

Politics & Cricket 2012

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What are the directives of the ?

Relationship between cricket & politics in INDIA 1880-2005

1/2
banned
religious tension

Doc #	A	B	C	POV	Author's Name	Major Concept	Date
1	X			Players of native Indian feel as though they are below the Brits Even though they are playing Brit's game	Players petition need field	cricket players got kicked off field by British high class polo players. want field back.	1881
2	X			British POV shows that even Prince of high class plays <u>our</u> game. See we have civilized them!	Newspaper Picture of native Indian player	Native is very good @ "our" game. Shows assimilation PRINCE of India = high class	1899
3	X			b/c he is British, he says cricket has been a blessing to India - see, what we have done for them?	British Player & historian	assimilation to British ways. Conquest by British unites all ppl.	1903
4	*	X		native reformers - out w/ caste system - unite against the British who have placed themselves at the top of caste	Native newspaper Hindu	unite & stop looking like we can't perform our self rule. We are as good as the British	1906
5		X		b/c he is Muslim he is very proud his fellow Muslims won big tourney Ha Ha to Hindus	Native Muslim leader of Pakistan	We play nice on our separate teams. sportsmanship on field	1924
6	*	X		as a native, when we win it gets us to be even w/ the British.	Native Indian	Social standing didn't matter on the field. The Brits as rulers were not better than us on the field	1925 1926
7			X	Maybe trying to unite again in a time of faction tension.	letter to editor	the sportsmanship we had is gone. Self serving ppl have made factions. [Opposite Doc 5]	1938
8			X	@ = peaceful resistance get rid of British will keep all Indians together not factioned into groups	Gandhi all equal	Unsportsmanlike to continue playing teams of one religion against each other. no support for tourney	1940
9			X	as leader of movt. he wants all Muslims in India to leave? or support India NOT Pakistan	Thackeray Hindu talking to Muslim newspaper	All Indians, regardless of religion should be loyal to India. Political separation by religion is sad	1984
10			X	why can't we just play the game? as said from the one who runs the league in Pakistan	Muslim Pakistani official	Wants peace & the cricket field is the plat form to get this peacefully message across	2005 after cold war & after

* = 4/10 group. see annotations

□ = Strongest POV for essay imho

* Common Pakistani Muslim wants Peace

→ Brits are gone

9/11/01

DBQ Organization Chart

	Document Number(s)	Explanation/Comments/Why
Thesis		The British political control over India relied heavily on the established caste system in which they placed themselves at the top of, in control of the natives regardless of religion.
Evidence Supporting Thesis	1, 2, 3	By introducing the game of cricket to the native Indians, it helped <u>assimilate</u> all players, regardless of caste or religion to the ways & control of the British and eventually was a means of playing out the <u>political tensions</u> between religious groups after the British were kicked out in the <u>independence movements</u> .
1 st Grouping of Docs Group A	1, 2, 3	assimilation of Indians to British ways ↳ = political control
2 nd Grouping of Docs Group B	4, 5, 6	Sportsmanship - all get along regardless of social status or Religion
3 rd Grouping of Docs Group C	7, 8, 9* 10	Unity / Not Religious in human or <u>Race</u> or <u>Country</u> — but loyal to country
Point of View	Doc #5	} See back
Point of View	Doc #6	
Point of View	Doc #9	
Additional Documents		Modern ^{native} player or follow up from Doc #1 to discuss the tensions on the field between the castes / religions. If the win was significant for country / Religion / OR caste OR Just TEAM.
Additional Documents		after independence British player to talk about field play ^{India} if they felt "better" than the Indian players or if they were just seen as competitors.
Additional Documents		after 9/11 2001 Museum player — talk about significance of win for Muslims — even though 9/11 was USA it would be UN = British forces
Documents Used		1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12

from the source line we see Need & Struggle Social Classes btw Indian vs English

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Document 1

Source: Indian cricket players. petition to Sir James Fergusson, governor of the province of Bombay, India. 1881.

Ever since the British introduced the noble game of cricket among the natives of Bombay nearly twenty years ago, more than five hundred young men of all ages and of all castes pursue this healthful sport on the Parade ground where alone they are permitted to play and which is the only ground suitable for cricket.

