

AN ANALYSIS OF HOW WORLD REVOLUTIONARY TRENDS INFLUENCED ON SRI LANKAN POLITICAL MOVEMENT (A HISTORICAL STUDY)

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In 1796, the British captured coastal areas from the Dutch and subsequently, in 1815 the entire Island was under them. The geographical location of our country is vital to maintaining their authority in other colonial countries in Asia. The main objective of the British rulers here was to gain economic benefits through different ways. Under their rule economic, political, and cultural freedom faded. To rebuild our nation, the national movement played a significant role, and their activities were influenced by the national freedom movements of other countries especially India, America, France, Myanmar, Japan, Italy, Ireland and China were prominent. Activities of powerful political activists in India and anti-British propaganda policies, 1215 Magna Carta Movement, 1688 Bill of Rights Declaration, American Independence, French Revolution, Thoughts of thinkers Joseph de Valera Concepts and thoughts are useful of Sri Lankan leaders. Later, a political reform movement was vehemently influenced by contemporary world situations. Therefore, it is obvious that the political movement fostered through several foreign revolutionary trends. Though there are several research available on the Ceylon political movement so far no one has conducted a serious study on the trends of foreign influences in this area. This research will be helpful for future research students who are engaging in studying national movements. The aim was to identify how the Sri Lankan political movement fostered and the various foreign ways that influenced the Sri Lankan political movement. This research has been conducted through qualitative research method. It is expected to collect data from primary and secondary sources and from scholars who are engaged in this area. Furthermore, to gain constitutional reforms and forward their demands, the above-mentioned political movements were immensely helpful. They got encouragement through this national movement by patriotism, self-confidence, organization, and radicalism.

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