

	Ottoman	Safavid	Mughal
Religion	Mostly Sunni with some measure of tolerance under Suleiman	Mostly Shia No tolerance; Ismail I made conversion mandatory for Sunni popularion	Tolerance under Akbar, but his blend of Islam and Hinduism did not prove popular. Less tolerance under later rulers.
Taxes	Taxes on non-Muslims Taxes on peasants	Taxation policies used to encourage adherence to Shia Islam	Taxes on unbelievers was abolished by Akbar but reinstated later. Taxes on peasants.
Military	Warriors (often trained Janissaries) were granted villages to provide their upkeep. Leaders made the military independent of central government. Strong navy.	Warriors were the Qizlibash, Turcoman militants who helped establish the empire. Leaders made the military independent of central government. No significant navy.	Warriors were granted villages to provide their upkeep. Officials known as zamindars made the military independent of central government. Small navy.