Therefore, we cannot understand that the comforts and convenience of the half-a-dozen English gentlemen, who generally play polo, should be preferred to the necessary healthful recreation of over five hundred native youths. The polo ponies completely ruin the turf and render the ground unsuited to cricket.

Under the circumstances, will your Excellency and council please request that the English play polo on another spot or allow your Petitioners to play along with the English on the ground at present reserved for the exclusive use of the English cricketers and which is much too large for their requirements?

Cricket Players got kicked off of field by British to play polo

English > Native Indians

You English gave us this great game, now you of cricket

English have taken away our field for English nobleman

not fair!

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Shows issues of rank w/ in castes & how the Bnts now control

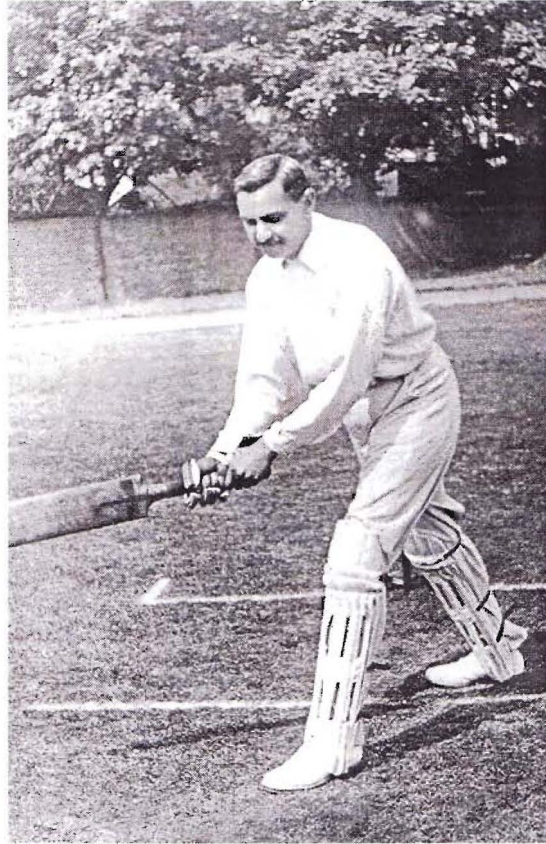
we've assimilated ourselves to playing & giving this game

of 500 cricket players

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Document 2

Source: London newspaper report of Prince Ranjitsinhji's proposed visit to England, 1899.



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This brilliant young Indian cricketer, Prince Ranjitsinhji, intends to return to England at Easter and will join the Sussex team—who are doubtless very glad to know this—as before. At the end of the season he will again visit India at the head of a team of English players—not too strong, but just strong enough; then in 1900 he will come back to Old England as captain of a team representative of Indian cricket.

clothes & hair
looks like
an English
nobleman

High caste
Indian PRINCE
's
Cricket player

He is very good
@ our native game
(English) even if he
is only a
Indian Prince (a native)

assimilation

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Document 3

Source: Cecil Headlam, English cricketer and historian. *Ten Thousand Miles through India and Burma: An Account of the Oxford University Cricket Tour*. 1903.

First the hunter, the missionary, and the merchant, next the soldier and the politician, and then the cricketer—that is the history of British colonization. And of these civilizing influences, the last may, perhaps, be said to do least harm. Cricket unites the rulers and the ruled. It also provides a moral training, an education in pluck, and nerve, and self-restraint, far more valuable to the character of the ordinary native than the mere learning by heart of a play by Shakespeare.

Most likely British

expert on Cricket (rules, players, games, etc)

Conquest by British

Assimilation to British ways

Document 4

Source: *Indian Social Reformer*, Indian newspaper, Bombay (Mumbai), India, 1906.

The champion bowler of the Hindus is a leather worker. Years back he was a bowler here in a European sports club. The upper-caste Hindus of an Indian cricket club found that although he was low-caste, his inclusion in the Hindu team would improve matters considerably with his pluck and spirit. They admitted him as their member.

Let the lesson learnt in sport be repeated in social and educational walks of life. Let all disuniting and denationalizing customs disappear and let India cease to be the laughing stock of the whole world.

