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Introduction

Centre for Democracy, Pluralism and Human Rights (CDPHR) is an organisation broadly working in the area of human rights. Our motto is- equality, dignity and justice for every individual on this planet. We are committed to advocate upholding values of democracy and pluralism for a conducive environment for equality, dignity and justice. We endeavour to voice out human rights violations of individuals, groups and communities so as ultimately viable solutions maybe worked on. We dream of a world that accepts pluralistic ways of life, tradition and worship through democratic means and practices.

Vision

CDPHR envisions an equitable and inclusive society based on dignity, justice, liberty, freedom, trust, hope, peace, prosperity and adherence to law of land. We believe that multiple sections of societies are deprived of basic human rights and violation of their social, political, economic, religious and developmental rights is a sad reality. We consider that advocacy, education and intervention are required from multiple fronts to ensure an all-inclusive and just society.



Our mission is to promote and aid in establishing democratic and pluralistic structures and realisation of human rights.

To achieve this, broadly the following specific objectives have been set:

- a) To espouse all adoptable frameworks of advocacy, education and policy intervention to realise the stated mission.
- b) To promote and advocate human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without any discrimination of race, religion, caste, gender, colour, and language.
- c) To keep a watch on issues of human rights violations globally and present their authentic analytical documentation.
- d) To use conferences, seminars, meetings, discussions, debates, study courses, collection of statistics, exhibitions, shows, tour trips, publications etc. for ensuring education, advocacy and outreach.
- e) To engage actively with governments, international organisations and human rights organisations to promote national integration, communal harmony, universal fellowship and global peace.
- f) To develop and mobilise community and natural resources so as to be harnessed for sustainable overall development of the marginalised and economically weaker sections of the society.
- g) To promote a culture of democratic values and pluralism in the face of particularistic tensions related to religion, caste, gender, class.
- h) To study the effects of draconian laws and unlawful use of state's machinery and force by the enforcement agencies and prepare reports for submission to appropriate authorities.
- l) To support democratic and economic reforms through the UN framework in countries coming out of totalitarian control.



CDPHR trustees and the team members consist of academics, lawyers, judges, rapporteurs, social activists, journalists and independent researchers who have an established reputation in their respective areas of expertise. Essentially, we are a team of socially sensitive intellectuals who wish to bring about a positive change in the lives of people deprived of minimum dignity and equality. Some of the team members have rich experience in researching and writing on issues of contemporary social interest. A few others have had long social commitments. In addition to the core organisational team, CDPHR plans to expand further and add to the human resources pool.

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Objectives of the Study

CDPHR proposes to conduct a research-based analytical study on issues of human rights violations in the United States of America.

The purpose of this report is to analyze and systematically present the reported issues of human rights violations, specifically racial, religious, ethnic, and gender discrimination in the resource-rich country. The study has been conducted in support of the implementation of UN Covenants and international documents which are binding on the country for being a signatory.

Specific Objectives

Following are the specific objectives of the CDPHR report on the USA:

- Understand the international human rights covenants to which the United States of America is a signatory and to the extent of their violation in the country.
- Find out whether and how have race, religion, and ethnicity been used to manipulate discrimination, violence, and crime in the country
- Evaluating how democracy is functioning in the country and the status of free and fair electoral processes
- Analyse the state laws which are anti-constitution and discriminatory in nature and the climate of impunity which has contributed to the persecution of Blacks and indigenous people.
- The USA's relations vis-a-vis international bodies and their global impact.
- The protection of the right to live and livelihood during the Covid-19 pandemic

Methodology

As per its mandate Centre for Democracy Pluralism and Human Rights (CDPHR) feels concerned about news of human rights violations in the United States of America. For its pioneer investigative report on violations of human rights, the organization went through the reports of human rights organizations on the USA.

The organization has a network in many countries of the world that share incidences of violation and write reports too. In this case, Arvind Kumar himself lives in the USA and keeps raising such issues as a civil rights activist. He has first-hand experience of the disturbing human rights issues prevalent in the USA, whether it is regarding religious discrimination or other minority issues.

Further, Human Rights documents were reviewed and analyzed to ascertain on what parameters the human rights violations are happening in the USA. We too had interactions and interviews with eminent human rights activists through online meetings and telephonic meets to gather qualitative and quantitative data. The names of the interviewees have been withheld as per research ethics. Reports of human rights organizations working at national and international levels, government agencies' data, census, and other records prepared over the years were also referred to. We used news and reports in the public domain which also includes policy documents of the country. The cases of persecution included in the report are the ones which have come in open in public media.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

After the victory in the Second World War, the United States was instrumental in setting up various global institutions based on lofty ideals that would guarantee human rights and help remove human suffering. The Charter of the United Nations¹ declared that the goal of the UN was “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” and “to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small,”

The United States of America has ratified the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography². It is also a signatory to the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare of 1925³.

Yet, the United States of America is in violation of each of these agreements and has perpetuated the wrongdoings that these agreements seek to eliminate. As a result, the United States of America is responsible for immense suffering inflicted on the people of the USA as well as the rest of the world. Much of this suffering is due to biases built into the system, and these biases themselves are based on racial and religious considerations for the most part, with prejudice against women also playing a significant role.

One of the key ways in which bias is built into the system is by evading the creation of strong democratic institutions. This has resulted in the continued deprivation of voting rights for Black people and other minority races. Rampant election fraud on account of lack of voter identification cards, independent voters being kept out of the debate stage, and opposition by White Anglo-Saxon Protestant (WASP) politicians and judges to any effort to create a mechanism to ensure voter integrity are features of the American electoral system.

Blacks and Hispanics are used as voter bases by supremacist Whites and are permitted to participate in politics only on the terms set forth by the latter. Such terms include accepting a subservient role in which the supremacist Whites are given an exalted position as their saviors and leaders. Blacks and Hispanics are told what to think, made to suppress their own legitimate concerns, and support only those issues which benefit, and are defined by, Anglo-Saxon supremacist Whites. It is also not unusual for them to run the organizations of Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans and even pretend to be from these ethnic groups.

Freedom of Religion is one area in which the USA makes much noise, but it fails in practice as it has its own preferred religions. Hindus have been a particular target of the American political establishment, media, and academia, while both Hindus and Sikhs have faced violent attacks on the streets. Hindus, Shia Muslims, Mizrahi Jews, and Orthodox Christians are often accused of carrying out human rights violations around the world.

This state of affairs is due to the fact that Protestants who were instrumental in setting up the US have been marginalized in the decades after John F. Kennedy became the first Catholic President, with the coalition of Catholics, Episcopalians, and White Jews becoming dominant in the country's political institutions. The role of Roman Catholics in influencing American politics can be seen by an article in Religion News Service in 2008 which was headlined 'Is George Bush leading America's first truly Catholic presidency?' and focused on the fact that the advisors, speechwriters, and policymakers in the George W. Bush administration were all Catholics⁴. While the Episcopalians are a very small part of the US population, they have always been politically powerful and they formed an alliance with the Catholic church after the Second Council of the Vatican initiated the interfaith dialogues in the 1960s.

The judiciary too has been instrumental in ensuring that the freedom of religion is available only to those religions the people professing them are part of the American establishment. Additionally, the judiciary is heavily loaded with Catholics and Jews of European descent and is biased against Blacks who face a high rate of incarceration and more severe sentences for crimes similar to those committed by Whites. This is a key method in which Blacks are kept in a state of despair and made to vote for the Democratic Party.

The status of women in the USA too is a secondary one. Many of their organizations are controlled behind the scenes by men and they are forced to express political loyalty as per their wishes. Women in the USA are targets of violence, especially at the hands of prominent public figures. In these cases, the law has completely failed the women who are forced to silently accept the crimes if the perpetrator happens to be a person from a position in politics, media, or business.

The USA has used international organizations to push other countries into accepting American dominance around the world and exerts illegitimate economic control over much of the world. It is also culpable of fomenting unrest in various countries and starting several wars with the aim of continuing its dominance. To this end, it has not shied away from using or facilitating the use of, chemical and biological weapons.

In recent years, free speech rights and freedom of the press have been eroded and Internet controls have been institutionalized. Voices are suppressed on social media, the academia, as well as the print and broadcast media, and are forced to speak in one voice that matches the opinion of the USA government officials, and as per the new policies to control the internet, which have been put in place by intelligence officials, and masqueraded as policies to advance the free-speech rights of the common people. In general, any opinion that is not part of the approved 'liberal' discourse or the approved 'conservative' discourse is branded as an 'extremist' position, and people with independent positions are hounded out of the public space.

Following are the highlights of the Report:

1. **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: RACISM IS DEEPLY ENTRENCHED IN THE SYSTEM**
Structural Racism Built into the State Constitution Some of the provisions in the State Constitution are racist and continue to date, like the Three-Fifths Clause which violates the principle of equality, and the Fugitive Slave Clause which did not permit people to escape slavery.

Three-Fifths Clause (Native Indians, not to be numbered equally but three-fourths)

“Representations and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons.”

The 3rd Clause of the 4th Article of the USA Constitution authorizes the enslavers to seize enslaved people:

“No person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in Consequence of any Law or Regulation therein, be discharged from such Service or Labour, but shall be delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due.”

The Constitutions of California and New York states too have racist provisions, which are meant to deny housing and disfranchise Native Americans respectively.

Systemic Issues: Racism and Corruption in the Legal System and Judiciary

The law enforcement agencies, legal system, and the judiciary have all built up a reputation for corruption and racism.

In particular, a harsh law passed in 1994 was designed to ensure that Blacks would face a cruel justice system and long prison terms which would, in turn, benefit the owners of private prisons. Blacks are given more severe punishment by judges for the same crimes.

The composition of the judiciary is racist in nature. Most of the positions are filled by Whites and fewer Blacks, Asians, and Native Americans in proportion to their population. Even Clerkships are not offered to Blacks easily. However, Blacks lead in the number of wrongful convictions.

Racism is Institutionalized in Political Parties

Both the parties have been hypocritical in their conviction to end racism and none of them framed a comprehensive policy to eradicate it. Leaders of both parties have made racist remarks at multiple occasions, venting out their ingrained racism.

Lack of Representation of Minorities in Media and Academia

Media and academia have less representation of minorities. Those minority members are included who embrace the agenda of White supremacists. Blacks are not easily allowed into the faculty despite the existence of a large number of qualified Black applicants.

Use of Blacks and other Minorities and Organizations Purporting to Represent them as Pawns

Instead of treating Blacks, Hispanics, and Muslims as equals with respect, they are used as pawns and puppets by the White supremacist political establishment through a process of using intermediaries from each ethnic or religious group. Blacks are also controlled by organizations created by Whites.

Poverty is Higher in Blacks

Use of Legacy Admission Processes and Affirmative Action Programs to Benefit Whites

Affirmative action programs also help Whites as the admission process is not transparent and objective. Then some more categories are added to benefit Whites.

Use of Abortion to Cull the Black Population

Blacks in the USA are extremely agitated that Planned Parenthood, an organization controlled by White people and which performs abortions, targets Blacks to cull the Black population. Black women have the highest abortion rate.

White Savior Complex

The term is a way used by Whites to take advantage.

Appropriation of Native American Culture***Segregation in Churches***

Many pastors of Black churches too are controlled by Whites.

The government labels disparaging terms for universities run by Blacks.

Racism in Immigration Policies**RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION: WIDELY PREVALENT YET LESS TALKED ABOUT DISCRIMINATION IN THE USA**

Religious minorities, particularly non-Abrahamic religions, like Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains face discrimination.

Zoning Laws are Used to Deny Hindus and Buddhists to Construct Places of Worship***Attack By Ruling Politicians on the Holy Symbols of Hindus, Jains, and Buddhists***

Politicians have been trying the government to criminalize the use of the swastika. A Bill was also brought to declare the swastika as a symbol of hate.

The Curriculum Indoctrinates Students by Teaching Biblical Miracles as History and Discriminate against Hinduism

In California, the sixth and seventh-grade history curriculum requires students to learn that miraculous events in the Bible were actual historical events. In contrast, Hinduism is singled out for hostile treatment in the textbooks and Hindu beliefs are ridiculed.

American Universities Sponsor Attacks on Hinduism

The University of California at Davis has been a sponsor of a conference that targets Hinduism and propagates the hateful messages of certain Christian fundamentalists.

There is no history of any American university hosting a similar conference spewing hostility against any other religion.

Minority Buddhist and Hindu Temples and Mosques in USA Face Routine Violent Attacks

ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS 'NATIVE AMERICANS'

Ownership of land of Native Americans is not with Them, but the Federal Government

The US government keeps Native Americans in poverty by not allowing them to manage their own lands but by putting the federal government in charge of managing their lands and minerals. This has been going on since 1831, yet tribes have not been able to get back their lost

sovereignty despite continuous struggles.

Dignity Denied to Native Americans

Native Americans had their income 68% below the USA average 20% of households earning less than 5000 \$ annually as compared to the 6% national average; the rape rate of women is 2.5 times higher than the national average, and the child abuse rate is double.

The identity of Native Americans has been appropriated by White politicians for their own advancement.

GENDER DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE

Gender-based Violence: Sexual Violence is Normalised

In a study conducted on 1965 students in grades 7-12, 48% of students had faced some form of sexual harassment during the year of the study. The campus rape rate in schools is around 19%.

Sexual Exploitation by Men in Power

Sexual exploitation by those in power is a matter of grave concern. Statistics show that nearly 1 in every 5 American women has been the victim of rape or attempted rape. Big political names have figured in sexual exploitation, including the Presidents of the country.

Women are Treated as Inferior by the American Media and the Government

Women and Feminist Organizations are Controlled by Men

Women have also been used by the American government to advance their political agenda. It is well known that the feminist icon of the 1960s and 1970s, Gloria Steinem, was, in fact, a CIA agent.

Sexual Abuse of Children

As per a report, in 2014, there are an estimated 42 million survivors of child sexual abuse in the United States of America. Sexual abuse of young children is rampant among government officials and powerful politicians, but such abuse is either covered up or the perpetrators are let off with light sentences.

Domestic Violence

As per a study, one in five women has been raped in their lifetime. Almost half of the rape victims in the USA are raped by an acquaintance.

Gender Discrimination in the Workplace

As per a study, 42% of working women say they have experienced gender discrimination at the workplace, and 25% of working women were paid fewer wages as compared to men for the same work.

DEMOCRACY IN NAME, NOT IN ACTION: DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

The Election Processes are Controlled and Rigged by Government as well as Political Parties' Officials

Democratic principles are undermined. Party organizations manipulate electoral rolls. Many types of election frauds are rampant, one common being the 'discovery' of bags of previously uncounted votes during and even after the counting of votes.

Voting Rights of Blacks, Hispanics, and other Minorities are Suppressed

Political parties in the USA have resisted all efforts to provide voter identification cards to Black American citizens. The absence of voter identification cards to prevent electoral fraud is a systemic irregularity in the voting systems of several states in the United States of America that is used to perpetuate European White supremacists' political power while subjugating Blacks.

Views Other than Those of the Two Main Parties are Suppressed during Elections

Individuals who deviate from the two approved political positions and articulate their own views and aspirations are excluded from participating in politics and are branded “extremist” by the establishment consisting of the government, universities, media, and other institutions.

The official sanction for the two-party system subjugates more than half the population of the United States of America who does not identify as either Democrats or Republicans.

State Officials have Indulged in the Intimidation of Candidates

Another method used by state officials to rig elections is to openly abuse their power and intimidate candidates.

Rampant Voting Fraud in the USA and Blatant Disdain for Democratic Process

Nearly 1300 cases of voter fraud occurred after the year 2000. One form of cheating that is prevalent in the two major political parties is to take voice votes and assert, “In the opinion of the chair, the Ayes have it”.

INTERNATIONAL INTERFERENCE OF THE USA AND ITS ROLE IN CREATING HUMANITARIAN CRISES

Contribution to Creation of Refugees Globally

The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs estimates that there were a total of 9.2 million displaced people as a result of the American war on Iraq, 5.9 million in Afghanistan, 4.3 million in Somalia, 4.6 million in Yemen, and 1.2 million in Libya, and 7.1 million in Syria.

Overall Foreign Policy of America is Racist in Nature

The foreign policy of the United States is driven by an aim to control all the resources of the world, all the politics of the world, and control the opinions of everyone in the world. This is achieved through various means including persuasion, inducements, creation of strife, and use of force.

Initiation of Wars and Support for Terrorism

Over the years, the USA has maneuvered affairs of other countries through NATO and has used NATO as a pawn in spreading conflict and violence in many countries.

