

Authority and Power in the Six Core Countries Chart

	China	GB	Russia	Mexico	Iran	Nigeria
Who is head of state? What is that person's title?	PRC Head of State: President Xi Jinping	UK Head of State: Queen Elizabeth II	Russia Head of State: President Vladimir Putin	Mexico Head of State: President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador	Iran Head of State: Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei	Nigeria Head of State: President Muhammadu Buhari
What political party does the current head of state belong?	Communist Party of China	Officially not applicable	All Russia People's Front	National Regeneration Movement	Independent (since 1989)	All Progressives Congress
Who is the head of government in each state? What is that person's title?	Officially, Li Keqiang is the Premier of the PRC	Theresa May is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom	Officially, Dmitry Anatolyevich Medvedev is the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation	Mexico Head of Government: President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador	Officially, Hasan Ruhani is the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran	Nigeria Head of State: President Muhammadu Buhari
To what political party does the current head of government belong?	Communist Party of China	Conservative Party	United Russia	National Regeneration Movement	Moderation and Development Party	All Progressives Congress
To what extent does the government control the media?	Significant control (state-run, Communist Party controlled, repressed)	Limited regulation (IPSO), some state run organizations (BBC)	Significant Control (state-controlled, limited freedom, government ownership)	Alleged High Control, significant media budget for government advertising	High Control, (state run IRIB, repression)	Moderate control (media corruption, government owned press and privately owned press)

How is power used in this country? (Can use more than one)	The PRC government uses power to maintain control of society (see Social Credit), direct the economy (command with capitalist features), and provide basic services such as protection (People's Liberation Army). It also controls the media.	The British government represents the interests of the people; power is used to provide services such as National Healthcare and enforce the law. It is also used to regulate trade.	The Russian Federation's current government uses power to suppress the press, project authority (Crimea and Donbass), direct the oil and natural gas industries, run the space industry, and provide services such as military protection, healthcare, and electricity production (geothermal, nuclear).	Mexico uses power to combat Cartels, regulate trade, regulate the press, and provide services such as limited universal healthcare. Power is used to control the media, to an extent.	Iran's government utilizes power to enforce Islamic doctrine and law, encourage Islamic religious practice, coerce foreign states utilizing Iranian backed militias (Iran-Saudi Proxy War in Yemen, for example), and control the media and several industries.	Nigeria uses power to control the petroleum industry, coerce individuals for financial gain (this refers to the high corruption levels), coerce the media, and persuade neighboring countries in West Africa to follow its lead in global politics.
What sources of legitimacy does this government use? (Can use more than one)	The Communist government derives authority from the Revolution, Economic Results, and tradition and history of legalism in China.	British Government derives authority from Historical Pride and Elections.	Russia's current government is legitimate because of Economic Results (despite some recent downturn), and Habits (long history of life under authoritarianism).	The Mexican government derives its authority from Elections; citizens are allowed to participate in democratic elections, ostensibly.	Iran's government is unique in that it derives authority primarily from Religion and Shi'ite Islamic law. It is a theocracy.	The Nigerian government derives authority from ostensibly democratic elections as well as Economic Results (prosperity as a result of oil exports).

What type of political culture does this country have?	Citizenry are expected to hold to the ideals of the Communist Party; citizens hold to traditional support of legalism and authority.	Political culture promotes citizen participation. The government believes in following the will of the people balanced with the political elite.	Many in Russia are apathetic to continued political participation, or they are supportive of the current regime. Russians favor strong autocratic rule.	Mexican citizens are critical of corruption and poor government performance. Participation in elections is encouraged.	Political culture in Iran is derived from support of Shi'ite Religion and Islamic Law. The government is supposed to rule with the will of Allah.	Nigerian political culture is shaped by ethnic and religious diversity. Political division is still primarily on tribal lines. Nationalism and a desire for incorruptible democracy and economic prosperity also play a role.
What type of economy does the country have? (Justify by stating where on the continuum you believe this country's economy falls)	PRC has a mixed economy, primarily a Command Economy with Capitalist characteristics; market operates freely so long as it doesn't threaten PRC government.	The United Kingdom has a mixed economy leaning towards market characteristics; the Index of Economic Freedom rates it at 7 worldwide.	Russia's economy is mixed with a legacy of command characteristics despite some market reform; it scores 98 worldwide on the Index of Economic Freedom.	Mexico's economy is moderately free; it is mixed and leans slightly towards a market economy. It's Economic Freedom Index is 66 compared to the globe.	Iran's mixed economy is much closer to a command economy; state control of goods and prices places it at 155 on the Economic Freedom Index.	Nigeria's oil resources are controlled by the government; much of the economy is regulated by the government. Its mixed economy is low on freedom and more command based; it scores 111 on the Economic Freedom
What type of						

regime does this country have?	Authoritarian	Democratic	Authoritarian	Democratic	Authoritarian	Democratic
Part of Supranational Governance?	N/A	European Union (for now)	Commonwealth of Independent States	NAFTA (for now)	N/A	ECOWAS