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# The Emergence and Shaping of Indian Politics

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### Types of Political Parties

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Today's democratic states have four different kinds of political parties.

- V Conservative Parties: Conservative parties that believe in status-quo
- Liberal Parties: Liberal parties committed to transforming and reforming the current structures.
- V Radical Parties: Radical parties that seek to topple the current institutions in order to establish a new one.
- V Reactionary Parties: Parties that support the outdated political and socioeconomic structures are known as reactionary.

examples of leftist parties, Congress of centrist parties and the BJP is an example parties in the centre, and radical parties on the left. In India, CPI and CPM are positioned conservative and reactionary parties on the right, liberal and radical Ideologies are also used to categorize political parties. Political scientists have

# The General attributes of Modern Indian Political Thought

The general attributes of contemporary Indian political thought are listed below;

- developed and organized differently by various intellectuals at different the basis of contemporary Indian political theory even though it was overlords. As a result, an anti-colonial nationalism emerged, which is still the arrival of colonialism, was to overthrow and subdue the foreign used their opinions to share their personal experiences. The primary goal represented a variety of backgrounds (caste, language, region, etc.) and for the Indian populace, who had been a sophisticated civilization prior to represented in the ideas of contemporary Indian political theorists. They Considering the Diversity of India: The diversity of India was also
- V Indian political philosophy is the country's ancient civilization and its body of pre-British political thought. The foundation of contemporary Interested in Pre-British Political Thought: Contemporary political scholars were also obliged to interact with the rich and varied

introduced through numerous invasions. ability to accept ideas and elements from other countries that were

during this time. Barani's Fatwa-i-Jahanadari or Kautilya's Artha Shastra were written their society. As a result, no significant political treatises such as Zia British or actively engaged them in conversation in an effort to change more of social and political activists who either actively opposed the political philosophers were not systemic political philosophers. They were Hegel, T. H. Green, and John Locke, the majority of contemporary Indian practical Perspective: In contrast to their Western counterparts, such as

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V challenge and ultimately defeat British power. Socialist and communist influenced contemporary Indian political philosophers. While the French Russian revolutions are among the other significant world events that of the colonial powers, including the British. The American, French, and and the Khilafat movements originated in India during the First World started during the Second World War, the Non-Cooperation movement the Indian Home Rule Movement. While the Quit India movement was Irish cause. The Irish Home Rule Movement served as an inspiration for subsequently claimed to have felt a total sense of identification with the included many of these concepts. freedom movement. After India gained independence, the constitution ideologies from the Russian Revolution drew many workers to the Indian American Revolution demonstrated to the world that it was possible to Revolution popularized the concepts of liberty, equality, and fraternity, the War. The interwar Great Depression revealed the economic susceptibility would go on to become President of India, was studying in Ireland. He Anti-colonial movements in Asia and Africa were sparked by the 1916 that they could overcome European powers as a result of Japan's victory Nehru thought that Asians would develop self-respect and the conviction another global event that motivated Indian freedom fighters. Gandhi and theories. The defeat of Russia in 1905 by Japan, an Asian power, Garibaldi. Savarkar, Nehru, and Gandhi were impacted by Mazzini's unification of Italy was played by Giuseppe Mazzini and known as the risorgimento, or rebirth in Italian. An important part of the as the unification of Germany under Bismarck and the unification of Italy the rise of nationalism in Europe, which was demonstrated by events such on contemporary Indian political philosophers. They were influenced by The impact of global events: World events at that time also had an impact Easter Uprising in Ireland against the British. In 1916, V V 1920s as a result of the Irish people's successful resistance movement. The leaders of India were more determined to oppose the British in the Gim, Giuseppe who

## India's requirement for a political party

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A political party's primary duties include the following:

- Contest the election.
- V Introduce fresh programmes and policies
- V Introduce new legislation.
- V The winning party establishes itself as the ruling party.
- V They express the public's opinions.

representatives. In a democracy, a political party is able to establish itself and the needs of their constituents are met is primarily the responsibility of the elected responsibilities are essential to the efficient operation of a country. Ensuring that one-party system, which might not be appropriate in any democracy. follow national laws. They are not constrained in any way. China operates under a A democratic nation cannot function without its political parties. Their

diverse and multicultural as ours. But in one sense, India's multiparty system can be advantageous for a country as Both the United States and the United Kingdom are two-party systems

#### Conclusion

and Vivekananda as well as Gandhi. The intricate interaction of three elements and Nehru. Given that the majority of India's leadership was composed of elites, proponents of gender equality, Islamic thought, and political ideologies of Gandhi perceived more as a body of practical knowledge than a theory. The roots of diversity of India is reflected in modern Indian political thought, which was state formation, and economic development, as well as British colonial rule, were politics of South Asian states today guaranteed India's partition in 1947, an event that still has repercussions in the Hindu and Muslim nationalism, British social engineering of divide and rule to develop and create a syncretic character in the ideas of humanists like Tagore modern Indian political thought tended to be elitist, and there were few attempts humanists, social justice advocates, opponents of the caste system, socialists, political philosophy. It was composed of liberal reformers, conservatives, mediaeval and ancient Indian thought are also explored in contemporary Indian the driving forces behind the emergence of modern political thought in India. The The modernization of Indian tradition, the challenges of nation-formation,

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