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## NATURE OF NATIONALISM IN INDIA

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### Abstract

In the modern world, nationalism is that metaphysical idea which has twofold idea'-force, on one hand it can be emerge a progressive and liberating force and on other hand it can be unreasonable and reactionary faith. Nationalism as state of mind can historically be analyzed as a sequence of changes in shared psychology in which a community collectively respond to their circumstances. Such factors as language, territory, traditions etc. are the common denominators of communal psychology. It emerged in a the social world at a certain stage of evolution of the life of the community when certain socio-historical conditions, both objective and subjective matured. Nations are complex phenomena that are shaped by a collection of cultural, political and psychological factors. Language, religion, history and traditions are the main column on which a nation culturally stands. Politically, a nation is that where nationality is a state of mind corresponding to a political fact. The sentiments of patriotism are a psychological interpretation of the concept of nation. This inherent uniqueness of the concept of nation provides the terrain to become the nationalism double-faced. Intra-nationally, it leads to a lively sympathy with all fellow members within the nationality; internationally, it finds its expression in indifference to or distrust and hate of fellow men outside the national orbit. Indian nationalism, which got the success of her Independence in 1947, has very compound character.

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