



## Hindutva ~ = Nazism, Attacks, Discrimination, Lynching



**What is Hindutva?** It is a **fascist, Nazi-inspired majoritarian** ideology of the largest paramilitary organization in the world, India's Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led by current Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the political arm. Most of Modi's cabinet members are from the RSS.

The **core belief** is that India's national identity should be synonymous with a Hindu identity, and has led to mob violence against minorities such as Muslims, Christians, Sikhs & Dalits (lower/out-of-caste in the Hindu caste hierarchy). The goal is to create a greater India, incorporating many current sovereign nations. Hindutva, is a deviant of Hinduism, a peaceful religion, popularized less than 100 years ago by an early leader of the RSS, V. D. Savarkar. Hindutva followers **celebrate Gandhi's assassination** in India & have built shrines in the assassin's honor, a far cry from the non-violent teachings of Gandhi.

<https://tfipost.com/2022/04/rss-is-reclaiming-its-hindu-resistance-legacy/>

<https://www.siasat.com/sangh-footprint-modi-cabinet-71-leaders-have-links-rss-1806801/>

<https://southasia.ucla.edu/history-politics/hindu-rashtra/veer-savarkar-ideologue-hindutva/>

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/nathuram-godse-hindu-mahasabha-mahatma-gandhi-qwalior-shivraj-chauhan-1087433-2017-11-16>



**Inspired by Nazis** Hindutva is **inspired by Nazi Germany & Mussolini's fascists** in Italy. Golwalkar, an early leader, praised Hitler's methods as "a good lesson for us in Hindustan to learn and profit by".

[Golwalkar, MS, "We Or Our Nationhood Defined", Nagpur, 1939, p. 45]

<https://justiceforall.org/indiannazis>; The Nazification of India

**Persecution of Religious Minorities** Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and Dalits are attacked repeatedly. This has been covered by news outlets as well as in the reports released by the US Dept. of State. Muslims face the brunt of attacks. FIAONA, an organization of Indian Christians lists 1198 attacks on Christians in 2022. In mid-2023, Manipur Christians saw 249 Churches destroyed in 36 hours and the violence had left more than 100 dead.

The **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** recommends that India be designated a Country of Particular Concern (CPC) for its persecution of Religious Minorities for four years in succession.

<https://www.hrw.org/reports/2002/india/India0402-03.htm>

<https://www.state.gov/reports-bureau-of-democracy-human-rights-and-labor/country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/>

[https://fiacona.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023FIAONA\\_Annual\\_Report.pdf](https://fiacona.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023FIAONA_Annual_Report.pdf)

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/archbishop-imphal-claims-249-churches-burnt-in-manipur-8669677/>

<https://www.uscirf.gov/annual-reports>

**India at the Brink of Genocide** Several Hindu Religious Parliaments have called for a genocide of Muslims, and a plan was to follow the Burma model of genocide of the Rohingya; kill 2 million Muslims, and drive the rest out. Religious leaders offered a 10 million rupee award for recruiting Hindu suicide bombers. This is a mainstreaming of the tirade against Muslims & Abrahamic religions.

India is the only country in the world with **2 genocide watches and 1 alert**, listed at the level of **Genocide Emergency by Genocide Watch**. India is placed at Stage 8 of the 10 stages of genocide.

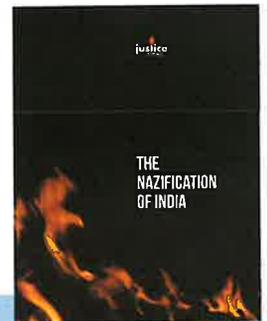
The **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** lists India at #8 for the danger of mass killings and states that mass killings are already ongoing.

