremely poorSmall parts of France extremely rich | Everyone taxed equallyLaws applied equally—but protections were often removed out of necessityMuch of France extremely poor | Everyone taxed equallyNobles and clergy had exemptions to some lawsMuch of France extremely poorSmall parts of France extremely rich |
| Government | Aristocratic monarchyAutocracy/OligarchyPeople could not voteWomen owned by father/husbandGovernment positions could only be held by NoblesCentral government has considerable power but not total power | Various kinds of democracies—eventually dictatorshipsMen who owned property could voteWomen received some small rightsAnyone who was qualified could hold government positionsCentral government tries to take all power unto itself—with varying levels of success. | Aristocratic monarchyAutocracyPeople were allowed to vote locallyWomen owned by father/husbandGovernment positions could be held by anyone but nobles were preferred.Central government had almost total power |
|  **Throughout Europe** |
|  | **Before Revolution** | **After Revolution** |
| Social | Partial FeudalismSharp divide between rich and poorPeople think of themselves as belonging to towns and regions | Feudalism abolishedSharp divide between rich and poorPeople think of themselves as belonging to nations |
| Government | Absolute monarchies | Absolute monarchies—though challenges against them begin to increase |
| Military | Small, professional armiesMoved as one group – slowFocused on careful movement and fortification | Huge, citizen armiesMoved in separate groups called “corps”Focused on rapid movement and light artillery |
| Legal | VariedBased upon traditions handed down since the Middle Ages | Most adopt the Code NapoleonBased upon reason and public stability |
| Measuring | Hundreds of different measurement systems based upon random measurements such as thumb length or average stone weight. | MetricBased on units of ten |
| Germany | 300 different countries all technically (but not actually) under the rule of the Holy Roman Empire. | 39 different countriesPeople of Germany begin to demand unification |