

- Yet, a mass movement has also to incorporate and accommodate diverse political and ideological currents.
- It must be disciplined and organizationally strong and united; yet it cannot afford to be monolithic or authoritarian.
- Recognizing this duality, Congress was highly ideological and disciplined while also being ideologically and organizationally open-ended and accommodative.
- Representing the Indian people and not any one class or stratum, Congress could not be and was not ideologically homogeneous.
- Widely differing ideological and political streams coexisted within it.
- Congress, therefore, succeeded in uniting persons of different ideological bents