Afghanistan

241,000 people including 71,000 civilians were killed in the Afghan war initiated by the USA in 201⁵ using the false pretext that the war was in response to the terrorist attacks against the USA carried out on 11 September 2001. None of those terrorists were Afghans, and the Taliban regime in Afghanistan itself was a creation of the US government. The number of deaths between 1990 and 2000 is estimated to be 1,000,000.

The takeover by the Taliban has precipitated yet another humanitarian crisis with 3.5 million Afghans internally displaced within Afghanistan and another 2.2 million refugees.

Former Yugoslavia

The US is responsible for creating a civil war in the former Yugoslavia by exploiting religious divisions and then relentlessly bombing Belgrade in 1999, creating a massive refugee problem. At least 130,000 people lost their lives in the wars in former Yugoslavia.

Iraq

The American invasion of Iraq by the USA in 2003 was based on two falsehoods- the war was retaliation against the terrorist attacks on the USA on 11 September 2001 and secondly, Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

Syria

The United Nations estimated in 2021 that at least 350,000 people had died in Syria as a result of the war that began in 2011.

Ukraine

The Ukraine war has resulted, as of 5 May 2022, in 5.7 million refugees leaving their homes and going to other countries while another 6.5 million people are displaced within the country. The war too owes to the expansion of the NATO issue.

War Crimes Committed by the USA

Religious Wars of the US State Department

One of the major tools used by the US State Department to create strife in other countries is the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) which uses religious tests while hiring its personnel and views the world through the lens of religion.

The Routine Bombing of Shia Muslim Countries

Iran is attacked for no other reason than that it is populated by Shia Muslims. Innocent Shia Muslims face the brunt of American bombing more than Sunni Muslims as Sunni Muslims are allies of the United States.

Targeted Assassinations by the US government

Chemical and Biological Warfare

According to a report in the New York Post, the United States has been complicit in funding the Wuhan Institute of Virology's research on the Coronavirus which leaked from a lab in Wuhan.

As per media reports, the US government has also been funding secret biological warfare labs in Ukraine.

The United States also violated the 1925 Geneva Protocol when it helped the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein get chemical weapons that were used against Kurds.

In its war against Yugoslavia, the United States of America also used depleted uranium against the people of Serbia.

EROSION OF FREE SPEECH AND FREE PRESS RIGHTS IN RECENT TIMES

Creation of a Disinformation Governance Board

Suppression of Free Speech Rights in US Universities

Government Collusion with USA Media and Interference in the Media of Other Countries

From 2001-to 2010 more than 2,50,000 cables were released by WikiLeaks relating to the USA State Department, which throw light on various aspects of the USA diplomacy and government's work.

Lack of Free Press

The media has also been forced to routinely indulge in censorship when it involves the crimes committed by government officials. Media outlets have been forced to follow the government line and even support the CIA's actions.

Internet Controls

The American government has opposed free speech on the internet without controls and has indulged in online surveillance from the earliest days of the internet. It has also made false accusations of surveillance by other countries and has even used its proxies in the media and the non-profit sector to make such false accusations in an effort to shift the blame for its own actions to other countries.

The FBI implemented a surveillance software called Carnivore in 1997 and when it was exposed and resulted in a major controversy in the media, it merely changed the name of the surveillance software.

The Barack Obama administration abused its power and snooped upon Obama's political opponents.

The USA Uses the Academia to Advance its Political Agenda

The National Defense Education Act enacted in 1958 resulted in the government providing massive funding to educational institutions. As a result, American universities have lost their freedom and have become subservient to the interests of the US government's policies. American universities continue to be the main entities that support the US State Department and its propaganda.

THE USA EXERTS ECONOMIC CONTROL USING ILLEGITIMATE MEANS

The USA has been manipulating the economies of other countries in multiple ways, thus, affecting the economic lives of their citizens. The USA continues to devise economic schemes in order to have unfair advantages over the resources of other people.

Use of Climate Change to become the Seller of Indulgences

The attempts of the US to impose the climate agenda, specifically insisting that 1990 and 2005 be the baseline years to measure the acceptable levels of pollution by each country, is nothing but a system of an international license-permit raj with the US and the EU in charge of selling the pollution licenses.

A New Global Financial System

The USA has also set into motion an effort to lobby and pressure other countries to join a new global financial system.

Lobbying for American Corporations

Apart from Climate Change policies and lobbying for a new financial system, the US Government also lobbies on behalf of corporations like Monsanto (now Bayer).

Use of International Organizations as American agencies

The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank were created in such a manner granting an edge to the United States and its allies over control of the global economy. The US Dollar was made the global reserve currency giving an unfair advantage to the USA, which is nothing but economic imperialism.

Use of Aid Agencies to Distort and Capture Markets

RISKING LIVES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC MISMANAGEMENT AND DISCRIMINATION

The USA is one of the most developed countries and has an advanced medical infrastructure. Due to the mismanagement at all government levels, the pandemic had a devastating effect on the USA population. In September 2020, the number of people with confirmed infection was almost 25% of the world's infections, whereas its population is only 4% of the world population. Although it had all the advantages of big medical resources and infrastructure, including expert human resources, due to the mismanagement, the coronavirus could not be controlled. Many experts are of the view that much went wrong with the USA's response to the pandemic and it was preventable.

Whereas, the countries with lesser resources, India, Thailand, South Korea, and Australia could bend the curve downward due to decisive steps taken by their governments.

COVID Deaths Disproportionately Affected Blacks and Hispanics

The COVID fatalities of Blacks, Hispanics, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders represented a higher share as compared to their share of the total population even outside nursing homes. While Hispanics are 18 percent of the population, the share of deaths from this segment of the population was 24 percent. Similarly, the share of Blacks in COVID fatalities was 14 percent despite their population being 13 percent, leading to the pandemic being called 'Racism pandemic'.

The US government displayed utter disregard for human life, yet on the other hand, the American oligarchs made money out of the pandemic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following actions are recommended for implementation by the United States of America government in order to mitigate its crimes and bring the rights of all races and religions on par with accepted norms.

1. In the 21st century, racism must not have any place in any civilized and democratic society. The USA federal and state governments must make honest efforts to end discrimination in the Constitution. CDPHR recommends that a judicial commission be constituted to find out all the racially discriminatory and demeaning clauses and suggest ways to make amendments. As the USA policymakers eradicated slavery, in the same way, all the constitutional remnants of slavery must go from the Constitution, which includes the Three-Fifths Clause and the Fugitive Slave Clause, among more.
2. The USA's federal and state governments and judiciary must pledge to end systemic racial issues. Conviction to resolve an issue is the first step in the right direction. Judiciary and White government officials have a bad reputation for corruption and racism. Judiciary needs to be sensitive in passing judgments that may prove wrong precedents for the Black population of the country. Governments too need to be inclusive in thoughts and outlook
3. Political leaders represent a responsible section of society. Their doings may set examples for others whether right or wrong. They must avoid making derogatory remarks against Blacks, as have been many instances in the past. A firm resolve on their part may prove extremely critical in resolving the racial systemic issues.

In fact, the realization should begin early in schools. Values of inclusiveness and plurality must be incorporated into the curriculum.

4. The US government and the governments in various states must stop incarcerating Blacks at high rates in order to fill up private prisons. The objective of government officials must not be to fill up private prisons one way or the other.
5. The indigenous people of the country have suffered the most historically in their ancestors' lands. The sufferings cannot be reversed, however, they can be mitigated by considering them as equal citizens. Amendments must be made to return the complete ownership rights of their lands and resources so that their future generations can lead dignified lives.

6. In order to ensure that Blacks, Hispanics, and other minorities are not excluded from the political arena, the election process must be well defined and a process to guarantee election integrity must be put in place. To this end, it is recommended that voter identification cards are created at no charge to any voter and every voter gets to vote only one time in an election. The process of “finding” new votes makes a mockery of the election process and the American officials in charge of the election process must immediately cease and desist from this practice. Blacks and Hispanics must be allowed to choose their own leaders instead of being told who their heroes are, and they must also be allowed to set up their own political parties and define their own political positions and even come up with political topics they believe must be addressed. Right now, they are forced to take positions only on topics that are defined for them by the White supremacist people. White supremacist politicians and leaders of non-profit organizations must stop falsely claiming to be Blacks, Hispanics, or Native Americans. Laws must be made to penalize those who fake their cultural identity and derive material benefits based on the fake identity.
7. Independent candidates, regardless of their race or religion, must not be kept off the debate stage during the election process as this amounts to rigging the elections. Independent viewpoints are the hallmark of a healthy democracy. Americans must give up the irrational fear that political discourse could entertain a viewpoint that does not fit in with the two-party system.
8. On the religious front, it is important that the government accommodate the majority Protestants instead of waging a political war against them. The US government must renounce its practice of conducting religious tests for appointments to positions in the US State Department, the Department of Defense, the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom, the CIA, and various intelligence agencies. It must also give up the practice of conducting religious tests for appointments to the judiciary and to faculty positions in universities. The US government must also stop its propaganda against Hindus, Mizrahi Jews, Shia Muslims, and the Orthodox Christians of the world. In particular, Hindus who espouse the Hindu viewpoint are actively kept out of the government, academia, and mainstream political organizations. The only people of Indian descent who are accommodated in such positions are those who are willing to attack Hinduism. Active steps must be taken to change this situation.

9. It is not necessary that the United States of America should control every country's economy in the world. Instead, it should accept the principle of letting others exist peacefully without defining the prosperity of other nations as a threat. It must support the existence of the world's economy being decentralized with every country controlling its own resources and economy. To achieve this goal, it needs to stop dictating the economic policy to other countries and needs to stop using international organizations as tools to increase its monopoly. American economists, particularly at Harvard University, Columbia University, UCLA, and the University of Chicago must remember that they have been unable to fix the problem of poverty and homelessness in their own backyards in Boston, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago respectively, and their economic theories cannot be taken seriously.
10. The US government has a history of supporting various terror groups. Such support has included the supply of weapons as well as the generation of propaganda in the form of human rights reports. The US government must immediately put an end to this practice and enter into talks with the countries it has hurt using this policy and provide information about the damage it has caused.
11. The US government needs to stop creating strife in other countries. It must realize that the world does not exist only for Whites Americans to plunder. Most of the strife it creates is by identifying ethnic, linguistic, religious, or other cultural groups within a certain country and bribing them through grants given by the so-called aid agencies or the so-called non-governmental organizations in exchange for them to organize agitations or even carry out terrorist attacks.
12. A multiplicity of views is necessary for a healthy democracy and this includes permitting the existence of opposing opinions. People whom it unfairly hounds out using the term "nationalists" must be accommodated. Steps must be taken to ensure the freedom of expression and the freedom of the press and remove the climate of fear that forces everyone to be a so-called "liberal." Similarly, Hindus who speak positively of Hinduism must also be accommodated.
13. An independent media is necessary to act as the watchdog in a democracy, but the current situation is such that the media echoes the views of the current US government and the party of the current US President. The US President must stop the practice of favoring certain journalists and media houses in the White House

and must not attend the White House Correspondents' Dinner as such an act clearly shows the lack of independent media.

14. The US must stop viewing the world through its racial and religious lens which it has used to start wars against the Shia Muslims, Slavic Orthodox people, and various peoples of Africa. Since the data shows that most of the policy decisions for waging such wars are initiated mostly by Catholics, the simple act of including the people of multiple religions in key posts which determine the foreign policy will go a long way towards solving this problem.
15. The US must stop using chemical and biological weapons and provide comprehensive information to an international organization regarding the places where it has used chemical and biological weapons so that proper action to reverse the effects of such warfare can be taken. The US must also agree never to use such weapons again and open up all its research laboratories for inspection by an international team of observers. Additionally, it needs to stop funding the secret efforts of countries like China and other countries in this regard.
16. The law must be strengthened to assure women that they will not face violence. In particular, the law must not spare anyone who indulges in violence against women, be the person a Supreme Court judge or even the President of the country.
17. The sexual abuse of children too should be taken up seriously. Government entities such as the USCIRF, US State Department, and CIA which are known to be infested with sexual abusers of children must be cleaned up and those guilty of the abuses, as well as those responsible for covering up the abuses, must be punished in accordance with the law. An organized effort by various countries where US State Department officials are known to sexually abuse minor children is the need of the hour. Laws around the world must be created to remove diplomatic immunity for such crimes.
18. An international commission should be constituted under an international body to fix responsibility for the spread of the Coronavirus in 2019. It should find out whether the USA had made any funding for the research in the Wuhan lab. The body may also find out whether the mismanagement of the pandemic was avoidable in the USA and did it contribute to more deaths, which otherwise could have been

saved. It should also see the preparedness of countries for future pandemics.

19. And lastly, the international community, including human rights and law enforcement agencies, must not shy away from highlighting human rights violations, wherever they happen. A violator is a violator, be it a big or small country or developed or developing. A prejudiced and selective approach leads to weakening the cause of human rights per se. Smaller and developing countries too need not be scared of the self-proclaimed supremacy of the USA.

INTRODUCTION

Historical Background to the Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Conflicts and Discrimination in the USA and Its Contemporary Relevance

The history of the United States of America has been packaged as a fight for freedom, but that narrow view captures only the history of the Protestants who fled Europe to escape the persecution by the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England. In reality, the country's history is replete with many major acts of crimes against humanity. While Blacks were kidnapped, transported, and made to work as slaves on plantations, Native Americans faced extermination in many ways including reports of biological warfare and new diseases brought by the White supremacist colonists from Europe. The aggression faced by the indigenous people of the USA was enormous- from ethnic cleansing and extermination to cultural genocide; encroachment on their resources, enslavement, and persecution. Several wars were waged against Native Americans well into the early twentieth century and their presence in the USA has been all but extinguished. As per estimates, 90% of the population of Native Americans got exterminated after the arrival of European colonists. In 2018 the population of indigenous people is 6.79 million, which is 2.09% of the total population of the USA⁶⁷. Unfortunately, the violation of human rights of the indigenous people of the USA, termed 'Native Americans' by the USA Census Bureau and also termed as American Indian and Alaska Natives (AIAN) has not stopped to date and they face discrimination at the hands of federal and state governments. This population of the country lives in extreme poverty, which is 68% below the USA average in 2015.

The existence of the United States of America as a nation has been replete with racial and gender discrimination. Both women and Blacks had to fight for their rights, including the right to vote. Even though Blacks were granted voting rights in 1870 and women in 1920, many laws were created to exclude Blacks from registering as voters. Blacks also faced violence from lynch mobs who killed them and hung them from trees. It was only after the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that Blacks were given full rights to vote. The judiciary too played an active role in suppressing the rights of Blacks, and in one landmark case in 1857 (Dred Scott v. Sandford), the US Supreme Court ruled that the rights in the United States Constitution did not apply to Blacks as they could not be considered citizens of the country. The White supremacist Protestants who created the USA actively discriminated against other denominations such as Catholics, Quakers, and Mormons.

The country was plunged into civil war in 1861, at the end of which slavery was abolished. However, many states responded by creating the “Jim Crow laws” which resulted in the segregation of Blacks and excluded them from participating in the mainstream. While the civil rights movement of the 1960s aimed to remove these laws and ensure that Blacks were treated as equals, that goal has been achieved only on paper. In reality, the only Blacks who are accommodated in the mainstream institutions are those who accept the role of the White supremacist people as their saviors and who espouse the political opinions of the latter. This is particularly true of the political parties and the institutions supporting them. The genuine concerns and political opinions of Blacks do not find a voice under the current political setup.

Each wave of new immigrants also faced discrimination at the hands of those who were already in the USA. When the Irish moved to America in the middle of the nineteenth century, they faced discrimination on account of being Roman Catholics. The anti-Catholic sentiment had a history stretching back to the seventeenth century when the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony banned the celebration of Christmas and made it a criminal offense⁸. This action was on account of the fact that the population of Massachusetts consisted of Puritanical Christians who were hostile to Roman Catholicism and viewed the celebration of Christmas as 'Popery.' The Puritans in England had banned Christmas a decade earlier and this act was supported by Oliver Cromwell when he came to power.

After the Irish, it was the turn of Italians who migrated to the US to face discrimination, and the Protestants were not the only ones to discriminate against the Italian immigrants. The Irish Catholics, who controlled the American Catholic churches on account of migrating to America before other Catholic groups, were ashamed of the Italian Catholics and made them worship in the basement of their churches⁹. Jewish immigrants to America too faced a similar fate. While Jews in general faced hostility at the hands of the Christians, the Germanic Jews who first migrated to America saw themselves as Whites first and wanted to assimilate with the Christian American culture. These Germanic Jews discriminated against the East European Jews and set up organizations to civilize them.

