Hindudvesha
(Systemic Hinduphobia)

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AHAD
American Hindus Against Defamation

Mission
We will be a grassroots movement that will shed light on acts arising out of ignorance of Hindu dharma, its deities, practices, culture, customs, and icons. We will overcome Hinduphobia and hatred towards Hindu dharma.

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www.vhp-america.org

Mission
To establish the systematic study of Dharma, its interpretation and application through the creation of academic and intellectual infrastructure and institutions.
What is a Phobia?

• An extreme or irrational fear of or aversion to something: Some Examples are:
  ▪ Claustraphobia, fear of confined or crowded spaces;
  ▪ Acrophobia, fear of heights;
  ▪ Arachnophobia, fear of spiders;
  ▪ Autophobia, fear of solitude;
  ▪ Islamophobia, fear of Islam;
  ▪ Hinduphobia, fear of Hindus or Hinduism;
Is there a widespread “Fear” of Hindus?

Hindus have not

- Historically threatened anyone;
- Launched proselytizing missions
- Sought to convert the entire world;
- Tried to replace other religions, philosophies, and ideologies;
- Conquered or Colonized the world;
- Enslaved or exterminated whole peoples

What is there to be so scared about the Hindus?
Dvesha versus Phobia

Sanskrit

Dvesha

Dislike

Hatred

Greek

Phobia

Repulsion

Aversion

Fear

Horror

Dvesha – Systemic Hinduphobia

Hindudvesha – Systemic Hinduphobia

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Hindudvesha – A Definition

• Dvesha is a Sanskrit word meaning "aversion", "repulsion" or "hatred" – a deep-rooted emotional response that negatively influences one's perception of the world, or something or some phenomena in one’s world.

• Hindudvesha, like systemic racism or anti-Semitism, is an ambient, all-encompassing discourse that denigrates and delegitimizes Hinduism and the Hindu people as it relentlessly problematizes, dehumanizes, and demonizes them.

• Its accusatory rhetoric treats Hindus as objects or patients to be examined and diagnosed. It presupposes and concludes that something about the Hindus and Hinduism is irredeemably bad and wrong, evil, and demonic.
Hindudvesha – A colonial era example

- Hindus are “imperfect, barbaric, savage, wild, vague, wavering, obscure, rude, primitive, regressive, frivolous, wretched, imbecile, mean, absurd, base, gross, monstrous, superstitious, stupid, degraded, hierarchical, oppressive, immoral, disorderly, violent, selfish, corrupt, deformed, disgusting, groveling, ridiculous, inconsistent, incoherent, ignorant, credulous, timid, dirty, weak, given to exaggeration and flattery, engulfed in darkness and confusion, and hardly different from monkeys.”

James Mill, History of British India, 1819
The Colonial Roots of Hindudvesha

Exploiter

The British extracted some $45 Trillion US in current day terms over a 200-year period from India – profoundly impoverishing India and destroying its society.

But they also rewrote the History of India, to represent India as a “doomed” civilization, which could not be redeemed, without a European intervention.

Exploited

What happened?

British

The Discourse about what happened?
The Two Sources of Hindudvesha

**Christian Theology**
- Christianity is the “True” Religion
- All others are “False” Religions
- Hinduism is a “Heathen”, “Pagan” Religion, that needs to be eliminated
- Hindus need to be saved or emancipated from Hinduism’s devilish, satanic beliefs

**Enlightened Modernity**
- Modernity supersedes Tradition
- Reason supersedes Revelation
- Science supersedes Superstition
- Hindus need to be saved or emancipated from Hinduism’s backwardness and primitivity
Hindudvesha represents itself as unbiased, objective truth about the Hindus, and relentlessly “abuses” the Hindus and Hinduism, either deliberately and consciously or unconsciously and repetitively.
The Ambient Pressure exerted by Hindudvesha

- Hindu Phobia
- Systemic Hinduphobia
- Supervised
- Secularized
- Westernized
- Anglicized
- Modernized
- Silenced
- Converted
- Christianized
- Islamized