*pitcher

Native

out w/ the caste system - unite!

Regardless of caste we want to win sportsmanship

Unite to stop us looking like we are not worthy

Unite as Indians to prove we are as good as the British at ruling ourselves

Document 5

Source: Muhammad Ali Jinnah, leader of the All India Muslim League and later first leader of Pakistan, commenting on the Quadrangular Tournament, a cricket competition in which sides representing Europeans, Hindus, Muslims, and Parsis competed against each other, 1924.

The cricket field has many lessons to teach in other walks of life. The brotherly feeling that prevailed throughout the play was no less remarkable and I hope that our Hindu brethren as sportsmen would be no less pleased but also rejoice at the Muslims winning the championship.

Indian Zoroastrians

Native Muslim

Religious Social Separation

Sportsmanship on the field when separation was very common in British India

nice nice

Pov.

B/c he is Muslim, he is happy / proud that his team won. He, to the Hindus

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Document 6

Source: Prabhat Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Indian writer and supporter of the Natore XI cricket club, article in a monthly magazine, Calcutta, India, 1925–1926.

Whenever the Natore XI defeated the European teams of Calcutta in 1914, our chests swelled with pride. This is because this is the only arena where we are allowed to compete on even terms with the English. The English have always ridiculed us as "effete." It is on the sporting field that we may counter such false allegations.

P.O.V.
as native when you
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be EVEN w/ the
BRITISH

Caste/
social
standing
didn't
matter on
field

Document 7

Source: Editorial in the Indian sports journal *Indian Cricket*, Bombay (Mumbai), India, 1938.

The Quadrangular Tournament in the 1920s did not harm, but rather engendered healthy rivalry and gave added keenness to cricket. Those happy days are now gone, thanks to those self-seeking leaders who want to gain their ends by stirring up religious fanaticism. Even the sacred field of sport they would not leave unmolested. That is why things have become what they are on the cricket field today. That is why Quadrangular cricket has degenerated into religious rivalry.

Non-
Effective - Non-
Productive

Political
Shift
from nice nice
to factions
1938

♡ of
game

opposite from Doc 5

Document 8

Source: Mohandas Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement, replying to a Hindu cricket club's request for his support in continuing religiously based cricket competitions, 1940.

My sympathies are wholly with those who would like to see the Quadrangular Tournament matches stopped. I can understand matches between Colleges and Institutions, but I have never understood the reason for having Hindu, Parsi, Muslim, and other religiously based teams. I should have thought that such unsportsmanlike divisions would be considered taboo in sporting language and sporting manners.

wants
to stop
religious
separation

No
Support
for
separate
teams
by religion

Gandhi called
it
unsportsmanlike

P.O.V.
→ wants to keep
Peace
→ Peaceful
resistance

P.O.V.

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Document 9

Source: Bal Thackeray, Indian founder of a Hindu nationalist organization, quoted in the newspaper *Muslim India*, June 1984.

But when Pakistan wins a cricket match and my country is defeated, why should Indian Muslims celebrate? Why should they have that jubilation mood? They should shed tears for our country. That should be the spirit.

India movement
→ loyal to country

Hindu talking to Muslim newspaper

Hindu India

British are gone

b/c of religion

separation is sad

should be loyal to country not religion

after 9/11/01

Document 10

Muslim

Source: Shaharyar Khan, chairman, Pakistan Cricket Board, interview, Lahore, Pakistan, 2005.

Cricket, in my opinion, it's not an elite sport like polo, it's not one of several sports as you have in England. Here there's one sport in India and Pakistan. That's the reason why cricket has a place in bringing people together. We expect 20,000 Indian fans. An Indian diplomat said, "You can make 20,000 ambassadors for Pakistan." It's not what you've seen in the papers, on television, the hostilities spewed out by the parliamentarians, or by various Prime Ministers; the common man wants peace. We have problems with Kashmir, with water. OK. Let's not resolve it right now; let's not go to war on the issues; we have no hostility between peoples. We share culture. We share a history. We share so much.

b/c Indians play cricket

unity when playing

END OF PART A

4th group
Docs
4/6

British feel Indians are non effective or not capable
Indians feel they must prove themselves on field