# Cricket, Race, and the 2007 World Cup: Sport in the Global Society



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The 2007 Cricket World Cup was a watershed moment in the history of the sport. Not only was it the first time that the tournament had been held outside of England, but it was also the first time that a team from outside the traditional cricket-playing nations had won the title. India's victory was a major upset, and it sent shockwaves through the cricket world.

But the 2007 World Cup was about more than just cricket. It was also a major cultural and political event. The tournament was held in the Caribbean, a region with a long and complex history of racial tension. And the Indian team's victory was seen by many as a symbolic triumph over racism.

In this book, we will explore the intersection of cricket, race, and the 2007 World Cup. We will examine the social and political implications of sport in a globalized world. And we will ask what the Indian team's victory tells us about the future of cricket.

#### **Cricket and Race**

Cricket has a long history of being associated with race. In the early days of the sport, it was primarily played by white men. And even today, cricket is often seen as a "white" sport. However, there have been a number of black cricketers who have achieved great success, including Viv Richards, Brian Lara, and Sachin Tendulkar.

The 2007 World Cup was a major turning point in the history of cricket and race. For the first time, a team from outside the traditional cricket-playing nations won the title. India's victory was a major upset, and it sent shockwaves through the cricket world.

The Indian team's victory was seen by many as a symbolic triumph over racism. It showed that cricket was not just a "white" sport, but a sport that could be played by people of all races.

#### **Sport and Globalization**

The 2007 Cricket World Cup was a major global event. It was broadcast to over 1 billion people around the world. And it was a major economic boon for the Caribbean region.

The World Cup was also a major cultural event. It brought together people from all over the world to celebrate their shared love of cricket. And it

helped to promote understanding and cooperation between different cultures.

The 2007 World Cup was a reminder of the power of sport to bring people together. It showed that sport can be a force for good in the world, and it can help to promote peace and understanding.

#### The Future of Cricket

The 2007 Cricket World Cup was a watershed moment in the history of the sport. It showed that cricket is not just a "white" sport, but a sport that can be played by people of all races. It also showed that sport can be a force for good in the world, and it can help to promote peace and understanding.

The future of cricket is bright. The sport is growing in popularity around the world, and there are now more opportunities for people of all backgrounds to play and enjoy the game.

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