The USA also forbade the immigration of Asians into the country. While the Chinese Exclusion Act was passed in 1882, the judiciary was used to deny citizenship to immigrants from India and also persecute Indian freedom fighters based in the US who were fighting

for the freedom of India from British rule. During the WW-II, Japanese-Americans were rounded up and put into concentration camps.

In the early twentieth century, the American Jewish Committee was involved in lobbying against literacy tests for immigration as many Russian and Polish Jews would have been impacted by such tests. Jews from Russia who were the targets of pogroms in 1905 at the hands of the Russian tsarist regime migrated to the United States. After the October Revolution in Russia in 1917, when the Mensheviks were overthrown by the Bolsheviks, many more Jews migrated to the United States. As pointed out in a tract entitled "An address to their fellow-Jewish citizens by American Jewish organizations" dated December 1, 1920, and which was published in the Annual Report of the American Jewish Committee, it was noted that Bolshevism could not be attributed to Jews merely on the grounds that Leon Trotsky and Yakov Sverdlov were among its leaders, but "on the other hand, the leaders of the Mensheviks, who are the sworn foes of Bolshevism, are to a large extent Jews."¹⁰

The coalition of Roman Catholics and European Jews has successfully outwitted the Protestants and repeatedly prevailed in manipulating the USA into getting involved in the politics of the Roman Catholic-dominated Western Europe and fighting their wars and opposing Russia on behalf of the coalition. Despite Roman Catholics being only 20 percent of the USA's population, they comprise 30 percent of the Senators and members of the House of Representatives, while Jews, who are 2.5 percent of the population, comprise an additional 7 percent of the two legislative bodies. Together, they have stitched up a majority by controlling and using Blacks, Hispanics, and Sunni Muslims as pawns who are permanently kept in a state of despair and fear that they would lose whatever little political representation they have if they abandoned the specific political affiliation. It is in the interest of the ruling forces never to remove this despair as any improvement in the condition of the Blacks, Hispanics and Muslims would allow them to move on to other issues and think for themselves. Other immigrant groups such as the Indian-Americans too are fooled into rubber-stamping political support.

The attitudes underpinning the history of the USA described above continue to hold sway over policymaking in the United States of America. Further, all acts of human rights violations, wars, biological warfare, and other discriminatory actions by the USA entities, whether within or outside the country, continue to this day and can be traced to such

attitudes. In order to properly understand the manner in which the history of competing religions and races and the ensuing discrimination continue to influence the events of today, it is necessary to comprehend the political context that arose from such discrimination.

A key reason for major humanitarian crises around the world in the past hundred years has been the manner in which American politics has played out. All of USA's politics can be reduced to competing interests between various religious groups which have carried over their hostilities from medieval era Europe.

Almost every institution that is part of the USA's political landscape – media, universities, think tanks, non-profit organizations, and the USA government itself – go to great lengths to ensure that politics within the USA as well as in the rest of the world conform to their definitions of various groups. Narratives like opposition to Communism and the spread of democracy and freedom being the goals of the USA were mere fig leaves to cover to attack other countries as these narratives evaporate when scrutinized for consistency – the US has supported and installed undemocratic regimes as well as supported many terror groups around the world, like al-Qaeda.

It is in this political context that each event described in this report must be viewed in order to correctly understand the motives and assign responsibility.

UNIT 1. RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: RACISM IS DEEPLY ENTRENCHED IN THE SYSTEM

Liberty has been considered one of the cherishable virtues in the international human rights documents and slavery condemned in the strongest terms. Apparently, from the Founding Fathers of the Constitution to the governments and leaders have been making big claims of eradication of slavery and ending racial discrimination. However, the practice and even the guiding State Constitutions are contrary to inter-sectional harmony based on the fundamental principle of equality. Various sections of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination are violated by the United States as the racial disparity is an acute problem that is present in all spheres of life in the United States and the key reason behind the disparity is the nature of the political system which places Whites in a position of privilege. Political power in the US is spread across the branches of the government, universities, media houses, and non-profit organizations.

The following details prove that racial disparity exists throughout the system of the USA.

Structural Racism Built into the State Constitutions

The United States of America has many provisions which are racist in its state Constitutions and some vestiges of the provisions were based on slavery in the US Constitution. Unfortunately, the provisions continue to date.

Among these clauses are the Three-Fifths Clause which treated Black people as property and the Fugitive Slave Clause which did not permit people escaping slavery to gain freedom but required such persons to be returned to the owner¹¹. Despite the recommendation to amend the Constitution and expunge these clauses, no action has been taken.

The Three-Fifths Clause of the Constitution violates the principle of equality and all citizens are not counted equally for purposes of representation in government and tax collection. It goes like this:

“Representations and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be adding to the whole Number of **free Persons**, including those bound to Service for a term of years, and **excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons.**”

The 3rd Clause of the 4th Article of the USA Constitution authorizes the enslavers to seize enslaved people:

“No person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in Consequence of any Law or Regulation therein, be discharged from such Service or Labour, but **shall be delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due.**¹²”

Article 34 of California's Constitution is a racist provision that was created to ensure that Black people did not get proper housing.¹³ This provision bars investing in low-income housing without a difficult process of approval from voters¹⁴.

The Constitution of New York has racist provisions to disenfranchise Black people. It achieves this goal by allowing counties to disenfranchise those convicted of “infamous crimes” and this provision was put in place when New York was forced to remove another law that was designed to deprive Blacks of voting rights by requiring Blacks (and only Blacks) to own property if they wanted voting rights¹⁵.

According to the National African American Gun Association, despite the US Constitution's Second Amendment which guarantees the right to bear arms, some of the most restrictive gun control laws are selectively created in areas such as New York which have a high population of Black people in order to ensure that Blacks do not possess guns¹⁶.

Systemic Issues: Racism and Corruption in the Legal System and Judiciary

The law enforcement agencies, legal system, and the judiciary have all built up a reputation for corruption and racism. The judiciary, in particular, has been the cause of systemic racism by repeatedly creating precedents that ensure that Black people are placed in an inferior position compared to White supremacists. Sentencing of Blacks is also much harsher compared to the sentencing of Whites, and the Black community in the USA has suffered mass incarceration as a result¹⁷.

Although during these years steps have been taken to reform federal laws that led to the unfair incarceration of a large number of Blacks, they continue to suffer in several jurisdictions and when faced with hostile judges. The unfair incarceration of Blacks, especially for non-violent infractions, was the result of the policies of decades. In particular, a harsh law passed in 1994¹⁸ was designed to ensure that Blacks would face a cruel justice system and long prison terms which would, in turn, benefit the owners of private prisons who were paid according to the number of prisoners they housed. A big Democrat leader,

Hillary Clinton, in an infamous racially charged speech, defended the passage of the laws, and, as noted elsewhere in this document, made inflammatory remarks against Blacks and labeled Black children as “super-predators”.

Incarceration is big business and one of the reasons that Blacks receive excessively long sentences is the system of peonage. The abolition of slavery was really the conditional abolition of slavery with slavery and involuntary servitude permitted as punishment for crimes¹⁹. Many businesses that used slaves now turned to prison labor for which there was a demand, and as a result, many Blacks were rounded up and put into prisons on frivolous grounds. Many prisons are run as businesses as they are owned by individuals in the private sector. The owners of these prisons demand that the government fill up the prisons so that they can get larger amounts of payment from the government and one private operator even threatened to sue the state of Arizona for not having enough prisoners.²⁰ Blacks are the obvious targets to fill the prisons and they have been put into prison based on the most frivolous charges, false charges, charges arising from the government's policies related to the purported war against drugs,²¹ and also after some practices in which Blacks dominated (such as in the cultivation of marijuana) were criminalized. To ensure that the private prison industry does not make losses, many states even use standardized test scores of elementary school students to predict the number of prison cells they would need ten years later.²² There are media reports of politicians receiving money from private prisons and the private prison lobby²³.

All these policies hurt Blacks the most as they are made the scapegoats and sent to prison. Others do not receive the same kind of harsh sentences that Blacks receive. In one famous case in California, when a White Jewish person named Ed Rosenthal was convicted by a jury of growing marijuana, he received a sentence of only a day in prison in 2003²⁴. The judge, Charles Breyer, who passed this sentence was also a White Jewish person and had a history of sentencing Black people who violated similar laws to long prison terms. Breyer is the brother of a Supreme Court judge and wears his religion on his sleeve. He has also ruled that teaching the miraculous claims from the book of Exodus in the Old Testament as historical facts to sixth-grade school students would be permissible even when these mythological events such as those in the Exodus had dates assigned to them in the school textbooks. In his ruling, he termed the narrative in the Old Testament as history while dismissing the complaint brought forth by parents who alleged that the textbooks indulged

in biblical indoctrination. As already described elsewhere in this report, Breyer also used as a precedent, *Monteiro v. Tempe Union*²⁵, a prior lawsuit that had legitimized racist policies against Blacks. By using the Monteiro judgment as a precedent, Breyer effectively made it the law of the land that even if the term “nigger” was used in policy documents, Blacks could not challenge such usage.

The judgments in *Monteiro v. Tempe Union* and the lawsuits based on this case are not the only ones that have helped make racism systemic. In fact, the judiciary in the United States has a long history of ruling against Blacks. One of the most famous cases is *Dred Scott v. Sandford* in which the USA Supreme Court ruled that the rights and privileges listed in the USA's Constitution did not apply to Black people.

Recent efforts to decriminalize marijuana are also equally racist as the policies around this goal have followed a path of creating an industry worth billions of dollars, but with regulations that will keep out most Blacks from owning the marijuana farms. Thus, the entire process of first criminalizing and then decriminalizing the growth of marijuana has resulted in taking away businesses from Blacks and giving them to businesses run by Whites.²⁶

Corruption is rampant in the judiciary in the United States. When Bill Clinton nominated Frank Damrell, Jr. as a judge to a federal court, an article in the Los Angeles Times pointed out that the judge was from the Gallo family which was the largest corporate donor to congressional candidates in California, and that the family had extensive business dealings in the area where the court on which Damrell would sit had jurisdiction.²⁷ In a sign that the corruption in the judiciary was widely recognized, the article pointed out that the locals considered one of the two seats on the federal bench in Fresno, California the “Gallo seat.”

Just as it is a generally accepted fact throughout the United States of America that judges, police, and the prosecutors are hand-in-glove in small towns and that their action of giving out traffic tickets on highways is to make money. Corruption in higher courts is also recognized and even has a term – judge shopping – associated with such corruption. That term refers to lawyers looking for specific judges to handle their cases, and in 2016, it became clear to observers that Green Party candidate Jill Stein who filed lawsuits seeking a recount in the 2016 presidential election was shopping for Jewish judges when she pulled her case out of a state court and refiled it in a federal court.²⁸ Up to that point in time, she

had managed to get Jewish experts and Jewish judges in other jurisdictions to go along with her.

An analysis of the composition of the judiciary reveals its racist character. There is not much difference between Democrats and Republicans when it comes to excluding Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and other minorities from the courts. This can be proved through two instances.

As of December 31, 2020, California's state court system had 1703 judges of which there were 137 (8%) Blacks, 1104 (64.8%) Whites, 138 (8.1%) Asians, 7 Native Americans (0.4%), 5 (0.3%) Pacific Islanders, 191 (11.2%) Hispanics, and 71 (4.2%) who belonged to more than one race²⁹. Although Whites form only 36.5 percent of the population, they occupy close to 65 percent of the judgeships in California, and although Hispanics are 39.4 percent of the population, only 11.2 percent of judges are Hispanic clearly proving that the state's judiciary is racist³⁰.

Similarly, as of September 1, 2020, the state court system of Texas had 2939 judges of whom there were 177 (6%) Blacks, 2162 (73.62%) Whites, 545 (18.5%) Hispanic, 32 Asians/Pacific Islanders (0.01%), and 8 (0.002%) Native Americans.³¹ As in California, Texas too has a disproportionately large percentage of Whites judges when compared to the total population, and although Hispanics again are underrepresented as they form, 39.7% of the population, they fare better than in California³².

Thus, both- Democratic California and Republican Texas have stacked the judiciary in favor of Whites and against minority groups.

A fact that reveals the stark racism of the United States Supreme Court is that the judges have consciously denied clerkships on the court to Black people. Clerkships on the US Supreme Court are prestigious positions and are typically entry-level jobs that last nine months. and such clerks are offered to hire bonuses of \$450,000 by big law firms. Many former clerks have gone on to become judges themselves. The racism of the Supreme Court on this front came into sharp focus when Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Supreme Court judge, passed away and those who had been hired as clerks by her over the years assembled to pay tribute to her. When the photograph of the former clerks was made public, it was noticed that she had hired only one Black clerk in her entire career as a judge spanning a little more than forty years. Even that one person seems to have been a result of

tough questioning by former Senator Orrin Hatch in the US Senate during the hearings to confirm Ginsburg as a judge in 1993. Orrin Hatch had pointed out that Ruth Bader Ginsburg had hired fifty-seven law clerks during her thirteen years as a federal appeals court judge in Washington DC where the majority of residents were Black, but not one of the clerks she had hired was a Black person³³. Ginsburg sarcastically responded that her “attractiveness to Black candidates will improve” if she was confirmed as a Supreme Court judge, and then, perhaps to keep her word, went on to hire exactly one Black clerk among the four clerks per year she hired to work in her chambers during her tenure on the Supreme Court between 1993 and 2020. Strangely, no one asked her why her attractiveness to hiring Black candidates would improve only if she was confirmed to the Supreme Court and no one has pointed out that hiring just one Black person as a follow up to her answer before the Senate in 1993 is a cruel joke which highlights her anathema towards Blacks.

Clerkships are not based on meritocracy but are based on a system of recommendations from professors and other judges. The Supreme Court prefers “feeder” judges and law professors who recommend candidates for clerkships to be Whites³⁴.

The racism of the Supreme Court led to protests by Blacks in 1998³⁵ but nothing seems to have changed since then. At the time of the protests, four of the sitting Supreme Court judges – David Souter, Antonin Scalia, William Rehnquist, and Anthony Kennedy – had never hired a Black clerk and only 2 percent of the combined 394 clerks hired by all the judges then on the Supreme Court were Blacks, and even fewer were Hispanic³⁶.

A study in 2017 conducted by The National Law Journal found that 85 percent of all law clerks since 2005 had been Whites, while Blacks constituted only 4 percent and Hispanics 1.8 percent³⁷.

Blacks however lead in the number of wrongful convictions and in the number of people who were wrongly given the death penalty and put to death after the Supreme Court refused to stop their executions.

Racism is Institutionalized in Political Parties

Minorities, particularly Blacks and Native Americans have been the victims of the inherent systemic racism of the two major political parties of the USA. Both the parties have been hypocritical in their conviction to end racism and none of them framed a comprehensive policy to eradicate it. The image of a Black man, George Floyd's killing by a police official in

police custody in 2020 is etched in public memory. The incident also led to Republicans and Democrats both calling for laws to curb such situations. However, the 'Black Lives Matter' message has not and will not change the political parties' racism so easily, nor the racial disparity in law enforcement.

Leaders of both the parties have made racist remarks at multiple occasions, venting out their ingrained racism. Hillary Clinton, a candidate for the President of the United States was forced to apologize twenty years after asserting that "They [Black children] are often the kinds of kids that are called super-predators, no conscience, no empathy... We have to bring them to heel."³⁸ Her husband Bill Clinton too made a racist comment about the Black President Barack Obama when he claimed, "A few years ago, this guy [Obama] would have been getting us coffee."³⁹ Hillary Clinton also made a racist comment stereotyping Indians when she stated, "He [Mahatma Gandhi] ran a gas station down in Saint Louis for a couple of years."⁴⁰

Steve King, a Republican Representative, while defending White Supremacy had commented, "White nationalist, White supremacist, Western civilization- how did that language become offensive?"⁴¹

In 1976, Jimmy Carter, had advocated segregated neighborhoods and used the term "ethnically pure neighborhoods" to describe Whites neighborhoods and used phrases such as "ethnic purity" to describe Whites and "Black intrusion" and "alien groups" to describe other races in his racially charged inflammatory statement⁴².

