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India Since Independence

Intro

India on the eve of independence — needed Social, Political, Economic transformⁿ

2 issues:
- economic disparity
- Social inequality

2 tools:
- democratic structure
- Societal, economic reforms

25% males literate, 7.9% females literate

We rejected 'rice bowl theory' — that said we are interested in a bowl of rice b/c democracy

Selig Harrison (1966) — "The odds are almost wholly against the survival of freedom and the issue is whether any Indian state can survive at all"

Political leadership

Conservative Swatantra Party — C. Rajagopala Chari

dissident Congressman — J.B Kriplani

Hindu Communalists — Syama Prasad Mukherjee

Dalit rep — Ambedkar

(CSP) Socialists — Acharya Narendra Dev, JP. Narayan

Communists — P.C. Joshi, Ajoy Ghosh.

Our strategy

Social: → Const", DPSP
→ Egalitarian Society as goal
→ Anti-poverty programs

Pol: Democracy, civil liberties
Secularism " C", DPSP.
Rights of minorities

Eco: Agrarian, Land reforms
Public Sector
planned development

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