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Political Parties Enroute Social Democracy or Political Conservatism

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In the present paper the elements which have been combined are social democracy and political conservatism. The role in this context which have been played by the political parties has been specifically highlighted with the impact of Gandhian ideas regarding state, its institutions and existing controversies. In general it is considered that political parties cannot be a good player in the expansion of socialism while the idea of democratic socialism can only be fruitful with the active participation of modern day political parties. Political parties with a certain ideology can never be able to represent the whole society rather will serve the personal ambitions and opportunism of the defined groups. Statist socialism relies on governmental power which extends the role of political parties and its apparatus of coercion to achieve its goals. All kind of political parties, however, albeit in varying degrees, share different attitude towards different sections of society regardless of their historical background and insist on their different techniques to improvise their social conditions. It was only in the 1990s that the idea of less known or popular in some areas political parties emerged and decided their own socialist goals. There was required a balanced approach and democratic or conservative temperament towards the society and certain political structures. Social prestige was replaced by the vague desire for justice which became the main principle the political parties adhered to.

Theoretical Framework: Social Democracy and Political Conservatism

Social democracy is not and never has remained an idea with a fixed structure of dogmas that each member must swear by. It has