Even Barack Obama was not spared by his own party member Joe Biden In 2007 as the latter described Barack Obama as the "first mainstream African-American who is articulate, and bright and clean and nice looking guy."⁴³ Harry Reid, another Senate had made racist comments as he stated about Obama that he was acceptable to the Democrat base as he was "a light-skinned African-American with no Negro dialect unless he wanted to have one."⁴⁴

Another USA President, Lyndon Johnson, once used a disparaging ethnic slur to describe Blacks when he asserted, "I'll have them niggers voting Democratic for two hundred years."⁴⁵ Similarly, the USA President Harry Truman too exhibited his racism when he claimed, "I think one man is just as good as another so long as he's honest and decent and not a nigger or a Chinaman."⁴⁶

The preponderance of racist politicians and such views among the top leadership of the country leads one to conclude that the choice of such leaders and utterances are part of a carefully calculated strategy intended to appeal to their constituencies which is inherently racist.

Despite the legislation against racial discrimination, like the Article 4(b) of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination stating that states “Shall declare illegal and prohibit organizations, and also organized and all other propaganda activities, which promote and incite racial discrimination, and shall recognize participation in such organizations or activities as an offense punishable by law,” no efforts have been made by the US government in this regard to declare the major political parties as illegal.

Lack of Representation of Minorities in Media and Academia

A Pew Research report noted that only 7 percent of newsroom employees are Black and only 6 percent of news directors of local TV newsrooms are Black⁴⁷. According to the National Center for Education statistics, an arm of the U.S. Department of Education, “[o]f all full-time faculty in degree-granting postsecondary institutions in fall 2018, some 40 percent were White males; 35 percent were White females; 7 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander males; 5 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander females; and 3 percent each were Black males, Black females, Hispanic males, and Hispanic females.”⁴⁸

Only those minority members who embrace the political agenda of White supremacist people are given faculty positions. An example is Harvard University Professor Cornel West who has been labeled by other Blacks as an “Uncle Tom.”⁴⁹

Although university professors repeatedly claim to support affirmative action programs for admitting students, Blacks are not easily allowed into the faculty despite the existence of a large number of qualified Black applicants. Harvard University admitted in a recent report that Blacks had been kept out of the faculty and were underrepresented among the tenure-track faculty.⁵⁰ Harvard University's Kennedy School, one of the country's political power centers, is one of the biggest culprits in keeping out Blacks from joining the faculty.⁵¹ This is consistent with the goal of ensuring that political power in the United States remains in the hands of those who follow the ideologies of White supremacists and that the views of Blacks are suppressed.

Use of Blacks and other Minorities and Organizations Purporting to Represent them as Pawns

Instead of treating Blacks, Hispanics, and Muslims as equals with respect, they are used as pawns and puppets by the White supremacist political establishment through a process of using intermediaries from each ethnic or religious group. Blacks and Hispanics are told who their heroes must be and which leaders they must reject. The Black leader Malcolm X pointed out in his speech in Detroit in 1963⁵² that White people projected certain Blacks as leaders even though these chosen leaders were not the leaders of Blacks. In the case of Hispanics, although a late trade union activist named Cesar Chavez is virtually unheard of among the Hispanic people, the White supremacist establishment presents Chavez as a great hero of Hispanics. As an example of indoctrinating students, the state of California has even passed a law that requires students to be taught about the life and “contributions” of Cesar Chavez and the law reads, “The State Board of Education shall ensure... that the state criteria for selecting textbooks include information to guide the selection of textbooks that contain sections that highlight the life and contributions of Cesar Chavez.”⁵³

Hispanics are not the only group for whom White supremacists choose their leaders and impose upon the group. Blacks do not learn about Malcolm X in the school curriculum because the White supremacists have decided to whitewash any reference to the civil rights leader. Malcolm X, unlike many others projected by the White establishment as Black civil rights leaders, articulated the actual political opinions and aspirations of Black people and not the political talking points given by the White supremacist leaders⁵⁴.

The intermediaries who are chosen by the White supremacists as the leaders of various cultures typically not only have a disdain for their own cultures but aspire to be like the White supremacists and even try to behave like them. These so-called leaders are given money and placed in influential positions in exchange for prioritizing and articulating the political points of White supremacists over the political points that would help the people of their own cultures⁵⁵. The intermediaries act as shepherds who herd the people of their own cultures to vote for one of the two dominant political parties of White supremacists after suppressing their own political viewpoints.

In a famous speech in 1963, Malcolm X described the Blacks who behaved in this manner as “house negroes” who lived in the house of the slave-owners in the era of slavery⁵⁶. In

contrast to the miserable life of the “field negroes” or the slaves who worked in the fields, the house slaves lived a fairly comfortable life and helped the slave-owners control the field slaves. Eventually, Malcolm X was eliminated.

A group of house slaves, the Black pastors in churches play the role of herding Blacks and making them vote en bloc. Indeed, one study found that Blacks who attend churches tend to be Democrats⁵⁷

In addition to getting Blacks to accept the heroes and leaders chosen by the establishment controlled by White supremacists, Blacks are also controlled by organizations created by Whites and which purportedly work for the interests of the Blacks. One such organization is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). According to Burgess Owens, while one tale of NAACP was that of courageous Black men and women, “the other tale was one of stealth and deceit” and that the organization had been set up by White people in 1909 who ran it from “behind the curtains.”⁵⁸ Its first President was Moorfield Storey, who was a White. He was followed by Joel Spingarn, Arthur Spingarn and Kivie Kaplan, all of whom were Whites. Until the death of Kivie Kaplan in 1975, every President of NAACP had been a White man. It was only in 1975, sixty-six years after the founding of NAACP, that a Black man, Dr. Montague Cobb, was allowed to become the President of the organization.

NAACP has had and continues to have White people in control of some of its chapters⁵⁹ with Blacks occupying merely nominal positions. It is also not uncommon for Whites to pretend to be Blacks. In one such case, Rachel Dolezeal, a White person pretended to be a Black and seized control of a local chapter of NAACP.⁶⁰ Along similar lines, the founder of the movement that calls itself “Black Lives Matter” was also started by a person named Shaun King whose birth certificate lists both his parents as Whites⁶¹. It is therefore not surprising that the BLM Movement is made up of many White people and agitates on the streets in order to benefit White politicians coming to power. Such movements are a means of preventing Blacks from succeeding in creating political parties with their opinions and aspirations finding expression through such parties. The only Blacks who are given a leadership position in the two dominant parties are those who are willing to restrict their political positions to the preselected issues and preselected positions on these issues.

According to Siphwe Baleka, who was the lone African-American in the African Union when its Constitution was amended to include the African Diaspora, "By January 4, 1965, the New York Times was reporting that Malcolm X had gotten 33 African Heads of State to support his Organization of Afro American Unity (OAAU) petition to the United Nations and that the US State Department, the CIA and the FBI noticed that African leaders were now openly attacking the US."⁶²

A number of US State Department cables leaked by the whistleblower website Wikileaks show that the American government then went on to use the NAACP as a counterweight against Malcolm X and OAAU, effectively making the NAACP a group run by people fitting in with Malcolm X's description of Uncle Toms and "house negroes" who ensured that other Blacks were kept under the thumb of Whites without becoming independent. According to one cable, in 1976, Prime Minister Somare Said of Papua New Guinea pointed out that NAACP was one of the four groups supplying funds for "freedom fighters" in Irian Jaya⁶³. The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) is a labor union controlled by White people but whose members consist of a number of Blacks who have been compelled to become its members due to laws in many states in the US requiring such membership. These states also deduct money from the wages of the Black people in the name of "membership dues" and transfer them to the labor union. One confidential State Department cable from 1979 that has been leaked by Wikileaks mentions that AFL-CIO funded the hearings of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov in the United States Senate⁶⁴.

Other cables such as 1976MASERU01478_b⁶⁵ and 1976MASERU01493_b⁶⁶ expose the fact that the USA Government drafted the statements of NAACP and similar organizations that purportedly represented Blacks. One statement in 1976MASERU01478 even claimed to "support the legitimacy of the struggle of the people of Zimbabwe, Namibia, and South Africa to overthrow the oppressor by the most effective means available to them, including, if necessary, force." This was a strange position as the same organizations did not advocate similar measures within the United States.

NAACP's role as the agents of the US Government can be seen from the fact that they painted the American politicians as the saviors of Blacks while condemning other countries which had racial policies similar to that of the USA. In one prepared statement, Althea T.L. Simmons, Director of Washington DC Bureau of NAACP before the Senate Committee on

Foreign Relations, quoting the 1978 Task Force on Africa Report and Recommendations, said, “The NAACP should applaud the new emphasis of the U.S. Government on human rights throughout the world. Despite the diversity of political systems, there are fundamental human rights that must be respected and fostered by all governments in the international community. In this context, the NAACP should condemn any violation of human rights in Africa, whether such violations are perpetrated by Blacks or Whites against Blacks or Whites.”⁶⁷

Poverty is Higher in Blacks

Poverty is another aspect of the United States of America that is based on race. One study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and Duke University found that the median net worth of White people in Boston was more than a quarter-million dollars,⁶⁸ but for Blacks in Boston, the median net worth was just 8 dollars. The report admitted that this was “a first-order public policy problem.” Massachusetts, the state where Boston is located, prides itself in a place with liberal and progressive values as a result of which hundreds of millions of dollars are funneled to the White people as part of public policies. Harvard University, which is in the Boston area and run by White people, alone received 625 million dollars just from the federal government in 2021⁶⁹.

According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Blacks account for 13 percent of the U.S. population but 40 percent of all homeless people and 51 percent of homeless people with families.⁷⁰ In Los Angeles County, Blacks make up 34 percent of the homeless population despite being only 8 percent of the general population⁷¹.

California has one of the largest homeless populations in the country and Blacks are overrepresented among the homeless population⁷². The ruling party of California has consistently given excuses that it lacks the financial resources to amend California's Constitution and remove this racist provision⁷³ although it has financed many other campaigns that advance its political objectives.

Use of Legacy Admission Processes and Affirmative Action Programs to Benefit Whites

Universities have also used affirmative action programs to benefit Whites even as they claim that it is meant to give a helping hand to Blacks. This is achieved using two methods. First, the admission process is neither transparent nor an objective process but is highly subjective and arbitrary and allows admission offices to admit Whites while keeping out

Blacks. Universities claim that the admission process is a holistic one that takes a variety of factors into consideration, but this claim can quickly be found to be dishonest based on the number of students who are granted “legacy” admissions. Legacy admissions are admissions given to students who had a family member graduate from the university and who have paid a large sum of money to the university. A study in 2019 found that the admissions of 43 percent of White students admitted to Harvard University were legacy students, children of faculty and staff, athletes, or on the dean's interest list admissions.⁷⁴ The same study found that 75 percent of these White students would have been rejected had they been considered for admission in a fair process. Harvard's class of 2022 is made up of 36 percent legacy students.⁷⁵

Recent developments in universities have targeted meritorious Asian students. Some universities like the University of California used standardized tests as one of the criteria for admissions, but this resulted in a large number of students of Asian descent and other minority students getting admitted and fewer Whites being offered admissions.⁷⁶ This caused a lot of heartburn among university officials who have decided to do away with standardized tests so that the share of students of Asian descent can be replaced by Whites⁷⁷. Needless to say, the university professors package this new policy using the dishonest claim that it is intended to help Blacks and other underrepresented minorities.

A second method of ensuring that Whites dominate over Blacks has been to invent many categories of “oppressed” people such as women, homosexuals, transgender people, and so on, and give benefits to Whites belonging to these categories. None of those belonging to these categories have suffered in the same way that Blacks under slavery or Jim Crow laws have suffered. It is for this reason that Blacks voted against the recognition of homosexual marriage in the state of California, and Whites became angry at Blacks for doing so⁷⁸.

Use of Abortion to Cull the Black Population

Blacks in the USA are extremely agitated that Planned Parenthood, an organization controlled by White people and which performs abortions, targets Blacks to cull the Black population in the same manner that farm animals are controlled⁷⁹. T.W. Shannon, one of the leading lights of the Black population in the USA who served as the Oklahoma State Speaker and is a candidate for the US Senate, expressed the sentiment of the majority of Black people in the USA when he placed an advertisement opposing the Planned

Parenthood and characterizing it as a racist organization.⁸⁰ The advertisement described Planned Parenthood as “the true face of White supremacy” and pointed out that it was started by Margaret Sanger who was an avowed racist who had called for the “extermination of the Negro population.”

It is of utmost concern that Planned Parenthood has a major presence in areas with a high Black population. A study in 2015 by the Center for Urban Renewal and Education confirmed that “Black women have the highest abortion ratio in the country, with 474 abortions per 1,000 live births.”⁸¹ Another joint study by scholars at the Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control, and the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education in the United States noted that “[n]on-Hispanic White women had the lowest abortion rate (6.3 abortions per 1,000 women) and ratio (110 abortions per 1,000 live births), and non-Hispanic Black women had the highest abortion rate (21.2 abortions per 1,000 women) and ratio (335 abortions per 1,000 live births).”⁸²

These studies confirm the worst fears of the Black community that Planned Parenthood has been instrumental in ensuring that the Black population never exceeds 13 percent of the population of the United States. Given these disturbing findings, it is unacceptable that the federal government of the United States funds Planned Parenthood and thus the targeted reduction of the Black population through covert means.

White Savior Complex

Another form of systemic discrimination lies in the concept of the White Savior Complex, which is found problematic and heavily contested. This concept is used as a way of helping Black people, but actually, it is self-empowering through an act of charity. Many celebrities in the recent past have been criticized for the White Savior Complex

The same concept is seen in awards granted to White people by themselves. Most of the money that flows into the so-called non-profit organizations are conduits for transferring taxpayer money to Whites people. These non-profit organizations receive large sums of money, ostensibly to perform some useful function, but in reality, their stated mission is merely a fig leaf to cover up the fact that money is being transferred to White people.

Appropriation of Native American Culture

The identity of Native Americans too has been appropriated by White supremacist politicians for their own advancement. Elizabeth Warren, a White US Senator from the state of Massachusetts, falsely claimed to be a Native American for many years⁸³ and benefited from affirmative action policies that were meant to benefit Native American people. She went on to become a professor at Harvard University before becoming a United States Senator. Despite her fraud, she was never criminally charged for her actions. This is clearly a case of the law not being applicable to those who are powerful.

Segregation in Churches

Churches in the USA are organized along racial lines and have been used to control Black people and have been instrumental in aggravating the racial problem. It has been said by Martin Luther King Jr. that 11 AM on Sunday mornings when people attend churches is the most segregated hour in the United States.⁸⁴ Additionally, many pastors of Black churches are controlled by Whites and preach politics from the pulpit as they implore Black people to vote for a particular political party.

Another form of racial segregation practiced by the government is to label universities run by Blacks using disparaging terms such as "Historically Black universities"⁸⁵ which diminish the focus on their academics and reorients it towards racial identity, but similar designations are not used for historically White universities which are presented as academic centers without any reference to any race of people.

Racism in Immigration Policies

Immigration laws too are based on racial considerations. While citizens of several European countries do not require a visa to visit the USA, a person from Latin America, Africa or Asia must go through a stringent process to obtain a visa.⁸⁶ These policies are clearly based on the fact that various countries around the world have cultures based in race and religion.

UNIT 2. RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION: WIDELY PREVALENT YET LESS TALKED ABOUT DISCRIMINATION IN THE USA

Since the establishment of the United States of America, various types of religious discrimination have been practiced mainly by the people of the dominant religious identity. With the coming of the European Protestants to the country, the first people to have suffered were the indigenous Native Americans and their divergent religious practices of tribes- ranging from monotheistic to polytheistic, animistic, and more, and, the Roman Catholics. The perpetual religious conflict between the Protestants and Roman Catholics of Europe came to the USA too along with the early settlers. By the onslaught of the 20th century, the Jews faced systemic discrimination, known as anti-Semitism at the hands of dominant Christians, occupying most of the high positions socially and politically.

Through the First Amendment to the Constitution, the federal government was to consider persons of all religions equally. The text of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution contains two clauses known as the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause, which purportedly guarantee that there would be no interference by any religion in the functioning of the government and that religious freedom would be guaranteed. In 1947, through the landmark *Everson v. Board of Education* case⁸⁷, the Establishment Clause was extended to the states along with the federal government. That mandated the way for a sharp distinction between religion and government to be maintained and no discrimination to be made on the basis of religion by the federal as well as the state governments.

