

# Appendix II. Questionnaire

Hindu Nationalism in America:  
**Assessing the Influence of  
Hindutva Ideology in the U.S.**



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**1. What is your age?**

- a. 18-24 years old
- b. 25-29 years old
- c. 30-49 years old
- d. 50-64 years old
- e. 65+ years old

**2. What is your present religion, if any?**

- a. Christian
- b. Jewish
- c. Muslim
- d. Buddhist
- e. Hindu
- f. Sikh
- g. Jain
- h. Atheist
- i. Agnostic
- j. Something else
- k. None

**3. What state do you reside in?**

- a. Select state from dropdown list

**4. What is your gender?**

- a. Male
- b. Female
- c. Neither: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What is the last grade of school you completed?**

- a. Less than high school
- b. High school graduate
- c. Some college (including Associate's degree)
- d. Graduated college (Bachelor's degree)
- e. Graduate school or higher
- f. Technical school/Other

**6. What is your current field of study or employment, if any? If you are not currently employed, what was your field of work last you were employed, if any?**

- a. Public policy
- b. Public interest law
- c. Journalism/Media
- d. Film
- e. STEM fields (science, technology,

- engineering, or math)
- f. Medicine/Healthcare
- g. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- h. I do not have a field of study or work

**7. What is your total annual household income from all sources and before taxes?**

- a. Less than \$15,000
- b. \$15,000 but less than \$25,000
- c. \$25,000 but less than \$30,000
- d. \$30,000 but less than \$40,000
- e. \$40,000 but less than \$50,000
- f. \$50,000 but less than \$75,000
- g. \$75,000 but less than \$100,000
- h. \$100,000 and over

**8. What languages, other than English, do you speak?**

- a. Hindi
- b. Bengali
- c. Urdu
- d. Punjabi
- e. Marathi
- f. Telugu
- g. Tamil
- h. Gujrati
- i. Kannada
- j. Odia
- k. Malayalam
- l. Assamese
- m. Santali
- n. Meitei (Manipuri)
- o. Sanskrit
- p. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. What is your caste?**

- a. I do not associate with a caste
- b. Bhramin
- c. Kshatryia
- d. Viasya
- e. Sudra
- f. Dalit
- g. Don't know
- h. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as:**

- a. A Republican
- b. A Democrat
- c. An Independent
- d. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Generally speaking, would you describe your political views at:**

- a. Very conservative
- b. Somewhat conservative
- c. Moderate
- d. Somewhat liberal
- e. Very liberal

**12. Do you think of yourself as:**

- a. Straight, that is no lesbian or gay
- b. Gay or lesbian
- c. Bisexual
- d. Something else

**13. Which of these describes your dietary restrictions, if any:**

- a. Full vegetarian
- b. Chicken only
- c. Halal meat only
- d. No restrictions
- e. Vegetarian and no onion and garlic
- f. Vegetarian and no egg
- g. Pure vegan
- h. Other

**14. What is your immigrant generation?**

- a. First (you migrated)
- b. Second (your parents migrated)
- c. Third or greater (your grandparents migrated)

**15. Which of the follow are true:**

- a. At least two of my grandparents were born in India
- b. At least one of my parents were born in India
- c. Both my parents were born in India
- d. I was born in India
- e. No one in my ancestry or myself was born in India

**16. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**17. Do you consider yourself white, Black or African American, Asian, Arab, Native American, Pacific Islander, mixed race or some other race?**

- a. White
- b. Black or African American
- c. Asian/Chinese/Japanese/Indian/Pakistani
- d. Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native
- e. Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- f. Mixed
- g. Arab
- h. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**18. On a scale from 1 to 4, how important is being an American to the way you think of yourself?**

- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Somewhat unimportant
- d. Not at all important

**19. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] On a scale from 1 to 4, how important is being Indian to the way you think of yourself?**

- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Somewhat unimportant
- d. Not at all important

**20. On a scale from 1 to 4, how important is your religion to the way you think of yourself?**

- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Somewhat unimportant
- d. Not at all important

21. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] On a scale from 1 to 4, how important is your caste to the way you think of yourself?

- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Somewhat unimportant
- d. Not at all important

22. **Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?**

- a. More than once a week
- b. Once a week
- c. Once or twice a month
- d. A few times a year
- e. Seldom/Less often than a few times a year
- f. Never

23. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] **Some people say that the following things are important to be truly Indian. Others say that they are not important. How important do you think the following are to be truly Indian: To be Hindu**

- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Neutral
- d. Somewhat not important
- e. Not very important

24. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] **Some people say that the following things are important to be truly Indian. Others say that they are not important. How important do you think the following are to be truly Indian: To speak Hindi**

- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Neutral
- d. Somewhat not important
- e. Not very important

25. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] **Some people say that the following things are important to be truly Indian. Others say that they are not important. How important do you think the following are to be truly Indian: To support the Modi government**

- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Neutral
- d. Somewhat not important
- e. Not very important

**Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

26. **Most Muslims living in the United States are more prone to violence than other people.**

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Somewhat disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat agree
- e. Strongly agree

27. **Most Muslims living in the United States discriminate against women.**

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Somewhat disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat agree
- e. Strongly agree

28. **Most Muslims living in the United States are hostile to the United States.**

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Somewhat disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat agree
- e. Strongly agree

29. **Most Muslims living in the United States are less civilized than other people.**

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Somewhat disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat agree
- e. Strongly agree

30. Most Muslims living in the United States are partially responsible for acts of violence carried out by other Muslims.

