Parameters

High Context & Implicit Low Context & Explicit — Hidden information — Because of a lot of immigration, there's a little shared social Most information is exchanged outside workplace People say everything A lot of references — There's somehow no private life (no shutters at windows) — Difficult to know what somebody is talking about Example: USA Difficult to read; jokes in movies not so obvious — A lot of metaphors — Example : France, China Being-oriented society Doing-oriented society — Attribution (what you are) — Retribution (what you do) Person-oriented Action-oriented French people take a lot of tranquilizers American people take stimulants Pessimism Optimism Monochronism Polychronism Often linked with Low Context — Time, commitments are flexible Deadlines, punctality People get easily distracted People are committed to jobs Committed to relationships Emotional & Sensation Information-oriented Court society & High Power Distant Merchant or Tribal society & Low Power Distant — USA, UK : merchant — Example : France, China A lot of strikes (grèves) in France — Germany : tribal Collectivism Individualism Often linked with HPD Often linked with LPD — Team spirit and charitable giving, in the USA Empiricism Cartesian High Uncertainty Avoidance Low Uncertainty Avoidance Example: France (State as a "backup"): high control of un-— Entrepreneurship certainty Example: USA, China Public companies for electricity, water Private companies for electricity, water Masculinity Femininity Decision makers Looking after the others — Doing things — Sharing