

Types of Economic Systems

Directions: Read each description in order to complete the charts on page two.

"That's The Way We've Always Done It Ville"

Your group values the way things were done in the past. Positions of authority, jobs, etc. are handed down according to tradition. You value the past and see no need for concern about increased economic growth in the future. Basically everything in your society is determined by beliefs and customs. The goal of "That's The Way We've Always Done It Ville" is to produce what your ancestors did and in the same way that they did. Following tradition is your basic underlying goal.

"We Do What We're Told Ville"

You've accepted a government which is run by a very strict and strong central leadership group. You're highly organized and the people of your group are assigned specific tasks by the leader. Your country strives for efficient use of time and resources, which will increase economic growth and hopefully raise the standard of living. It is up to the central leaders to determine what is needed and how the resources will be used. The goal of "We Do What We're Told Ville" is to produce what the central leadership finds necessary for your society. Also, there must be an efficient use of time and resources so increased production and growth will occur.

"Make As Much As We Want Ville"

Your country and economic system reflects values which center around individualism. It is up to each person to make herself/himself more prosperous than other people. Your country produces whatever brings the highest price and produces it with the method that costs the least. Individual rewards and material incentives are used to encourage and stimulate continuous economic growth and production. The goal of "Make As Much As We Want Ville" is to produce whatever your group decides will be most beneficial for it. You will also want to organize yourselves so you can make the most efficient use of time and resources. Maximized profit is the key.

"We Do A Little Of Each Ville"

Your country values compromise between the government, producers and consumers. Traditional values also impact the economy. For the most part, prices are determined by supply and demand. However, the government steps in to handle inequities and to ensure fairness. Producers want to earn the highest profit possible which sometimes conflict with government regulations. The goal of "We Do A Little Of Each Ville" is to encourage economic prosperity for both the government and the people while protecting both producers and consumers.

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| Values | | | | |
| What to Produce? | | | | |
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