<https://thewire.in/communalism/hindutva-leaders-dharma-sansad-muslim-genocide>

[https://www.genocidewatch.com/files/ugd/2c7d82\\_22f5ff0c99e34bc2800da6a24aed8d69.pdf](https://www.genocidewatch.com/files/ugd/2c7d82_22f5ff0c99e34bc2800da6a24aed8d69.pdf)

<https://earlywarningproject.ushmm.org/countries/india>

**Global Hindutva** In the United States & Canada, several Hindu organizations such as the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS), Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America (VHP-A) aka World Hindu Council, Overseas Friends of BJP (OFBJP) openly state as being inspired by the same fascist ideology. India assassinated a Canadian citizen and has been implicated in the attempt on the life of a US citizen.



<https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2022/9/26/violent-hindu-extremism-is-now-a-global-problem>

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/crime/sikh-khalistan-hardeep-singh-nijjar-arrests-b2539593.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/04/29/india-assassination-raw-sikhs-modi/>

## Hindutva in Your Workplace, College & Community

### Have you

- Been questioned about your name, hometown, community, region, diet over and over again
- Had caste been brought up in conversations with superiors
- Gaslit by superior(s) and you are Muslim, Sikh or Dalit
- Noticed a bitter attitude from your manager towards you, than with others
- Faced verbal abuse and threats
- Been denied days/time off for religious holidays such as Eid
- Noticed that hiring is from within a certain group of people
- Not gotten called back after your full name is revealed
- Been assigned too many tasks over & over, setting you up to fail
- Been put in a position where you feel it would be difficult to succeed
- Been asked to do things that are demeaning
- Suddenly found that Hindu-aligned greetings and practices are expected of you
- Faced repercussions for speaking up against caste or anti-Muslim sentiment
- Passed over for promotions, with a Hindu person selected instead

If this is being pushed by a person of Indian origin, then Hindutva is very likely behind it.

### The Medical Field

- Attending physicians not interacting with lower caste or Muslim residents or students
- Patients refusing care after finding out your religion or caste
- Doctors not being referred to by doctors of Indian origin, especially in the last 3-4 years

### The Technical industry

- Been assigned the most arduous tasks, often out of your experience set
- Been passed over for raises or receiving lower raises
- Been chided about being technically incompetent compared to others

### What can you do?

- Talk with Human Resources, recommend education on faith or caste based discrimination
- Make it clear that criticizing caste-based discrimination is not Hindu-phobic
- Have policies in place that lead to disciplinary action
- If you feel harassed, connect with local CAIR or ACLU in the US (NCCM or CCLA in Canada)

### Resources

<https://www.cair.com/> The Council on American-Islamic Relations. Search for your local state CAIR chapter

<https://www.aclu.org/> The American Civil Liberties Union is dedicated to protect the rights of all Americans, regardless of ethnicity or religious following. The ACLU has offices throughout the United States

<https://www.nccm.ca/> The National Council of Canadian Muslims may be able to help

<https://ccla.org/> The Canadian Civil Liberties Association fights for the rights of all Canadians

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Justice For All is a Human Rights organization based in the US and Canada, established at the time of the Bosnian Genocide, at which it was instrumental in getting rape declared as an International War Crime. Current campaigns include Burma Task Force, Save Uyghur, Kashmir Action, and Save India From Fascism.

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## Are HSS and RSS Connected?

The Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) will vehemently protest against being linked to India's fascist Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) when its ties are exposed (especially in front of local governments in the US). However, some basic research reveals a *radically* different story.

Let's take a look at what mainstream Indian media says.

India's *Zee News* — an outlet actually owned by a former Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) member — calls the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) the “overseas unit” of the RSS. *The Hindustan Times* calls it “an organization with close links to the RSS” that “works in close coordination with RSS leaders.” *The Deccan Herald* calls it the “overseas offshoot” of the RSS. India's *News 18* describes it as the RSS's “allied organization.” India's *ThePrint* says it is an “international offshoot” of the RSS. *The Hindu* reports that “RSS units outside India are known as the” HSS. *NDTV* describes it as the RSS's “foreign wing.”

How about Indian-American journalists?

Nitish Pahwa of *Slate* describes the HSS as the RSS's “international affiliate” which was established by RSS members in order to work “towards the RSS's goals.” Rashmee Kumar of *The Intercept* says it is “the international branch of the RSS” which operates “under the RSS umbrella.”