The Hindus
- Ashamed
- Embarrassed
- Confused
- Accused
- Defensive
- Denounce

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## Recognizing Hindudvesha – A Checklist

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<td>Are the Hindu People a legitimate people? Do they have a right to live as Hindus?</td>
<td>No. Never.</td>
<td>May be – with an appropriate Oversight</td>
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<td>Do Hindu traditions and culture have a legitimate place in contemporary society?</td>
<td>Not at all. They need to be destroyed.</td>
<td>May be – But they need to be saved or reformed.</td>
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<td>Can the Hindu speak up as a Hindu? Or does the Hindu have to be coopted in order to be legitimate?</td>
<td>No. The Hindu voice must be silenced.</td>
<td>May be if they agree and conform</td>
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<td>To what extent have the problems in Hindu society been caused by Invasions and Colonization?</td>
<td>Not even a little. Such questions are taboo.</td>
<td>Either willfully or blindly never asked.</td>
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<td>Do all problems in Hindu society today, need to be traced back to some essential aspect of Hinduism?</td>
<td>Yes. Absolutely. It is a core commitment.</td>
<td>Seems like Hinduism is the main problem.</td>
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<td>Can the problems in Hindu society be addressed by applying principles from within Hinduism?</td>
<td>No. Hinduism needs to be exterminated.</td>
<td>May be. But not without major reform.</td>
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<td>Are Hindu efforts to recover and restore their lost or damaged traditions, texts and culture legitimate?</td>
<td>No. These efforts must be eliminated.</td>
<td>Only to the extent that they reform &amp; conform.</td>
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<td>Is there anything positive or valuable that Hinduism has contributed to the world?</td>
<td>Everything positive has to be appropriated.</td>
<td>Very little if anything – mostly accidental.</td>
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Hindudvesha
In the Academia
Academia and Hindudvesha

Academia is thought to be a place of
• Deep philosophical reflections
• Dispassionate search for truth…with no bias or agenda
• Due consideration for diverse viewpoints

Unfortunately, majority of Western academics engaged in Hindu studies come across as cabal of the worst kind
Colonial period...

The Hindoo like the eunuch, excels in the qualities of a slave... dissembling, treacherous, mendacious (James Mill, 1818)

The ancient religion of India is totally doomed. If Christianity doesn’t step in, whose fault will it be? (Max Mueller, 1868)

Its gods are the misshapen, wild, cruel, lascivious (Oldenburg, 1907)

Mission: Destruction of Hindu social structure by any means possible
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### Now...

Rama’s nightmare is that Sita will be unchaste, and the sexually voracious ogresses that lurk inside every Good Woman in Ramayan expresses that nightmare *(Wendy Doniger, Univ of Chicago)*

Ramakrishna was a child molester… forced homosexual activities upon Vivekananda *(Jeffery Kripal, Emory Univ)*

Ganesa remains celibate so as not to compete erotically with his father, a notorious womanizer *(Paul Courtright, Emory Univ)*
Western Indology – Another Flavor

Holocaust is Sanskrit’s fault…

- Europe cannot be blamed for excesses of colonialism or Nazism
  They were merely building on socio-political poisons inherent in Sanskrit language
- Western intellectuals have responsibility to actively intervene… to destroy the built-in social poisons in Sanskrit

For such an oxymoron as Western Indology to survive, someone has to be a moron
- Prof Arvind Sharma, McGill Univ
How can they get away with it?

“Western Echo Chamber”

- Rigidly defined framework for Hindu studies and discourse
- Noncompliant approaches declared unsound and unacceptable
- Hindu intellectuals shunned as “too biased”

In other words:
- They make the rules
- They act as referees
- We are not allowed to play
Why worry about academia?