The United States of America is also a signatory of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁸⁸ which guarantees that “no one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice” and requires that “the liberty of parents and, when applicable, legal guardians to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions”

FREEDOM OF RELIGION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE OF NON-ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS

However, in practice, religious freedom is available to members of the majority of Christians who as per the 2011 data from Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life, the USA has the largest Christian population, which is 11.3% of the world's population, almost two-thirds of them being Protestants.⁸⁹ In the same year, the USA's Christian population was 79.5% of the total population of the country. In 2020 as per the American Values Atlas data, Protestants form the biggest population of the USA, followed by Catholics and other variants of Christianity. Jews form 1.4%, Muslims, Buddhists, and

Hindus are less than 1% each, whereas other non-Christians are less than 4%⁹⁰. It is these 7% non-Christian religious minorities of the USA who face religious bias. Among these too, maximum discrimination is faced by the practitioners of non-Abrahamic religions- Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, and others.

The persons believing in Abrahamic religions and various religious groups exert their influence on the government and force the government to become their tools. In many cases, the state has been the perpetrator of curtailing the religious freedoms of non-Abrahamic religions. Violence and propaganda against non-Abrahamic religions have been supported by the US government, various state governments, and their representatives who work in the media, academia, and non-profit organizations which claim to be independent. All three branches of the government – the legislature, executive, and the judiciary – are guilty of bias against non-Abrahamic religions.

Zoning Laws Used to Deny Hindus and Buddhists to Construct Places of Worship

Within the United States, Hindus and Buddhists are targeted for harassment in a variety of forms. A common method of harassment that has been used repeatedly is the use of zoning laws to reject permission to build places of worship. The zoning laws are also used to interfere in their activities if the places of worship have already been built. Very recently, in Hawaii, in a case of blatant interference in the religious affairs of a Hindu temple, the Spirit of Aloha temple was prevented by government officials from conducting weddings on its property. The government gave the excuse that the conduct of weddings would create traffic problems. When the temple sued the county, the judge sided with the government and ruled against the temple⁹¹ despite the fact that many non-Hindu establishments have been granted permission to conduct weddings on their properties.

In June 2021, in response to yet another instance of harassment of Buddhist temples by government officials in the city of Fremont in California, the temple was forced to approach the courts and file a lawsuit.⁹² Earlier in 2017, in Georgia's Forsyth County, the government officials had used a similar tactic to deny a permit for a Hindu temple⁹³. In April 2022, a county in Minnesota denied permission to a group that wanted to build a Buddhist temple.⁹⁴

The international covenant is violated whenever Hindus and Buddhists are blocked from building their places of worship using the frivolous excuse that they would violate zoning laws and when children are forced to go against their own beliefs as part of the school

curriculum.

Attack By Ruling Politicians on the Holy Symbols of Hindus, Jains, and Buddhists

A new form of attack against Hindus, Jains, and Buddhists that has come up recently is to get the government to criminalize the use of the Swastika as a symbol by Hindus, Buddhists, and Jains. In an issue that is of grave concern, a New York State Senator Todd Kaminsky, who is also a relative of the Hollywood star Mel Brooks, introduced hateful legislation in the state that sought to compel school students to learn that the religious symbol Swastika is a symbol of hatred⁹⁵. In a sign that this was part of a coordinated attack against Hindus, Buddhists, and Jains by American politicians, the Maryland House of Delegates introduced House Bill 418 which had similar language declaring the Hindu symbol Swastika as a symbol of hate⁹⁶. In February 2022, the state of California joined this anti-Hindu campaign and introduced a bill to ban the Swastika⁹⁷.

The Curriculum Indoctrinates Students by Teaching Biblical Miracles as History and Discriminate against Hinduism

The US uses its middle school curriculum to bully students into accepting the Bible as the historical truth and it coerces Hindu students to give up their religious beliefs and learn that their religion has no divinity in its origin but was manufactured by a racist group of people called the Aryans⁹⁸. These Hindu students also have to go against the religious beliefs instilled in them by their parents and answer in their graded assignments that their religion is a human creation and the religious works such as the Vedas which they consider to have been divine revelations made to sages were simply made up by human beings to exert their power⁹⁹. Both the state and federal judiciaries have been complicit in this religious war against Hindu children.

Textbooks throughout the country indoctrinate children with biblical claims while presenting Hinduism in a hostile manner. In California, the sixth and seventh-grade history curriculum requires students to learn that miraculous events in the Bible were actual historical events. The curriculum does not make the distinction between biblical mythology and history, and biblical narratives such as Moses hearing a voice¹⁰⁰ and Paul having a vision¹⁰¹ are taught as actual history with even dates assigned to the mythological events. The teacher's edition of one textbook implores teachers to tell students that the Egyptians could not capture the Israelites because "the Lord made the wheels fall off their chariots." A students' workbook requires students to match biblical artwork with biblical verses with

an instruction to teachers to talk more about the verses. Conflating mythology and history and teaching them as facts to young children with impressionable minds constitutes religious indoctrination. An expert report by Professor Joe Barnhart, an expert on Religion, describes several problems that amount to biblical indoctrination in these California's textbooks¹⁰⁴.

In contrast, Hinduism is singled out for hostile treatment with the textbooks stripping Hinduism of belief in the divine, presenting it as a human construct and an oppressive social system, and even using offensive language and imagery with a picture of a pig eating out of an overflowing garbage bin as representative of Hinduism¹⁰⁵. Hindu beliefs are often held up to ridicule in these textbooks. For example, the textbooks noted when discussing the Hindu epic Ramayana: “[t]he monkey king Hanuman loved Rama so much that it is said that he is present every time the Ramayana is told. So look around—see any monkeys?”¹⁰⁶

Clearly, the relevant California Education Codes forbidding the negative descriptions of various religions¹⁰⁷ are not applied in an equal manner to all religions.

These narratives are not merely the actions of private publishers but are state policy as two State policy documents, known as the California History-Social Science Standards¹⁰⁸ and the California History-Social Science Framework¹⁰⁹, that define how various religions should be taught to students require Hinduism to be described in a derogatory manner while treating the mythological claims and characters of Judaism and Christianity as historical facts with dates.

Judaism, the Standards explain, is “the first monotheistic religion based on the concept of one God who sets down moral laws for humanity,” with “ethical teachings” that include “belief in God, observance of the law, the practice of the concepts of righteousness and justice, and importance of the study.” They also include the “significance of Abraham, Moses, Naomi, Ruth, David, and Yohanan ben Zaccai in the development of the Jewish religion.”¹¹⁰ The Standards require the teaching of Christians' belief in the divine origins of their faith and the narratives of Christianity's central figures: “Note the origins of Christianity in the Jewish Messianic prophecies, the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth as described in the New Testament, and the contribution of St. Paul the Apostle to the definition and spread of Christian beliefs (e.g., belief in the Trinity, resurrection, salvation).”¹¹¹ For Islam, the Standards portray a faith that originates in scripture: “Explain the significance of the Qur'an and the Sunnah as the primary sources of Islamic beliefs, practice, and law.”¹¹² This is the opposite of how Hinduism is described as derived from

people's beliefs and practices.

One instruction in the History Standards document requires the description of Jesus to be according to the New Testament,¹¹³ and the Framework document orders school teachers and publishers that “students will learn about those teachings of Jesus that advocate compassion, justice, and love for others.”¹¹⁴ The same Framework document describes the origin of Hinduism as priests who “assumed authority” and “expounded” ideas.¹¹⁵ The process to adopt these materials too was discriminatory with the officials and their experts making disparaging statements against Hindus¹¹⁶. The officials also discriminated against Hindus by accommodating requests from Jews, Christians, and Muslims to treat their religions with sensitivity, while making hostile comments against Hindus for making identical requests¹¹⁷.

When Hindus filed lawsuits challenging the unequal treatment of religions and pointed to state laws forbidding the negative description of any culture including religious cultures in educational materials, the White judges belonging to the Christian and Jewish faiths¹¹⁸ precluded challenges to the curriculum under the principle of the equal application of the law and made the startling claim that equal protection under the law was not applicable in cases related to education, and the state officials had the authority to apply the education codes in a selective manner.¹¹⁹ The precedent used by the court to reach this conclusion was a prior ruling that had legitimized the use of the disparaging slur “nigger”¹²⁰ in the school curriculum and had given immunity to school districts when they used the slur to target Blacks. That racist precedent, *Monteiro v. Tempe Union*, was about the right of schools to selectively target Blacks and include literature that used the racial epithet “nigger” and was ruled upon by judges in the 1990s who had been appointed by Jimmy Carter. Applying this precedent in the case filed by Hindus extended the right to target Blacks with the use of an ethnic slur “nigger” in government-created policy documents which had originally been drafted by White professors at the University of California at Davis.

Jews too face hatred from certain quarters even though their situation is far better than those of Blacks. In 2006, the lawsuit filed by Hindus uncovered emails by a Republican Party activist and a Curriculum Commissioner, Charles Munger, Jr., in which his anti-Jewish agenda was revealed. In the emails, Munger insisted on adding anti-Semitic tropes blaming Jews for the murder of Jesus and the Parable of the Good Samaritan which portrayed Jews

as heartless in the sixth-grade history textbooks¹²¹.

This ruling is selectively ignored by the US Supreme Court when White Christians file lawsuits claiming that their religious rights have been violated, and has even been condemned by the same Supreme Court over the years when its use of a precedent threatened the religious rights of Whites.

American Universities Sponsor Attacks on Hinduism

In addition to aiding in the attack by the California State Board of Education against Hindus and Hinduism, the University of California at Davis has also been a sponsor of a conference that targets Hinduism and propagates the hateful messages of certain Christian fundamentalists.

The conference, labeled the Conference on the Study of Religions of India, was hosted by the University of California at Davis in 2018 and sponsored by the Office of the Provost of the university. The webpage calling for papers for this conference had a clear anti-Hindu slant. The announcement about the conference said, "We invite proposals representing a range of disciplinary and methodological approaches that focus on dishonesty, trickery or concealment by or by means of religious texts, practices, institutions, and individuals. Possible topics could include the changeable appearance of deities, religious charlatans, the question of the authenticity or inauthenticity of religious practices or entities, the theological concept of māyā, issues of religious identity such as hidden or false conversions, the elaborate ploys and deceptions of the Epics, secrecy, etc."¹²² Each paper that was presented at the conference targeted Hinduism and presented it in a negative light¹²³. There is no history of any American university hosting a similar conference spewing hostility against any other religion.

That the conference had nothing to do with academics is seen not only from the fact that only Hinduism was singled out and targeted during this exercise but also from the fact that the key organizers of the conference are Christian missionaries and evangelists with a history of making anti-Hindu statements. One of the conveners is Brian Pennington of Elon University, which was started as a Christian university.¹²⁴ Other organizers include Chad Bauman of Butler University, which is yet another Christian university that offers joint programs with, and houses, the Christian Theological Seminary, which states that its mission is "to form disciples of Jesus Christ for church and community leadership to serve God's transforming of the world"¹²⁵." Another person listed as a key organizer of the anti-

Hindu conference is Reid Locklin of St. Michael's College in Toronto, a Roman Catholic college.¹²⁶

Minority Buddhist and Hindu Temples in USA Face Routine Violent Attacks

The state-sponsored vitriol against Hindus and Buddhists has predictably resulted in a climate of hatred and their temples are the target of routine violent attacks from time to time. The following list of attacks against Hindu places of worship has been taken from the website of the Hindu American Foundation.¹²⁷ In 2001, a Hindu temple in Matawan, New Jersey, and another Hindu temple in Medinah, Illinois was firebombed. In 2003, a Hindu Center in Arizona was attacked and a Hindu temple in St. Louis was repeatedly firebombed while a Hindu temple in Ashland, Massachusetts was vandalized. In 2006, a temple in Maple Grove, Minnesota was invaded and many holy structures, figures, and shrines within the temple were destroyed while a statue was carted away from another temple in Harvest, Alabama. In 2007, an attempt was made to burn down a temple in Ashland, Massachusetts. In 2010, the temple in Alabama faced yet another attack and more figures were taken away. In 2011, a major temple in Pittsburgh was the target of a violent attack. In 2012, a temple in New York was firebombed and a large statue of the God Shiva was stolen from a temple in Wayne, New Jersey. In 2013, a temple in Alachua, Florida was invaded and doused in bleach and faced defacing and destruction of vases and books. In 2014, a Hindu temple in Georgia was attacked and desecrated a sacred murthi of God Shiva, cut the telephone lines, and spray-painted profanity on the walls. In 2015, hateful messages were spray-painted in a temple in Bothell, Washington. That same year, a temple in Texas was defaced with symbols of devil worship and gunshots were fired at a sign marking the construction of a temple in Clemmons, North Carolina. In 2016, a severed cow head was found at a cow sanctuary in Upper Mount Bethel Township, Pennsylvania. In 2017, a temple in Wilton, Connecticut suffered property damage as a result of being attacked, and a temple in West Palm Beach, Florida was the target of repeated vandalism. In 2019, a temple in Kentucky was vandalized with Christian supremacist graffiti.

Several attacks have also been made on Islamic mosques. For example, a beer bottle was thrown into a mosque in San Francisco¹²⁸. Many individual Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims have also been subject to many violent attacks.

UNIT 3: ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS 'NATIVE AMERICANS': UNENDING SUFFERING OF CENTURIES AND APPROPRIATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

The story of the 'freedom' and 'liberation' of early European Protestant settlers to the newfound land of the United States of America became a tale of deprivation, denial, exploitation, genocide, cultural appropriation, and perpetual loss of dignity. It involved all the inhuman practices a human could inflict on another human, leading to the extinction of 90% of the indigenous people, as per estimates. Many reports over decades have confirmed that the Native Americans lag behind on all social, political, educational, and other parameters. They have huge assets worth billions but they cannot utilise them for their use as all powers over their assets lie with the government.

An article in Forbes described how the US government keeps Native Americans in poverty by not allowing them to manage their own lands but putting the federal government in charge of managing their lands and minerals¹²⁹. Institute for Policy Research issued a report on the Native Americans' rampant poverty, one out of three Native Americans living in poverty across the country.

Ownership of land of Native Americans is not with Them, but the Federal Government

Shawn Regan of PERC has published an insightful report on tribal assets and their challenges. As per an estimate, in southeastern Montana, a huge pile of natural resources, nine billion tons of coal lies beneath the tribal land of 13,000 members of the tribe, at the edge of the Powder River basin. However, the Crow Nation, the tribe which sits on such a massive reservoir of natural resources, can not do anything out of it as the ownership of the land does not lie with them but with the federal government.

The Native Americans' Reservation lands contain the country's 30% coal; 50% potential uranium; 20% oil and natural gas reserves, with estimated total energy resources at nearly \$ 1.5 trillion¹³⁰.

The federal government has been working as a trustee of the land of indigenous people, which is the biggest reason for their poverty. The roots of the law go back to 1831 when Chief Justice Marshall made the government their guardian- "as to ward". Before that, various American indigenous tribes enjoyed hereditary rights to lands and resources as

quoted in a PERC report from the Journal of Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, whether they were the Mahican Indians in the northeastern USA, the Hopi and Zuni branches of Pueblo, or the tribes in the pacific northwest. They too traded extensively through their well-established networks. Multiple examples have been quoted of the products of villages of one corner of the USA being found in the opposite farthest corner. It was the 1831 Supreme Court decision given by Chief Justice Marshall in the Cherokee Nation v. Georgia made the Indian tribes, the Native Americans “domestic dependent nation” and their relationship with the federal government was established as that of a ward to his guardian.¹³¹

The insecurities due to property rights have had a huge negative impact on the lives of the Native Americans. They cannot sell or mortgage their land and it has become a 'dead capital' for them.¹³²

Any development work cannot take place on the land as it has to go through rigorous procedures of the federal government. Companies have to go through 49 steps to get a permit to develop it, like that of energy development. Thus, the system is such that no economic development can take place on the Native Americans' lands and the federal government has complete control of their economic activities. The lands are full of natural resources but unfortunately, their rightful owners cannot utilize them. Coal is one such example.

In 1977, a federal commission had concluded that there were grave problems in lease negotiation.

However, to date, nothing has improved and the tribes have not been able to get back their lost sovereignty despite continuous struggles.

Dignity Denied to Native Americans

As per the statistics given by Hoover Institution, in 2015, the Native Americans, the people living on Reservation lands, had their income 68% below the USA average 20% of households earning less than 5000 \$ annually as compared to the 6% national average; the rape rate of women is 2.5 times higher than the national average, and child abuse rate is double.¹³³ Native Americans reported discrimination, harassment, and being the target of slurs. According to a poll for NPR, “35% of Native Americans report personally experiencing slurs and 39% report insensitive or offensive comments specifically about their race or

ethnicity.”