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Somewhat disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat agree
- e. Strongly agree

**Which of the following actions have you taken in the past 12 months. Have you...:**

31. Attended a U.S town hall meeting?

- a. Yes
- b. No

32. Volunteered for a U.S political campaign?

- a. Yes
- b. No

33. Contributed money to a U.S political campaign?

- a. Yes
- b. No

34. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] How do you view Modi's Bharat Janata Party (BJP)?

- a. Very favorable
- b. Somewhat favorable
- c. Neutral
- d. Somewhat unfavorable
- e. Very unfavorable

35. How often, if at all, have you personally experienced discrimination in the past year because of your **religion**?

- a. Never
- b. Rarely
- c. Occasionally
- d. Regularly

36. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] How often, if at all, have you personally experienced discrimination in the past year because of your **caste**? ‘

- a. Never
- b. Rarely
- c. Occasionally
- d. Regularly

37. To what extent do you think discrimination against **Muslims** is a problem in the **US**?

- a. Major problem (more than other religions/ races)
- b. Regular problem (same as other religions/ races)
- c. Small problem (less than other religions/ races)
- d. Not a problem

38. To what extent do you think discrimination against **Hindus** is a problem in the **US**?

- a. Major problem (more than other religions/ races)
- b. Regular problem (same as other religions/ races)
- c. Small problem (less than other religions/ races)
- d. Not a problem

39. Do you believe Muslims face religious discrimination in India?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Neutral

40. To what extent do you agree with the statement, "Public schools and universities in the **U.S.** should ban the hijab."

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Somewhat agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

41. To what extent do you agree with the statement, “Public schools and universities in India should ban religious clothing such as the hijab.”

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Somewhat agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

42. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] To what extent do you agree with the statement, “hatred towards the current Indian government (BJP - Modi) is equivalent to hatred towards India.”

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Somewhat agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

**Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each of the following:**

43. A ban on visas to Muslims wanting to enter the United States.

- a. Strongly support
- b. Somewhat support
- c. Somewhat oppose
- d. Strongly oppose

44. A surveillance program targeting mosques in the US.

- a. Strongly support
- b. Somewhat support
- c. Somewhat oppose
- d. Strongly oppose

45. Banning the building of mosques in the US.

- a. Strongly support
- b. Somewhat support
- c. Somewhat oppose
- d. Strongly oppose

46. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statement: “I want to live in a county where no one is targeted for their religious identity.”

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Somewhat agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

47. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] To what extent do you support the “Citizenship Amendment Bill” in India, which offers amnesty to illegal immigrants from neighboring countries, and **excludes** Muslims?

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Somewhat agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

48. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] To what extent do you agree with the following statement “the demolition of illegal churches and mosques in India is lawful and important”.

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Somewhat agree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Somewhat disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

49. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] What sentiment does the slogan “jai shri Ram” evoke in you?

- a. Fear
- b. Nationalism
- c. Spirituality
- d. Neutral
- e. I don’t know what that means

50. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] A close relationship between Modi and Trump makes me feel:
- Pleased
  - Worried
  - Disappointed
  - Empowered
  - No feelings
51. To what extent do you agree with the statement, “Academics who are speaking negatively about Modi, Hindu nationalism, or Hindutva ideology should not be allowed to speak on college campuses in the U.S.”
- Strongly agree
  - Somewhat agree
  - Neither agree nor disagree
  - Somewhat disagree
  - Strongly disagree
52. Are there any Muslims you are close enough friends with that you would call them if you needed help?
- Yes
  - No
53. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] In the past year, have you contributed money to a group that supports the Modi government in India?
- Yes
  - No
54. In the past year, have you contributed money to a group or one that supports the Modi government in the U.S.?
- Yes
  - No
55. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] How often do you listen to or read about Indian politics?
- Often
  - Sometimes
  - Never
56. To what extent do you think Hollywood contains or promotes stereotypes against Muslims?
- A great deal
  - Limited
  - Small
  - Not at all
57. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] To what extent do you think Bollywood contains or promotes stereotypes against Muslims?
- A great deal
  - Limited
  - Small
  - Not at all
58. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] What is your main news source about Modi’s politics?
- Whatsapp (from family or friends)
  - Social media such as Facebooks, TikTok and others
  - Satellite TV
  - YouTube
  - I don’t follow news about Modi
  - Other
59. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] Which of the following do you believe to be the least trustworthy news source about Modi’s politics?
- Whatsapp (from family or friends)
  - Social media such as Facebook, Tiktok and others
  - Satellite tv
  - YouTube
60. [Only ask if present religion=Hindu] Which of the following do you believe to be the most trustworthy news source about Modi’s politics?
- Whatsapp (from family or friends)
  - Social media such as Facebook, Tiktok and others
  - Satellite tv
  - YouTube