Academia has strong influence on

- School textbooks
- News media
- Social media
- Entertainment industry
- Online resources - Wikipedia

Academia plays a huge role in how we are perceived in society and professional ecosystem.
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Hindudvvesha
Activism and Social Media
Equality Labs and Social Media Champions of Hindu Hatred
Modes of Promoting Hindu-Hatred Employed by Equality Labs

The three modes

1. Produce propaganda reports, articles, and hate-oriented artwork
2. Leverage social media to spread its hateful propaganda
3. Motivate and inspire its social media followers and political allies to weaponize the organization’s hateful propaganda
Examples of Propaganda Material Used by Equality Labs

● A dubious 2018 caste report that demeans Hindus and Hinduism
  ○ Its Conclusion: There is nothing more to Hinduism than caste

“Caste is a structure of oppression that affects over 1 billion people across the world. It is a system of religiously codified exclusion that was established in Hindu scripture.”

● Report includes false and highly-charged accusations about Hindu culture, religion and society

“Caste like race is a social category created in order to exploit a particular group of people. While it shares characteristics that are analogous to class and racial systems of oppression it is quite distinct because of its religious origins and the connections it makes between purity, profession, and skin color.”
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More Examples

Hate-oriented art that subtly promotes violence against Hindus
Leveraging Social Media to Promote Hate Propaganda

Equality Labs has managed to brainwash influential figures in the social media world to fortify its propaganda.
Weaponizing Hate on Social Media

Equality Labs Retweeted

Velivada @Velivada · Jul 20, 2020
Cisco Caste Discrimination Case – Understand the Threat of Brahmins as Power-Hungry Monsters

The recent Cisco case brought out the caste discrimination, a dark secret which no one had so far talked about. However, there is a big ...

velivada.com
Samples of Hindudvesha On Social Media

Forms

- Demeaning and insulting Hindu society and religion
- Calling for extermination of Hindus via genocide
- Debasing sacred Hindu Deities

Social Media **facilitates and propagates Hindudvesha by:**

- Falsely designating Hindudvesha as a legitimate social justice and human rights discourse
- Stereotyping Hindus as privileged oppressors thereby justifying the hatred and violence directed at them
NPR producer Furkan Khan equates Hinduism with piss drinking and dung worshiping.

If Indians give up Hinduism, they will also be solving most of their problems with all the piss drinking and dung worshipping.
Call for Hindu Holocaust

Subha Prasad Sanyal Penguin Random House Award Winner calls for a Hindu Genocide
Vulgar Display & Descriptions of Hindu Deities

Dan Broadbent, but 6+ feet away
@aSciEnthusiast

I'm not into anime porn, but if I was...

I mean. Just imagine what this sexy Hindu goddess could do with FOUR hands. 😎

Saint Susanna @skepticsusanna · Sep 23, 2020
@ArminNavabi’s account has been restricted pending the deletion of #SexyKali. HE REFUSES TO DO SO!

This needs to backfire on them! #SexyKali must NEVER be taken down! Join me in posting #SexyKali to show that attempts to restrict blasphemy will lead to more blasphemy.

3:07 PM · Sep 23, 2020 · Twitter for Android
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Hindudvesha: In the Mass Media
Does mass media influence public opinion???

Social Science Experts Say... YES


What is Mass Media...

Mass Media may include:

- Movie Industry
- Soap Operas
- Streaming Service – Netflix; Amazon Prime
- Stand-up Comedy
- Books, Newspapers, Magazines
- Internet
Recognize the Hindudvesha pattern in the next few slides
Movie Industry - Hindudvesha
Streaming Services

LUDO

AASHRAM

KRISHNA & HIS LEELA

TANDAV

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Cartoons & Comedy

[Image of two cartoons]
Mass Media’s role in creating Hindudvesha

• Semiotic analysis reveals strategic use of symbolism in creating racial, hateful stereotypes and narratives against Hindus

• Systemic creation of tropes to promote Hindudvesha and stereotypes about Hindus

• Blatant mockery of Hindu tradition and practices which reinforces inferiority complex among younger generations of Hindus, promoting them to distance themselves from the culture

• Dubious and Obvious ways of injecting Hindudvesha into viewers mind
Why does this happen?

