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1500 new age was beginning

Europeans became the “Masters” of the world, and unintentionally connected the world
Created the theme of unity in history for the last two or three centuries

> The age of independent or nearly independent civilizations has come to a close.

a great change in Europe was the starting point of modern history

Europe | why it hit different - Wealthiest part of humankind - Massive expansion - Wow, I am unbelievably tired. I need to get more sleep.

Freewrite: uhoh....

It's 1600 and you are a young warlord somewhere in Central Asia. After a long and bloody set of wars, y
Last year, you led this army in a campaign that successfully conquered five border regions: two of these
One of your advisers urges you to adopt a unification policy: you will establish your language and cult
Your empire is still surrounded by enemies, some of whom share the religion and language of your border
Whose advice do you follow? What are the benefits AND risks of your chosen approach?

Decentralization. Assuming that the enemies which surround you are not the enemies of those you con-
quered, letting them be independent will make them less likely to want to crush you.

The value of individual cultures and tech is lost when you completely change their culture...?

Centralized systems tend to do worse – harder to communicate allocate resources, get things done (be-
cause more bureaucracy

People are less likely to revolt if you leave them be, ish

More cultures = more tries at success. One innovation from one region (or standpoint of interacting with the
world) will help everyone. Having more approaches makes these innovations more likely. “Human capital?”
“cultural capital?”

As for rival lords, the question is will your army be less powerful if you take the decentralized approach

If you are decentralized, and allow each region to keep its culture, they will probably want to keep you over
a new ruler which could force them to change. This will aid you in keeping control.

Emperor Activity

Worst –|–

Best

- Aurangzeb
 - Absolute power
 - Super religious
 - Very distressful
 - Removed religious toleration
 - Destroyed a bunch of Hindu temples
- Shah Jahan
 - Removed religious tolerance
 - Didn't do a lot
 - Way too much money in court
 - A *lot* of taxes
- Akbar
 - Stabilized the regime
 - Let Hindus rule with him
 - Promoted religious tolerance
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Qing Advice Activity

"Yet it was not the coming of the European which ended the great period of Mughal empire; that was mere coincidence. What advice might Kangxi and Qianlong of the Qing Empire have given to the late Mughals (Shah Jahan, Aurangzeb)?"

- Take the Ming approach of being the "head of all religions, but belonging to none"
- "Be more just," says Stephanie.