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Useful notes

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A British newsreel from 1947 commenting on the end of British rule in India
([British Pathe](#): 1193.16, India Takes Over)

Modem

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How to use this source

file size: 834KB

file size: 2.2MB

file size: 5.5MB



Running time: 2mins 58secs

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1 Study this source carefully. Ask yourself whether the source supports or contradicts the view that:

- The British left India as soon as the people wanted them to
- The British left because of the actions of important individuals
- The British were forced out by peaceful political protests
- The British were forced out by armed resistance
- The British wanted to leave because the area was causing them problems

2 If you were an **admirer** of the British empire, explain whether you would be able to use this source to support your viewpoint.

3 If you were a **critic** of the British empire, explain whether you would be able to use this source to support your viewpoint.

4) How does the newsreel portray Britain's role in ruling India and in giving India independence?

5) According to the newsreel, what problems and challenges is the newly independent India facing?

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