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***SS.7.CG.3.15 Benchmark Clarification 2****:* Students will compare the economic prosperity and opportunity of current nations.

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|  | **Capitalism** | **Socialism** | **Communism** |
| United States | Canada | Russia |
| Ownership and control | * Individuals control the means of production
* Market determines what goods will be sold at what price
 | * Basic means of production owned and managed by government
* Private ownership, with regulation, of businesses
 | * Government owns the means of production
* Government determines what goods will be sold at what price
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| Competition | * Competition keeps prices low and quality high
 | * Cooperation stressed over competition
 | * No competition, lower quality goods
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| Standard of Living | * High standard of living and economic security
* Individuals are free to earn profits, but may risk losses
 | * High standard of living and economic security
* High taxes provide free health care and education
 | * Goal is equality for everybody, enforced by the government
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