One example of an offensive comment based on casual racism was made by Hillary Clinton who used an ugly phrase rooted in racism against Native Americans in the 19th century when Native Americans were forcibly confined into prison camps.

Native Americans have not found success in legal challenges to the trampling of their religious rights. In a famous case known as *Employment Division v. Smith*, the United States Supreme Court, led by the Supreme Court judge Antonin Scalia who is celebrated as a defender of religious rights by White Republicans in the country, ruled that Native Americans did not have the Constitutional right to challenge being fired from their jobs for practicing their religion.¹³⁴ This ruling is selectively ignored by the US Supreme Court when White Christians file lawsuits claiming that their religious rights have been violated, and has even been condemned by the same Supreme Court over the years when its use of a precedent threatened the religious rights of Whites.

The identity of Native Americans has been appropriated by White politicians for their own advancement. Elizabeth Warren, a White US Senator of the Democratic Party from the state of Massachusetts, falsely claimed to be a Native American for many years¹³⁵ and benefited from affirmative action policies that were meant to benefit Native American people. She went on to become a professor at Harvard University before becoming a United States Senator. Despite her fraud, she was never criminally charged for her actions. This is clearly a case of the law not being applicable to those who are powerful.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted in 2007. As a comprehensive international instrument on the rights of indigenous people, it aims to ensure minimum levels of survival, dignity, and well-being of the indigenous people the world over¹³⁶. The USA is one of the signatories of the UN document, yet it is also a grave violator of its provisions. The international human rights watch and enforcement agencies must pay serious heed to it.

UNIT 4 GENDER DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE

The United States is in violation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women as it treats women in an inferior manner, especially in the political sphere and the media. Even the Sustainable Development Goal 5 of the UN is for achieving gender equality and empowering girls and women. However, the USA violates all the provisions of the convention.

Gender-based Violence: Sexual Violence is Normalised

Some of the facts of various studies related to gender violence in the USA are highly disturbing. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) had published a report on sexual violence against schoolgirls and their experiences in school, parties, cars, buses, and playgrounds. Startling revelations were made. It conducted a survey of 1965 students in grades 7-12 in May -June 2011 and had gathered data on harassment. Nearly 48% of students had faced some form of sexual harassment during the year 2010-11; 87% said it had a negative impact on them; 30% had faced cyber harassment in addition to many of them abused physically too; 56% of the students had witnessed sexual harassment more than once in the year. All this data was startling and disturbing as most of the cases were unreported. More disturbing was the fact which emerged that 44% of the students who had sexually harassed others thought that it was 'no big deal' and 39% thought that they were trying to be funny¹³⁷.

It cannot be more upsetting than the fact that sexual violence has been normalized as a part of life and even is not reported. The lack of safe spaces for dialogue even is alarming and no support from authorities is further shocking.

As per the campus sexual assault study (2005-2007) of the US Department of Justice, the campus rape rate is 19%, whereas the general population is 18.3%¹³⁸. Out of the victims, 1-5% became pregnant, resulting in 32,000 rape-related pregnancies in the USA annually (as per a report of 1996). Around 25-45% of the victims suffered from trauma; the attempt of suicide was 13 times higher in rape victims. The study further analyzed the impact of sexual victimization on individual victims and society.

Sexual Exploitation by Men in Power

The greatest danger to women in America is their sexual exploitation by those in power which is a matter of grave concern. Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that nearly 1 in every 5 American women has been the victim of rape or

attempted rape¹³⁹. Former President Bill Clinton's name figures in the flight logs of people who have flown to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's island where girls as young as 12 were used for the sexual gratification of rich and powerful people¹⁴⁰. Bill Clinton has also been repeatedly accused of molesting women. Videos of the current President and a Democrat, Joe Biden, groping young girls have surfaced¹⁴¹. Biden has also been accused of sexual assault by a former aide.¹⁴² These videos caused discomfort even to his Democrat supporters. Former Vice President and Democrat Al Gore too was accused of making sexual advances on a woman¹⁴³.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo recently resigned after exposure of his sexual exploitation of several women, but this fact was widely known by his supporters for many years and he was forced to resign only when a faction fight erupted in his political party¹⁴⁴. Criminal charges against him were dropped underscoring the fact that women in the USA who are the victims of violence are not accorded protection by the legal system.¹⁴⁵ Another high-profile politician who was forced to resign for the same reason was New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman who was accused by multiple women of physical abuse, but he too will not face any criminal charges¹⁴⁶.

The number of cases of men in political parties who molest women has reached epidemic proportions, and yet, such people are permitted to come to power.

Women are Treated as Inferior by the American Media and the Government

Women are treated in an inferior manner by the government as well as the American media. At Reuters, the top ten wage earners are all men, the Los Angeles Times in a court settlement agreed to retroactively adjust the salaries of women as they were paid lesser than men, women earned \$27,000 annually less than men at Gannett-owned newspapers, and made up just 5 percent of experts cited by major news outlets including CNBC, CNN, Fox News, The New York Times, and USA Today¹⁴⁷.

In 2021, President Joe Biden set up a Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States to suggest reforms to the court. Of the 36 Commissioners, only 12 were women, highlighting the fact that the Democratic Party in the US does not take women seriously¹⁴⁸.

Women and Feminist Organizations are Controlled by Men

Women have also been used by the American government to advance their political agenda. It is well known that the feminist icon of the 1960s and 1970s, Gloria Steinem, was, in fact, a CIA agent.¹⁴⁹ The feminist movement in the USA is really controlled by men in power who instruct women on what issues are important for them and act as their puppeteers. American women who claim to support some political position or the other, such as support for abortions, have actually been manipulated into mouthing the political positions of their male masters.

American feminist organizations are controlled by the political establishment run by men, and at the height of the sex scandal of former President Bill Clinton, American feminist Gloria Steinem wrote an op-ed in the New York Times defending Bill Clinton's predatory behavior. Steinem's argument in that article was derided as permitting men to have "One Free Grope."¹⁵⁰

It is suggested that Americans be exposed to other countries where violence against women is not tolerated and people in fact march on the streets against the perpetrators of violence against women and rapists are hanged to death. Such exposure could go a long way in stopping American women from supporting powerful male politicians who have a history of violently molesting women.

Sexual Abuse of Children

According to a report of the State of Nevada's Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children published in 2014, there are an estimated 42 million survivors of child sexual abuse in the United States¹⁵¹. However, the recommendations made in the report follow the time-tested American formula of focusing more on using the issue to seek funds instead of ensuring the safety of children.

A deeply disturbing aspect of the United States is that the sexual abuse of young children is rampant among government officials and powerful politicians, but such abuse is either covered up or the perpetrators are let off with light sentences. The participation of powerful figures in such crimes has made it difficult to pass laws which impose harsh punishments commensurate with the nature of the crimes. Covering up the abuses or letting off the perpetrators get away with light sentences is in violation of Articles 19 and 34 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child which requires the government to take measures to protect children from sexual abuse¹⁵².

A powerful politician who was recently let off with a light sentence is Congressman Anthony Weiner of the Democratic Party who sent obscene images to a minor girl and was convicted and sent to prison for this act, but he was given a lenient sentence and let out of prison after just 18 months¹⁵³.

Sexual abuse against children is also routinely covered up by members of law enforcement and other government agencies. Declassified files of the CIA obtained by the media outlet BuzzFeed say that CIA's staff members committed sex crimes involving children which had been covered up and the government stalled releasing the information related to these crimes for many years¹⁵⁴. BuzzFeed had to fight many protracted legal battles to gain access to this information. In 2009, the Department of Defense published a report¹⁵⁵ listing a large number of cases of sexual abuse of children, but it has not acted to create mechanisms to prevent such abuse in the future. Instead, it has taken a lackadaisical approach in dealing with these cases.

Pedophilia is especially rampant among US State Department officials, and the US State Department is a major cause of the abuse of young children around the world. In 2013, it was revealed that the State Department under Hillary Clinton had stopped investigations and covered up cases of the sexual abuse of children by State Department officials¹⁵⁶.

The Commissioners of the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), which is a part of the US State Department, too have contributed to the sexual abuse of children. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, one of the most influential Commissioners of USCIRF, has been named in a sex abuse lawsuit and has been defrocked by the Vatican.¹⁵⁷ What is truly concerning is that the other Commissioners at USCIRF have not spoken out against USCIRF but seem to have been complicit through their silence in covering up his abuse for years. Another USCIRF Commissioner and a fundraiser for Hillary Clinton, Ahmad Khawaja, was involved in fronting and money laundering for a person involved in the sexual abuse of children and making illegal contributions to Hillary Clinton¹⁵⁸.

Recently, a Human Relations Commission of the Santa Clara County in California included a Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church named Bryan Franzen¹⁵⁹ despite the church having a history of being embroiled in cases of sexual abuse of minor children and a key person at the church and a mentor for the Working to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) program facing 171 to 489 years in prison after pleading guilty.¹⁶⁰ He had 50

charges relating to the sexual abuse of children when he pleaded guilty.

Domestic Violence

As per a study 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experienced physical violence by an intimate partner, wherein 1 in 7 women and 1 in 25 men were injured by an intimate partner. Further, 1 in 10 women was raped by an intimate partner. 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men have been raped in their lifetime. Almost half of the rape victims in the USA were raped by an acquaintance¹⁶¹.

Gender Discrimination in the Workplace

Roughly 4 in 10 (42%) working women say they have experienced gender discrimination at the workplace, as per a PEW study.¹⁶² 25% of working women were paid fewer wages as compared to men for the same work; 23% were treated as if they were incompetent.

In another study published by Brookings, women of color face more challenges in the workplace. Due to multiple reasons, women earn 79 cents for every dollar earned by a man. However, in the case of Black women the ratio is 64 cents and for Latinas 54 cents¹⁶³.

UNIT 5 POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION

DEMOCRACY IN NAME, NOT IN ACTION: DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

A robust and healthy democracy ensures that the social and political rights of all citizens are protected. However, the USA a 'representative democracy' is not inclusive. Access and participation in democratic processes are limited and blatantly exclude some.

The United States of America is in direct contravention of Article 25 of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights which requires every citizen to have the right to participate in public affairs, to vote, and be elected through universal and equal suffrage guaranteeing the free expression of the will of the electors, and to have access to public service¹⁶⁴.

The Election Processes are Controlled and Rigged by Government as well as Political Parties' Officials

The system of primary elections is manipulated through an elaborate process of making it impossible for candidates who are not part of the ruling clique to win the primaries. American oligarch George Soros set up a project known as the 'Secretary of State Project' with the aim of capturing the offices of the Secretary of State in every state in the country.¹⁶⁵ The Secretary of State is the person in charge of conducting the elections and counting votes. Allowing an oligarch to own these offices throughout the country undermines democratic principles.

It is also a common practice for officials of the political parties to ensure that their favored candidate is provided the support of the local counties and their names are given a prominent place on the ballot. The state of New Jersey creates a line for favored candidates who then are presented as the major candidates of the party¹⁶⁶. Voters who typically vote along party lines end up voting for such candidates. This method has not changed in more than a hundred years. A hundred years ago in 1921, Viscount Bryce recounted the nature of the system in America in *Modern Democracies*, Volume 2. It was startlingly similar to what we see today with bosses of the local units using various methods of corruption to obtain the desired outcome in elections. The relevant section is quoted below.

+The party organizations laid hold of the city governments. They managed the Primaries and Conventions, nominated the party candidates, looked after the elections, resorting, when necessary, to personation, repeating, and other frauds, and adding to these if their

party controlled the officials in charge of the elections, intimidation at the polls, ballot stuffing and false counting. Most of their candidates were so obscure as to be unknown to the majority of the voters, who were thus obliged to vote for the party ticket. Thus a Ring might by the use of those ignorant masses who constituted its voting stock, fill the offices with its creatures, the chief among whom found many ways of making illicit gains out of contracts or the sale of franchises (such as the laying of street railways) or by levying Blackmail on firms who desired permission to transgress the law. Sometimes these practices went long unchecked, for the system grew up silently, unnoticed by good citizens who were thinking of the Slavery question or the Tariff. It was hard to fix responsibility upon offenders. Who could say which of the members of the Councils were the most guilty parties, who could examine records and documents in the custody of dishonest officials, who could hope much from legal proceedings likely to come before a judge who owed his election to the party dominating the city? While ward politicians made their petty gains in the lower strata of city life, and the ward leader directed his voting regiment like a colonel, members of the Ring installed themselves in offices where money could be scooped in by large operations; and the chiefs of the party in the State, seldom soiling their own fingers, winked at the methods of the professionals and profited by the voting power placed at their disposal.

These things, which need description because they have been used to discredit democracy, went on in practically all the great and most of the smaller cities, being generally worse in proportion to the population and the wealth of each. I take New York as a sample, because the largest, and because the facts of its case, though they have drawn the attention of the world, are little understood outside America.”

In New York there was founded in 1789 a social and charitable club which after 1805 described itself as the Tammany Society, the name being taken from an Indian Sachem called Tammanend. It soon acquired a political character, and in 1822, having then thrown out tentacles all over the city, put its government on a representative basis, the General Committee being composed of delegates elected at meetings of the enrolled (Democratic) party voters. Its members were at first native Americans, many of them men of good social standing; but after 1850 the rank and file came more and more to consist of immigrants from Europe, while leadership passed to adventurers of a low type, native and foreign. Since then Tammany Hall has included a great mass of the new citizens — Irishmen, Germans, Jews, Italians, and Slavs. It came to be practically supreme in the Democratic

party in the city, as well as the mainstay of that party in New York State, being therewith also a power in the National Democratic Convention since the vote of New York State often turns the scale in presidential elections. In 1863 a man named William Marcy Tweed, who had failed in business as a chairmaker, a jovial, boisterous, swaggering fellow of vulgar tastes and scanty education, became Chairman of the General Committee, and therewith virtual ruler of the city, for (manhood suffrage having been introduced in 1842) the Tammany vote was omnipotent. He and his three leading associates who formed a ruling group called the Ring "had at their disposal," wrote Mr. S. J. Tilden a few years later, "the whole local Government machinery, with its expenditure and patronage and its employment of at least 12,000 persons, besides its possession of the police, its influence on the Judiciary, its control of inspectors and canvassers of the elections." This last-mentioned power was used to manipulate the taking and counting of votes on a gigantic scale, while three unscrupulous lawyers, creatures or confederates of the Ring, were placed on the City Bench to facilitate its operations. The press was largely muzzled by lavish payments made to it for advertisements, and some of the minor journals were subsidized. Confident in their strength, the "Boss of the Hall" and his three associates began to rob right and left. In thirty-two months they raised the city debt by \$81,000,000 (£16,200,000), more than twice the figure at which the debt had stood before. This was done chiefly by means of payments for public works which were divided among the confederated Ringsters, with practically nothing to show for the expenditure.

A trifling quarrel between some of the accomplices led to the discovery of these frauds, and an uprising of the "better element" among the citizens of both parties (1871) drove the thieves out of power and sent to prison two of them, as well as two of the three corrupt judges. But what happened thereafter? Within six years Tammany Hall was again in power under another Boss.

In the 2016 presidential primary election of the Democratic Party, in violation of every clause of Article 25 of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, over 125,000 voters were purged from the electoral rolls in Brooklyn, New York, as they were suspected to be supporters of Bernie Sanders. In Iowa, the officials switched votes to Hillary Clinton from Bernie Sanders¹⁶⁷ who termed it the disenfranchisement of the worker-class delegates¹⁶⁸. Sanders was also cheated of victory in the Iowa caucuses in 2020 after a shadow application software was created with the direct involvement of the Democratic National Committee¹⁶⁹.

Another method of election fraud that is rampant in the United States is for officials in charge of counting votes to claim that previously uncounted bags of votes had been discovered after the counting process has been completed or has been nearly completed and the result is not palatable to the officials of the establishment.

In 2020, Associated Press reported in a news report entitled “Second Georgia County finds previously uncounted votes” that a memory card containing 2,755 votes had been discovered¹⁷⁰ and this had occurred after officials in another county had conjured nearly 2600 votes.¹⁷¹ Once again, this technique is not an isolated case of a genuine error but part of a recurring pattern that occurs during every election. In 2018, the Cincinnati Enquirer reported that “[e]lection officials in Franklin County found 588 previously uncounted votes in a Columbus suburb¹⁷²,” and on 4 November 2010, the Greenwich Time reported that a bag of uncounted ballots had been discovered in Bridgeport plunging the election into confusion and prompting a new round of political accusations of fraud.¹⁷³ Yet another example of election officials claiming to have discovered previously uncounted ballots can be seen in a news report by the South Florida Sun-Sentinel which reported that “seven days after the election ended, and two days after the results were unofficially certified, Broward election workers said they had found 963 unaccounted-for ballots in a warehouse.¹⁷⁴” This method of changing the outcome of an election amounts to ballot-stuffing by the government.

