

## Effect of Political Factor on Sports at International Level

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### Abstract

It is crystal clear that Indian sport has suffered a lot from the lack of killer instinct in players. Often it has been observed that Indian players have lost it after reaching seemingly winning positions. Moreover, Indian sport persons seem to feel satisfied once they reached the national level. The urge or passion to be at the top of the world is rarely seen among them. To add to this politics has always been a dominant factor in our life. Be it sports, health, education or whatever politics has always come to the force to rear its ugly head with its vicious and uncompromising presence. The purpose of the present study was to find out that on which game the factor affect most. To accomplish the purpose of the study samples of 100 International level sportsmen's from athletics, hockey, weightlifting, Wrestling & Shooting were taken. A tool for collection of data was questionnaire method. These questionnaires were sent to the sportsmen of related games. After receiving the responses of questionnaire game wise distribution of raw data was done and for analyses of that data percentage method was used and result were derived. Result revealed that Political factor affect on sports performance.

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### Introduction

It has been rightly pointed that except a few occasions, generally sports performance of India at the International level is very disappointing. The conditions for sports in our country are really appalling. So the sports environment in our country has to be improved and also the mindset of the people has to be changed. But people seem hardly interested in any sports activity except cricket. Although, the importance of sport has varied time to time, yet one thing is very clear that political considerations have always dominated the decisions. Normally, sports are believed to foster unity and peace among nations, which is the ideal concept. In reality, in an age which has seen the rise and fall of totalitarian regimes, sport has long since become a means of propaganda and has therefore assumed a continually increasing political significance. Why politics in sports :

Image, Social integrity, Identification with teams/players, Ideological justification, High visibility to public (opening/closing ceremony), Increasing politicization of decision making process at all levels. However, the relationship between sport and politics and its disturbing and optimistic trends can be readily identified within many dimensions. Competition conflicting ideologies, patronage and use of sport by political figures, financial central radical protests, government intervention etc. This relationship is crucial and fragile, full of uncertain promise and imbued with both negative and positive aspects. Above all the relationship is inescapable, because politics is part of life and so is sport.

**Methodology:**

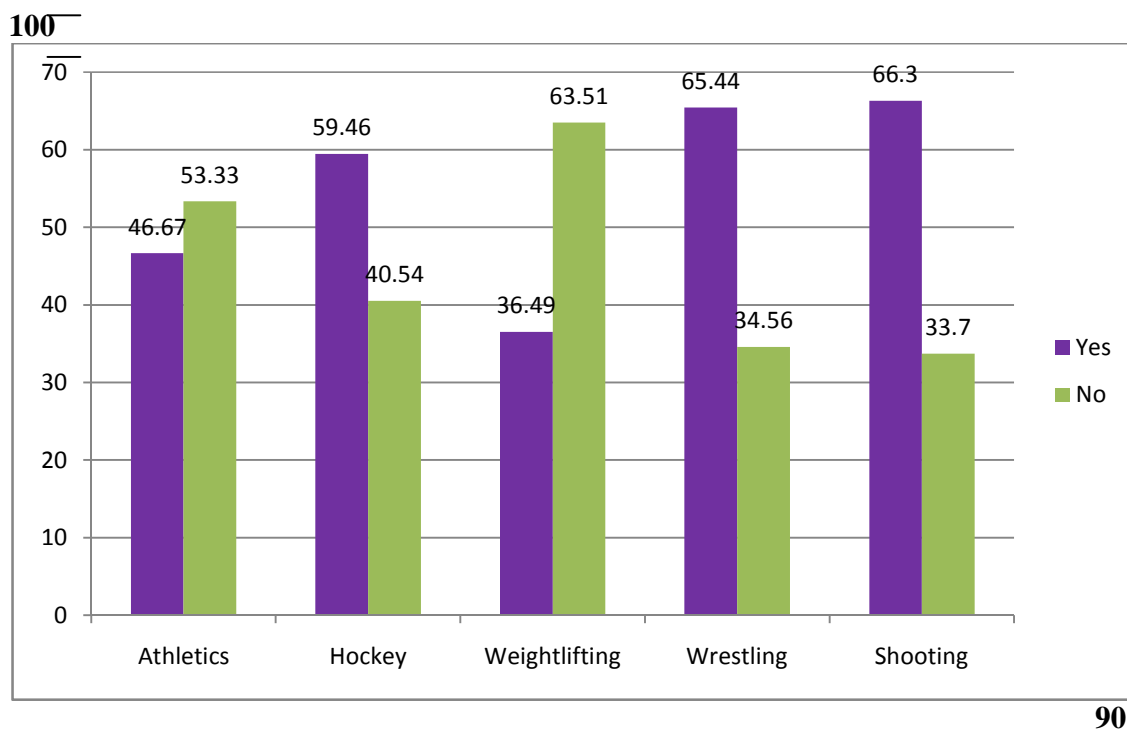
To accomplish the purpose of the study samples of 100 International level sportsmen's from athletics, hockey, weightlifting, Wrestling & Shooting were taken. A tool for collection of data was questionnaire method. Questionnaire was separately designed by researcher with the help of experts in the field. Reliability of questionnaire was found to be 0.79. Questionnaire for sportsmen contained two parts A & B. Part A contains Bio-data & instructions & part B contains questionnaire which was related to Political factor. Addresses of the sportsmen's were collected from renowned state level association and on the basis of those addresses questionnaire was sent to the players by post.

**Statistical Analysis:**

The main object of the study was to locate the effect of Political factor on sports performance at International level. After receiving the responses of the questionnaire game wise distribution of raw data was done & on the basis of that it was evaluated percentage wise.

**Table - 1****Table Showing Game wise percentage distribution of Political factors affecting Sports performance.**

<b>Games</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Socio-Economical</b>
Athletics	Yes	46.67
	No	53.33
Hockey	Yes	59.46
	No	40.54
Weight lifting	Yes	36.49
	No	63.51
Wrestling	Yes	65.44
	No	34.56
Shooting	Yes	66.30
	No	33.70



### Games

#### Findings:

Game wise effect of Socio-Economical factor on sports performance revealed that the factor is affecting 46.67% to athletes, 59.46% to hockey players, 36.49% to weight lifters, 65.44% to Wrestlers & 66.30% to Shooters. Overall Political factor was known to have found most effective on Shooting.

#### Discussion:

On the bases of present findings researcher conclude that Political factor affect the performance of Indian sportsmen at International level. It is very well could be understood that this factor is accountable for poor sports performance in the said areas.

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