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The main aim of the thesis is to summarize and analyse development of the political emancipation of Dalits, the lowest classes of Indian society, from the 19th century to the present days. The paper pursues important events and personalities in political equalization of this section (the antibrahmanic movements in the 19th century, the merit of Gandhi and Dr. Ambedkar, formation of the first political parties protecting rights of the Dalits, the Dalit Panther movement). The thesis further inquires other significant issues as compensatory discrimination and violence on the Dalits. A specific chapter is a case study of the political party Bahujan Samaj Party that represents interests of the Dalits in Uttar Pradesh.