Remarkably, despite repeated claims of officials claiming to have “found” new votes, no effort has been made to strengthen the election process. Instead, in January 2022, The New York Post also reported that New York State was paving the way for electoral fraud by permitting a scheme known as “ballot harvesting” which expands the absentee-ballot drop-off locations permitting people to drop off votes on behalf of others¹⁷⁵.

Each of these methods to subvert the democratic process is in violation of Article 25 of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights.

Voting Rights of Blacks, Hispanics, and other Minorities are Suppressed

Although the Legal Identity Agenda of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations calls for providing a document to every individual to establish their identities (See the report of the United Nations entitled *Implementation of the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda: United Nations Country Team Operational Guidelines*¹⁷⁶), political parties

in the USA have resisted all efforts to provide voter identification cards to Black American citizens. According to the UN report, “UNDP has provided significant support to voter registration efforts (including biometric voter registration efforts) in recent years. UNDP is now being asked by an increasing number of Member States, to either assist in the development and rollout of its national identity register/card programmes (e.g., Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan) or to build more sustainable voter registers (e.g., Moldova, Zambia, Afghanistan).”

The actions opposing the use of identity cards in elections in the USA are in contravention to the UN Agenda to empower individuals.

The absence of voter identification cards to prevent electoral fraud is a systemic irregularity in the voting systems of several states in the United States of America that is used to perpetuate European White supremacists' political power while subjugating Blacks. Several states including New York, California, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Oregon refuse to ensure that there is electoral integrity and do not require any form of identification by voters who wish to cast their votes¹⁷⁷. Instead of ensuring that every voter regardless of his or her race has a voter ID card, an extremely troubling argument used by members of the Democratic Party which opposes the verification of voters using photo IDs is that Black people neither possess photo IDs nor have the competence to obtain photo IDs. Politically aligned Judges too have abused their power in the judiciary and used this argument to strike down laws requiring voter IDs¹⁷⁸. Blacks are the biggest victims of voter fraud which occurs to a lack of voter IDs, and the biggest beneficiaries of such fraud are White candidates.

Recently, several Black leaders penned an op-ed pointing out that multiple polls had shown that most Blacks supported voter IDs in the interest of election integrity¹⁷⁹. In their op-ed, they pointed out that a recent poll by Rasmussen Reports found that 69 percent of Blacks and 82 percent of non-White minorities supported voter IDs, and another poll by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution had found that two-thirds of Blacks in Georgia supported voter IDs.

The lack of voter IDs has allowed party workers to harvest unused ballots and stamp them in favor of the party establishment's candidate. Laws pertaining to mail-in ballots are routinely used to facilitate this form of cheating¹⁸⁰. Needless to say, it is not poor Blacks or Hispanics who have the capability to operate such large organized efforts, but it is the

White supremacists who operate organized large-scale vote-harvesting efforts. In all these cases, the fake votes are cast in the names of Black people, and Black people are thus disenfranchised.

Views Other than Those of the Two Main Parties are Suppressed during Elections

Article 26 of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights prohibits discrimination based on political opinion, but the American political system suppresses the expression of independent ideas and their representation in politics using multiple methods. People are forced to choose between one of the two political ideologies – Republican and Democrat – approved by the government, and consequently, only politicians belonging to one of the two political parties become elected representatives.

The “liberal” or “progressive” ideology of the Democrats, as well as the “conservative” ideology of the Republicans, are manifestations of the politics of the White people. Specifically, while the “liberals” comprise a coalition of Whites supremacist Roman Catholics and European racist Jews, the “conservatives” represent the White Protestants. The other groups such as the Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians are accommodated only as junior partners, and that too only if they embrace the political ideologies of the Whites. A civil rights organization, More Equitable Democracy, has pointed out that the two-party system contributes to structural racism and has called for replacing it with a multi-party system¹⁸¹. Blacks have been forced to choose the option of becoming subservient to the Democratic Party. Had there been multiple political parties, Blacks could have formed their own party and negotiated their position in society and politics.

Individuals who deviate from the two approved political positions and articulate their own views and aspirations are excluded from participating in politics and are branded “extremist” by the establishment consisting of the government, universities, media, and other institutions. The topics of discussion as well as the political positions for each of the topics are tightly controlled in order to ensure that there are exactly two views for each topic that is permitted to be discussed. When the government's suppression of the opinions and voices which do not fit in with the two approved ideologies was challenged in the state of Delaware which permits only Republicans or Democrats to become judges, the State argued in a court that keeping independents out from the political system was legitimate as the country was based on a two party system¹⁸².

The official sanction for the two-party system subjugates more than half the population of the United States of America who does not identify as either Democrats or Republicans as their views do not find expression. According to the Pew Research Center, 34 percent of the registered voters identify as independents, while only 33 percent identify as Democrats and 29 percent as Republicans¹⁸³. The Census Bureau reported that only 66.67 percent of the USA population who was 18 or older was registered to vote¹⁸⁴. Thus, it is seen that the combination of registered Republicans and registered Democrats make up only a minority of the population but are in power for hundred percent of the time.

A method used by both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party to ensure the monopoly of the two-party system is to prevent outsiders from participating in election debates. As pointed out by the Independent Voter Project, the Commission on Presidential Debates is a partnership between Democrats and Republicans despite the federal election law requiring it to be non-partisan, and it initiates the rules for debates and keeps independents out from participating in debates¹⁸⁵.

Independent candidates and advocates for third parties have taken the matter to the courts in the past¹⁸⁶, but have not been successful as the judges who are political appointees typically use delaying tactics to prevent the case from being decided before the election or rule against the petitioners who then cannot appeal the ruling in a timely manner.

State Officials have Indulged in the Intimidation of Candidates

Another method used by state officials to rig elections is to openly abuse their power and intimidate candidates. In 2020, an Indian-American candidate Hirsh Singh, who ran for the office of the US Senator from the state of New Jersey, received letters from the Attorney General of the state of New Jersey asking him to cease and desist from articulating his opinions¹⁸⁷. The letter demanded that Singh stop sending out his campaign's mailers to voters and made the false assertion that Singh's mailers contained misleading information on the process of voting. In an effort to chill the free-speech rights of Hirsh Singh, the Attorney General even claimed that Singh could be criminally charged under the law. In addition to instilling fear in the minds of Hirsh Singh and his campaign staff, the letter was also government propaganda that would sow doubts against Hirsh Singh in the minds of voters.

In reality, as pointed out by Hirsh Singh in his complaint to the Department of Justice against the New Jersey Attorney General, the mailers contained truthful information and did no more than repeat the instructions printed on the official ballots for the convenience of the voters¹⁸⁸. The State itself could not, and did not, charge Singh, but simply used government resources to intimidate a candidate and succeeded in temporarily confusing voters before the election.

Rampant Voting Fraud in the USA and Blatant Disdain for Democratic Process

Blatant cheating and fraud are the tools used commonly during the electoral process and to impose predetermined decisions. As of May 2022, the Heritage Foundation's database of voter fraud contained 1357 instances of voter fraud in recent years¹⁸⁹. Nearly 1300 of these cases occurred after the year 2000.

One form of cheating that is prevalent in the two major political parties is to take voice votes and assert, "In the opinion of the chair, the Ayes have it" or words to that effect even when such an assertion flies in the face of truth and overrules the will of the majority. This is usually accompanied by first taking a vote to "suspend the rules" through a voice vote and rendering the principle of having rules for the democratic process meaningless in order to ensure that there can be no challenge to the various arbitrary decisions imposed by the party bosses.

Here we produce a couple of instances to prove how pre-determined decisions were imposed by the authorities in alignment with the major two political parties. For example, during the Democratic National Convention of 2012, after suspending the rules, the will of the majority was overturned by the Chair, Antonio Villaraigosa, on adding the belief in God and recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel into the Democratic Party's platform¹⁹⁰. When the outcome of the voice vote did not go according to plan and the "Nay" votes seemed to be louder than the "Aye" votes, a flummoxed Chair of the convention repeated the process of taking the votes again with the same result after stopping himself in mid-sentence "In the opinion of the –" clearly indicating that he was reading the predetermined result from a teleprompter. The votes were taken for a third time with the same result after a party functionary approached the Chair and instructed him that he had to let the people do what they were going to do. After the third vote, much to the shock of the crowd, the Chair made the Orwellian assertion, "In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds have voted in

the affirmative.” The episode was widely reported in the media and the video of the episode can be viewed online¹⁹¹.

Similarly, when determining whether Ron Paul, who was a very popular politician could give a speech at the Republican National Convention, the Chair, John Boehner, was caught on camera reading off a teleprompter that instructed him to declare, “In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, and the resolution is adopted” leading to immediate protests from the crowd¹⁹². While this behavior occurs at all levels, these two examples are the most blatant cases that occurred at the highest levels and which were caught on video.

UNIT 6 INTERNATIONAL INTERFERENCE OF THE USA AND ROLE IN CREATING HUMANITARIAN CRISES

By starting many unprovoked wars, using covert means to create strife in many countries, using torture against the people of countries it invades, supporting terrorist groups that indulge in genocides, behaving as the global bully, destroying several countries, and creating millions of refugees and homeless people, the United States is in violation of Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as well as the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and is guilty of war crimes.

Contribution to Creation of Refugees Globally

The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs estimates that there were a total of 9.2 million displaced people as a result of the American war on Iraq, 5.9 million in Afghanistan, 4.3 million in Somalia, 4.6 million in Yemen, 1.2 million in Libya, and 7.1 million in Syria¹⁹³. In each of these countries, the United States is culpable of starting illegitimate wars, supporting terrorist groups, bombing civilian populations, and either using or aiding those who used chemical and biological weapons.

According to the data of the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees, as of mid-2021, there were still 6.8 million refugees from Syria, 2.6 million refugees from Afghanistan, 2.2 million refugees from South Sudan, and 4.1 displaced people from Venezuela¹⁹⁴.

The US also created 2 million refugees with its wars in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia¹⁹⁵. An additional 850,000 people were displaced when the US interfered in Kosovo and bombed Serbia in 1999¹⁹⁶.

Overall Foreign Policy of America is Racist in Nature

The foreign policy of the United States is driven by an aim to control all the resources of the world, all the politics of the world, and control the opinions of everyone in the world. This is achieved through various means including persuasion, inducements, creation of strife, and use of force. To implement its goals, an elaborate infrastructure consisting of American government agencies, universities, non-profit groups, media outlets, and international institutions has been set up. The US pressures other countries to adopt policies through its diplomats or its proxies in international institutions, universities, media, and non-profit groups. It also uses its armed forces if needed and also funds subversive forces to destabilize other nations. Underlying all these actions is one fact that is undeniable – its

goals are strongly tied to its own racial and religious identity and its choice of allies is also based on racial and religious identity¹⁹⁷.

That race and skin color are official considerations for US State Department policies was made clear when one of its diplomats, Maureen Chao, posted in India, used the words “dirty and dark like Tamilians” to describe the dark complexion of Tamil people.¹⁹⁸ Instead of dismissing her from service, the US State Department gave her a promotion, providing an insight into how African countries, as well as Blacks within the USA, are treated by the US State Department and other institutions.

Many actions of the USA follow the playbook of the USA Department of Defense which made its objectives clear in the 18 February 1992 draft of the Defense Planning Guidance document¹⁹⁹ which was authored by Lewis Libby and Paul Wolfowitz. The document clearly articulated the objective of preventing other countries from prospering and even stated, “[T]he US must show the leadership necessary to establish and protect a new order that holds the promise of convincing potential competitors that they need not aspire to a greater role.” It called for preventing the emergence of European-only security arrangements and used language which declared that access to vital raw materials including Persian Gulf oil was its right and that in the Middle East and Southwest Asia, the overall objective is to remain the predominant outside power in the region and preserve U.S. and Western access to the region's oil. The document also stated that the US would prevent the alignment of other powers in the region.

The document expressed American hostility towards the Russian people and suggested that Ukraine be supported to prevent Russians from accessing resources. India too was a special target and was accused of holding hegemonic aspirations, and in an analysis that deserves to be ridiculed, it declared Pakistan the key to stability in the region. According to the document, “We should discourage Indian hegemonic aspirations over the other states in South Asia and on the Indian Ocean. With regard to Pakistan, a constructive U.S.-Pakistani military relationship will be an important element in our strategy to promote stable security conditions in Southwest Asia and Central Asia. We should therefore endeavor to rebuild our military relationship given acceptable resolution of our nuclear concerns.”

The two main authors of the document which arrogated to the USA the role of global cop were- Lewis Libby who was Roman Catholic, and Paul Wolfowitz who is a Jewish person of

Polish descent. Much of the foreign policy of the United States continues to follow the objectives laid down in this draft document.

American propaganda against Iran too should be taken with a pinch of salt. Former American President Donald Trump seems to have understood this fact when he said that “we would be in world war six by now” had we listened to former National Security Advisor John Bolton²⁰⁰. It appears that two incidents blamed on Iran may have been false flag attempts to fool Donald Trump into declaring war against Iran just as the war against Iraq declared by George W. Bush was based on false claims of Iraq having stockpiled weapons of mass destruction.

The USA routinely makes false accusations against other countries, accusing them of being either violent or oppressive. Targets of the USA on this front include Azerbaijan, Belarus, Hungary, Russia, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Mongolia, Poland, Brazil, Bolivia, Venezuela, and many other countries, but this confirms the fact that the USA targets countries which are not ruled by people belonging to certain religions.

Some of the motives for the US to start wars are totally unacceptable and include opposition to peaceful activities of various peoples of the world, such as American opposition to Iran and Syria being based on building a road between Iran and Lebanon (the Shia Corridor) or Russia building oil pipelines to supply fuel to Europe and other countries. The belief that no one but Americans and western Europeans have the right to better their lives while others must be bombed for bettering their lives is not just a cynical, but a criminal position and smacks of a western-White-supremacist mindset.

Initiation of Wars and Support for Terrorism

In 1949, the USA initiated the US Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, in short called NATO, with 30 members from North America and Europe. Its noticeable objective was to maintain peace and security in the Trans-Atlantic region. However, during its journey of more than seven decades, the USA has maneuvered affairs of other countries through NATO as the entire affair of NATO and the USA is not as innocent as it is made to perceive. Through the years, the USA has used NATO as a pawn in spreading conflict and violence in many countries

Afghanistan

241,000 people including 71,000 civilians were killed in the Afghan war initiated by the US in 2001²⁰¹ using the false pretext that the war was in response to the terrorist attacks against the USA carried out on 11 September 2001. None of those terrorists were Afghans, and the Taliban regime in Afghanistan itself was a creation of the US government. The number of deaths between 1990 and 2000 is estimated to be 1,000,000²⁰².

An article by Steve Coll of the Washington Post details how the United States was responsible for working together with Pakistan and China to arm various Islamic terrorist groups in Afghanistan in the 1980s and 1990s with Saudi Arabia proving the funds²⁰³. Coll writes that William Casey, the CIA Director (a White supremacist Roman Catholic), suggested that the Islamic Republic of Pakistan carry out terrorist acts inside Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and that Pakistan agreed to become the pawn of the CIA, upon which the CIA supplied thousands of Korans to Pakistan. The Taliban grew out of the Islamic terrorist forces created by the coalition of Saudi Arabia, the USA, Pakistan, and China²⁰⁴, and it is the USA that must take the blame for the Taliban's terrorism and their oppression of women today. Another terrorist group, al-Qaeda, also grew out of the forces supported by the US in Afghanistan during this period. The fact remains that it was the USA that had given all kinds of support to the terrorist organization, Al Qaeda, and its commander, Osama Bin Laden.

The US State Department continued to support the Taliban after they came to power, and Robin Rachel, the Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs in the Bill Clinton administration, opposed isolating the Taliban despite their regressive human rights record and even met with their leaders and justified it by saying, "We have to understand who these people are" and praised the Taliban by claiming that "they were very polite²⁰⁵." The Taliban has been responsible for terrorism, genocides, and cold-blooded murders including the murders of women who were buried to their hips and killed by rocks being flung at them. For these reasons, Robin Raphel must be tried as a war criminal by an international tribunal. She has already lost her security clearance in the US²⁰⁶, an indication that the USA is aware of her status as an enabler of crimes against humanity by the Taliban.