Shall we look to American academics?

American political scientist Dr. Walter K. Andersen (who is a pro-RSS researcher) and his co-author, Shridhar Damle (who is, or at least was, head of the HSS's Chicago chapter) call the HSS “the overseas counterpart of the RSS” which, they say, sends many of its officers to attend RSS-run training camps at the RSS's headquarters in India. Indian-American sociologist Dr. Prema Kurien calls the HSS-USA “an organization parallel to the RSS” which she further describes as “the American branch of the RSS.” Dr. Audrey Truschke, an historian of South Asia, says: “The RSS exists overseas as the HSS, including in America.”

As Rajiv Malhotra — yet another pro-RSS writer — states: “HSS is RSS' foreign name. This is important for those unfamiliar with RSS.”

In fact, even the HSS-USA's own website admits it is “inspired by” the RSS.

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So why won't the HSS admit this to you? Well, as political scientist Dr. Christophe Jaffrelot explains, the HSS is "the RSS operated under... a different name" but it will "strive to mask the links they have with the RSS to avoid being overtly stigmatized."

The HSS is the international wing of the RSS. There is no denying that the two groups are connected. So what is the RSS and why would the HSS be "stigmatized" if its links to that organization were known?

According to Dr. Eviane Leidig, an expert on extremism, the RSS is a "paramilitary Hindu nationalist organisation... which advocates for an ethno-nationalist Hindu state." Dr. Martha Nussbaum, a political philosopher, says that the RSS is "the militant social organization that is the heart of the Hindu right." Historian Dr. Michele Louro explains that the RSS is not only "the largest all-volunteer paramilitary organization" but also that it was "modeled after fascist groups in Europe."

This view is upheld by many Indian-origin scholars as well.

For instance, historian AG Noorani describes the RSS as a "menace to India," warning that it is an "undemocratic" organization which has a "fascist leadership principle" and embraces "hate ideology." Civil rights activist Dr. Anand Teltumbde explains that the RSS believes in a "fascist paradigm" and "is clearly patterned on the fascist militia[s]" of 20th-century Europe. Sociologist Dr. Chetan Bhatt suggests that it is accurate to characterize the RSS as "fascist" in "ideological, aesthetic, social movement, and organizational terms" and describes it as India's version of "authoritarian, xenophobic, and majoritarian religious nationalism."

Meanwhile, what about human rights bodies?

Amnesty International calls the RSS a "right-wing" group which incites people to violence. Human Rights Watch says that the RSS is a "militant" group which is "directly responsible" for violence against Indian minorities. The United States Commission for International Religious Freedom explains that not only does the RSS "aggressively" press its view that non-Hindus are "foreign to India," but that it has also "perpetrated numerous incidents of intimidation, harassment, and violence against religious minority communities."

So, if the HSS is actually linked to the RSS, do you think that might be a problem?



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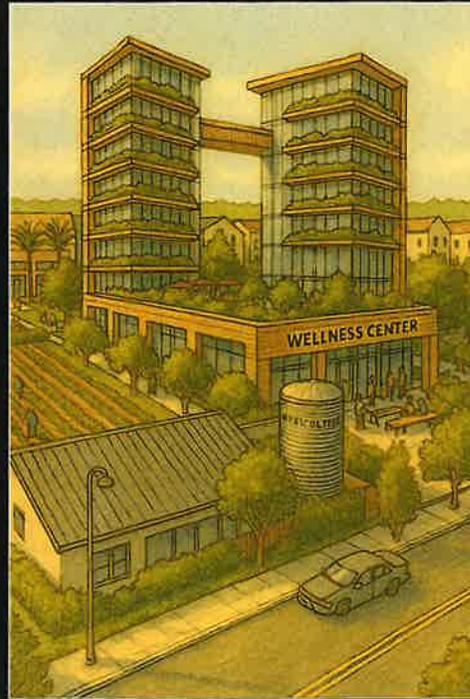
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