

# Unmaking the nation - the politics of identity and history in modern Sri Lanka

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## **Unmaking the Nation: The Politics of Identity & History in Modern Sri Lanka**

The present day Sinhalese are a mixture of the Indo Aryans and the Indigenous The Sinhalese are recognized as a distinct ethnic group from other groups in neighboring south India based on the Indo-Aryan language, Culture, Theravada Buddhism, Genetics and the physical anthropology. He subsequently formed the UNP in 1946, when a new constitution was agreed on, based on the behind-the-curtain lobbying of the Soulbury commission. His success in working with youth groups and his popularity as a public speaker led him to organize his own movement in 1967.

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American Ceylon Mission Press, 1918.



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