- Lack of awareness (in fact support) among Hindus
- Lack of reaction due to fear of labeling
- Systemic, well-funded approach to create institutions & networks with the aim to spread Hindudvesha
- Hindudveshis’ confidence over lack of consequences (legal & civilian)
What Can We Do?

- Recognize and call out Hindudvesha
- Contribute in efforts to expose Hindudvesha
- Express dissent in democratic way
- Educate ourselves and create awareness
- Continue to be part of future webinars in this series
Hindudvesha in News Media: NYT Cartoons
CNN “Believer” Episode on Hindu Dharma

- “Hinduism I was looking for” - Reza Aslan, show producer.
- First episode on Hindu Aghoris.
- Subsequent episodes:
  - Doomsday cult in Hawaii
  - Vodou in Hawaii
  - Scientology
  - Santa Muerte (Mexico City)
  - Ultra-orthodox Jews in Israel
Time Magazine Covers of Two Leaders: Modi Vs Erdogan
Leader of Terror outfit ISIS

A democratically chosen leader

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State, dies at 48

Meet the militant monk spreading Islamophobia in India
Hindudvesha in News Media: Festivals

DIWALI IS “FESTIVAL OF FATS”

A sugary, sweet X’mas: Kerala Rum cake, Goa’s Bebnica and other delicacies India loves during Christmas

WHAT SORT OF SECULARISM IS THIS?

CHRISTMAS HAS “DELICACIES INDIA LOVES”

Jallikattu is a cruel practice, but a court ban is not the answer

Eid Ul Adha: Muslims around the world celebrate the feast of sacrifice
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Hindudveasha
Hindu Awareness
Hindudvesha – Informal Stratified Online Survey

84 respondents

- majority were between ages 35-64.
- 03 percent were under 18.
- 65 percent – male
- 33 percent female.
- 51 percent - Hindu Americans living in the USA.
- 19 percent – from India
- 14 percent - from the indentured Indian diaspora;
- 7 percent from Canada
Findings

- 15 percent - Hindus had a great deal/a lot of awareness of Hindudvesha as expressed in words, writings, actions and behaviors.
- 25 percent said the awareness was moderate.
- 55% said Hindus had little awareness of the phenomenon.
- 10 percent said they had no awareness.
Hindudvesha – Words and Writings

Intolerant
saffron-terrorists
Coolie
idol worshipper
filthy brahmin
devil-worshipper
Hindutva
RSS
Bhakt
Sativrata
curry munchers

• Marxist/Leftist/conversion writings
• delinking Hinduism from Yoga.
• Pakistani textbooks
• American academy
demonizing Hindu deities
and civilization
• American school textbooks
and misrepresentations
Hindudvesha – Behaviours and Actions

- Racial Oppression
- Job discrimination
- Attacks on tangible Hindu expressions – mandirs, murtis – in India and other countries
- Bullying
- Making fun of the deities/vulgar images

- Hindu genocide in Pakistan through rape and forced conversion
- American interference in India’s policies – congressional hearings and state resolutions
Hindudvesha has led and leads to Genocide

On Walls of Swaminarayan temple, Louisville, KY, Jan. 2019

UK Schools spread Misinformation about Hinduism, Resulting in Bullying and Racial Hate Crime – Report by INSIGHT UK (Jan. 16, 2021) - Hindu Press International

Sacred Thread of Brahmins cut off (2018)

Decimation of population by conversion, fear, deception, manipulation and assault on leadership
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Closing Remarks
Hindu Identity is under sustained attack from many directions
By and large, Hindu community remains unaware or unconcerned.
Closing Remarks

Stay tuned for next set of webinars to learn about:

• Historical roots of Hindudvesha
• Hindudvesha in schools and college campuses
• Ways to counter
• …and many more

Our mission is simple:
To raise awareness of growing threat to Hindu identity
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Thank You