Paleolithic Era versus Neolithic Era chart

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| Categories | Paleolithic Era | Neolithic Era |
| Social | 1. lived in small nomadic groups 2. hunter & gatherer 3. 30-50 people 4. constantly moving | 1. Social structure 2. New agriculture 3. Domesticating animals 4. Food surplus 5. Settled farming 6. Growing population |
| Government | 1. Elders controlled the clan 2. Power organized based on age | * 1. Hierarchy   2. Military & religious leaders had authority |
| Economy | 1. Everyone shared property 2. People were all equal | * 1. Valued tools, food, clothes, pottery   2. All of these important   3. Private property   4. Private wealth |
| Health | 1. Good health 2. If clan suffered from a virus, the whole clan could become extinct | * 1. Declined health   2. Dental cavities, malaria, tuberculosis, typhoid fever were now rampant |
| Roles of Men | 1. Men were rulers 2. Elders controlled power 3. They were the hunters | * 1. Power now in warrior and religious men’s hands   2. Plowed fields   3. New jobs |
| Roles of Women | 1. Gathered nuts, twigs, roots 2. Child bearing was limited | 1. Had more children because of new farming 2. Children were more helpful 3. Shorter lives 4. Stayed with children |