After falling out with the Taliban over an oil pipeline in 2002, the USA bombed Afghanistan and installed a government, but under the Joe Biden administration, in August 2021, the USA ran away from Afghanistan in the face of the assault by the Taliban²⁰⁷ and left behind weapons worth billions of dollars which the Taliban took over once they came back to

power²⁰⁸. As a result, the USA is embarrassed at the turn of events as the Taliban organized a parade displaying American weapons they had taken over.^{209,210}

The takeover by the Taliban has precipitated yet another humanitarian crisis with 3.5 million Afghans internally displaced within Afghanistan and another 2.2 million refugees.²¹¹ However, in a tragicomic performance, the State Department under Antony Blinken has displayed utter incompetence when it comes to addressing the problem of refugees fleeing the Taliban, and in the case of the State Department fiddling, while Kabul is burning, it has been busy preparing reports expressing concern that non-Muslim refugees who typically prefer to seek refuge in India may actually be granted asylum by the Indian government.²¹² The State Department also confirmed its incompetence when it actually trusted the Taliban (perhaps on the word of Robin Raphel that the Taliban is full of polite people) and ended up providing them with a 'kill list' of Afghans who had aided the Americans, and sought the help of the Taliban in evacuating the Afghans even as other State Department personnel were busy generating reports that the Hindus of India were the cruel oppressors on the planet²¹³.

Former Yugoslavia

The US is responsible for creating a civil war in the former Yugoslavia by exploiting religious divisions and then relentlessly bombing Belgrade in 1999, and creating a massive refugee problem. At least 130,000 people lost their lives in the wars in former Yugoslavia²¹⁴. While Croatia and Slovenia have Catholic majorities, Serbia has an Orthodox Christian majority. Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo have Muslim majorities. In the early 1990s, Madeleine Albright, who was not yet the Secretary of State, and was known to harbor personal hatred for Yugoslavia, had asked General Colin Powell while trying to goad him into agreeing to go to war against Yugoslavia which was outside the ambit of the influence of the Catholic church, "What's the point of having this superb military that you're always talking about if we can't use it?"²¹⁵ Several years later, she was caught on camera making a racist attack against Serbs by calling them "Disgusting Serbs."²¹⁶

In March 1994, Peter W. Galbraith, the US ambassador to Croatia issued the spine-chilling threat that "there can be no lasting peace without the peaceful reintegration of the [Serb-majority] Krajina into Croatia."²¹⁷ By August 1995, the threat was followed up by a massacre of Serbs with their houses being burnt down²¹⁸ and an exodus of 200,000 Serbs from

Krajina²¹⁹.

In 1999, NATO started bombing Belgrade in order to satiate Madeleine Albright's personal goals based on hatred and killed hundreds of civilians by bombing several civilian targets including nursing homes, television stations, homes, and even the Chinese embassy where three journalists were killed²²⁰. The bombing of the TV broadcaster RTS for airing opinions that were not in line with the American propaganda killed 16 civilians, but NATO justified these deaths by claiming that the TV broadcaster was a legitimate target for broadcasting the Serbian point of view²²¹. As the Observer reported, "the Americans knew exactly what they [were] doing" these targets were intentionally chosen to send a message with the Chinese embassy having been chosen by an intelligence analyst and "deliberately targeted by the most precise weapons in the US arsenal."²²²

The US State Department indulged in propaganda and claimed that the Serbs had created concentration camps that were "surrounded by Serbian forces and anyone attempting to leave the camps was shot on sight"²²³. A German TV report by journalists Jo Angerer and Mathias Werth entitled "It Began With a Lie" demolishes the NATO propaganda of German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, Minister of Defence Rudolf Scharping (both SPD) and Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer (Greens), documents the fact that the claims about concentration camps were false and that there was no humanitarian crisis until NATO intervened using the false pretext that Kosovar Albanians needed to be saved from Serbs.²²⁴ As a report by the UNHCR points out, "the Kosovo refugee emergency" "developed in the wake of NATO air strikes against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY)."²²⁵

Madeleine Albright and General Wesley Clark, who is also a Catholic, went back to the territories of the former Yugoslavia with their multimillion-dollar business deals in the areas of mining and telecommunications²²⁶. As Albright was the Secretary of State who was behind the bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999 and Clark was the General who led the American forces in the bombing campaign, their actions clearly demonstrate that the purpose of the American war on Yugoslavia was to take over the resources of that country.

Ukraine

The Ukraine war has resulted, as of 5 May 2022, in 5.7 million refugees leaving their homes and going to other countries while another 6.5 million people are displaced within the country²²⁷. OHCHR has confirmed a total of 3,280 civilians including 231 children who have

died and 3,451 including 328 children who have been injured²²⁸. This is in addition to those whose fates could not be confirmed and the tens of thousands of deaths and injuries resulting from the war.

The US was aware that the expansion of NATO would lead to war because it had been warned by its own ambassadors and politicians.

The choice of Americans going on the path of war instead of the path of peace was intentional. Soon after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, President George H.W. Bush's Secretary of State James Baker III who was a Protestant, and former President Richard Nixon who was a Quaker were among those who wanted to provide aid to Russia and help it integrate with the rest of the world in the same way that the Marshall Plan had achieved the same goal for Germany after the second world war²²⁹. Over the years, Russian leaders – regardless of whether Mikhail Gorbachev²³⁰, Boris Yeltsin²³¹, or Vladimir Putin²³² were in power – have consistently shown interest in integrating with the rest of Europe in a peaceful manner.

The Secretary of State under Bill Clinton, Warren Christopher, who was also a Protestant, was another person who was among those who opposed the expansion of NATO. Christopher's detailed statement at a White House press conference in 1994 informed that “the objective of promoting security and stability in Europe could be undermined if NATO were to be expanded too rapidly” and predicted that the expansion of NATO would “divide Europe” and end up “replicating a bit further to the east a line of demarcation that NATO has fought for such a long time to erase.”²³³ In the same statement, he proposed an alternative platform known as the 'Partnership for Peace' which would “turn former adversaries into partners” and “be open to all nations in Eastern Europe on a non-discriminatory basis.”²³⁴

Jack Matlock, who was the ambassador to the former Soviet Union and played a key role in negotiating the end of the Cold War, was yet another person opposed the expansion of NATO and called the efforts “misguided” and “absurd.” He also stated that if the expansion of NATO were to be approved, it would be “a profound strategic blunder” and would “convey to the Russian nation, and particularly their military, that we still consider Russia a potential enemy.”²³⁵

However, the attempts to formulate sensible and peaceful foreign policy faced a massive push back from the belligerent Catholics in positions of power who insisted on characterizing Russia as a threat. One such Catholic was Stephen Hadley, who would go on

to become the National Security Advisor under George W. Bush. During the hearings before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in 1997, he termed Russia a "potential threat" and called for expanding NATO by including Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic in the military alliance.²³⁶ Another Catholic, the then Senator Joe Biden, at the same hearing argued, "Europeans have proven incapable, left to themselves, of settling their differences peacefully. The United States it seems to me must continue to lead the new security architecture for that continent."²³⁷ Needless to say, Madeleine Albright too made a case at the same hearing to expand NATO and include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic²³⁸.

The Catholic faction asserting itself and even getting into conflicts to prevent others from having their say goes back to the days of George Shultz who was the Secretary of State under Ronald Reagan. He was a proponent of denuclearizing at the height of the Cold War, but was opposed by the Roman Catholic CIA Director William Casey²³⁹ and the Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger²⁴⁰ who was an Episcopalian.

Today, Joe Biden's Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Victoria Nuland, brings a 117-year old family resentment and religious opposition towards Russia to policy-making, as her grandfather left the Russian empire to escape the pogroms against Jews in 1907. Nuland advocates a very aggressive foreign policy against Russia and is one of those responsible for the covert action which resulted in the overthrow of the democratically elected Ukrainian government in 2014²⁴¹. Nuland's husband, Robert Kagan, is a co-founder of the infamous Project for the New American Century which has called for wars against other nations²⁴².

Iraq

The American invasion of Iraq by the George W. Bush administration in 2003 was based on two falsehoods. The first falsehood was to lead the public into believing that the war was retaliation against the terrorist attacks on the USA on 11 September 2001²⁴³. Subsequently, in order to justify its war, the US made another false claim that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction²⁴⁴. According to the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, "between 184,382 and 207,156 civilians have died from direct war related violence caused by the U.S., its allies, the Iraqi military and police, and opposition forces from the time of the invasion [in 2003] through October 2019."²⁴⁵

After the previous American attack on Iraq in 1990, Iraq faced harsh economic sanctions. The United Nations has reported that around 576,000 children died as a result of stringent economic sanctions on Iraq.²⁴⁶ When the journalist Leslie Stahl pointed out in an interview with Madeleine Albright, “that’s more children than died in Hiroshima,” and asked if the price was worth it, Albright gave the shocking and inhuman reply that the price was worth it²⁴⁷.

Syria

The United Nations estimated in 2021 that at least 350,000 people had died in Syria as a result of the war that began in 2011²⁴⁸. As part of the so-called Arab Spring, the US has been responsible for destabilizing Egypt, waging wars in Libya and Syria, and is involved in the war in Syria which has created one of the largest humanitarian crises in history with 6.6 million refugees and another 6.7 million displaced people²⁴⁹. As described at the beginning of this chapter, the Watson Institute puts the number of displaced people at 7.1 million²⁵⁰.

War Crimes Committed by the USA

During the years between the second world war and the collapse of the Soviet Union, what was termed a ‘cold war’ was a ‘cold war’ only for Europeans and Americans. The rest of the world faced violent wars and coups. Vietnamese continue to suffer as a result of American use of napalm and Agent Orange with even babies being born with deformities, Cambodians continue to lose limbs to land mines, and a number of people in many countries were displaced as a result of the wars waged by the United States and its CIA.

An article in the Harvard Political Review makes a strong case to try Barack Obama as a war criminal²⁵¹. The article points out that apart from the Obama administration dropping 26,171 bombs on seven different countries in 2016 alone, Obama approved the use of 563 drone strikes that killed approximately 3,797 people including first responders who were killed as a result of double-tap drone strikes, that is, follow-up drone strikes that killed the first responders who went to the site of the first drone strike to provide humanitarian assistance.

The author points out that Article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court states that “Intentionally directing attacks against personnel, installations, material, units or vehicles involved in a humanitarian assistance or peacekeeping mission in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations” is classified as a war crime and Obama’s strikes

would fit the bill. Although the author makes a very strong case, it should be noted that none of the policies or decisions were those of Barack Obama who was merely an innocent Black frontman in the same way that Black men and women had fronted and pretended to sing while jumping around on a stage for the music producer Frank Farian's music bands Boney M and Milli Vanilli. People like Joe Biden and John Kerry bear more responsibility for orchestrating the wars, and a complete investigation by neutral international bodies is necessary to uncover the true identity of the real decision-makers.

Religious Wars of the US State Department

One of the major tools used by the US State Department to create strife in other countries is the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) which uses religious tests while hiring its personnel and views the world through the lens of religion.

USCIRF has its origins in what was called the Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad created by the State Department under Bill Clinton in November 1996, just two months after Clinton addressed the National Baptist Convention in Orlando and promised: "to build the kingdom of God here on Earth."²⁵² This advisory committee consisted of 20 people, and the titles of some of those on the committee reveal its nature: Reverend Don Argue, Reverend Joan Bell Campbell, the Very Reverend Leonid Kishkovsky, the Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon, and the Most Reverend Theodore McCarrick²⁵³. There were a total of 12 Christians representing various denominations and every one of them was associated with proselytizing organizations. In early 1997, in an admission that the committee's aim was to propagate Christianity around the world, their report used the title "United States Policies in Support of Religious Freedom: Focus on Christians"²⁵⁴. It was the recommendation of this advisory committee that resulted in the creation of USCIRF in 1998. Over the years, the main targets of USCIRF have been India, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka, three countries where there are American-backed efforts to convert the entire population to Christianity in order to make these countries subservient to American interests.

In around 24 years of its existence, USCIRF has had 59 commissioners. Among these Commissioners, there have been two bishops, an archbishop, a cardinal, a president of American Baptist Churches, a president of both the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Christian group World Vision, a minister of a Methodist church, an editor of the Christian Post who was also a commissioner of the Southern Baptist Convention and the

president of Southern Evangelical Seminary, another contributor to the Christian Post, a member of the pastoral staff of West Hopewell Presbyterian Church, an advisory editor of Christianity Today, a president of the National Association of Evangelicals and ambassador of the proselytizing Christian organization Convoy of Hope, a board member of the Catholic Association and the Catholic Association Foundation and Opus Dei's Catholic Information Center, two Baptist pastors including one who served as the president of the National Baptist Convention, a board member of the Evangelical Covenant Church, a Harvard University professor who was Vatican's representative to the Beijing Conference on Women and a member of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican Bank and who is on a mission waging a war on condoms because the Pope has banned their use, the chairman of the Christian group National Organization of Marriage as well as his student, a Jesuit priest who is a columnist for the National Catholic Reporter, a person who is part of Refugees International which is funded by the evangelical group Preemptive Love, the co-chair of the Las Vegas Area Public Communications Committee of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the executive director of the Christian group Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and a winner of the Outstanding Catholic Leadership award from the Catholic Leadership Institute, two members who were honored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at an event for which the press release said their aim was to spread the gospel, an ordained minister who received an honorary doctorate from televangelist Jerry Falwell's Liberty University where "Creation Studies" is a legitimate field with the origins of the world being taught from the Biblical viewpoint, the president of the fundamentalist Protestant group Family Research Council who was also the senior vice president of Focus on the Family which is an evangelical group that describes itself a "parachurch" organisation, a Greek Orthodox activist who doubles up as a professor at Tufts University's Fletcher School, a Maronite Christian activist, a Mormon activist who prides himself as the great-great-great grandson of the Mormon leader Brigham Young's brother, an evangelical Christian who served as evangelist Jerry Falwell's assistant, and a couple of Jewish Rabbis.

Evidence of USCIRF's prejudice can clearly be discerned from the fact that despite the ban on Muslim women and girls wearing headscarves by several European countries which has been upheld by the Court of Justice of the European Union²⁵⁵, and the ban on minarets by Switzerland²⁵⁶, USCIRF singled out India to be the country which is dangerous for Muslims.

Echoing the State Department's position, the USCIRF also opposes granting asylum to refugees fleeing the religious persecution carried out by two allies of the State Department

– the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Taliban in Afghanistan – and the State Department's Commission intentionally indulged in false propaganda and misrepresented a law granting such asylum by falsifying the description of the law's content. To achieve this misrepresentation, it replaced the word 'refugees' with 'migrants' to make it seem like a law excluding every Muslim from citizenship had been passed, and it also concealed the fact that the law, like every other law in history that applied to refugees, was narrowly tailored to apply to refugees who had already fled the persecution by the State Department's allies before a certain date²⁵⁷.

The Routine Bombing of Shia Muslim Countries

The most visible case of religious hatred by the United States occurs in the form of the routine bombing of Islamic countries, particularly Shia Muslim countries or those countries headed by leaders who want to make peace with Shia Muslims. Iran is attacked for no other reason than that it is populated by Shia Muslims. Innocent Shia Muslims face the brunt of American bombing more than Sunni Muslims as Sunni Muslims are allies of the United States²⁵⁸.

Targeted Assassinations by the US government

The US permits targeted assassinations of its own citizens by the CIA without due process and has even argued in court that the decisions leading to such killings are not appropriate for judicial review²⁵⁹. This makes a complete mockery of the principles of democracy and equality and can be used to ensure that political power is concentrated in the hands of whoever controls the CIA by eliminating competition.

Chemical and Biological Warfare

According to a report in the New York Post, the United States has been complicit in funding the Wuhan Institute of Virology's research on the Coronavirus which leaked from a lab in Wuhan. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, headed by Dr. Anthony Fauci, funneled money through a non-profit organization named Ecohealth Alliance for "Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence" in 2020. Of the \$3,748,715, more than \$600,000 went to the lab in Wuhan²⁶⁰.

According to another media report, the non-profit organization, U.S. Right to Know, obtained a memorandum according to which the Wuhan Institute of Virology can ask its

partner in the USA to destroy their joint work including “secret files, materials, and equipment.”²⁶¹ Thus, the US has not only funded China's dangerous research on coronavirus which was responsible for the COVID pandemic starting in 2020, but it has entered into an agreement to destroy all evidence of its collaboration with the Wuhan Institute of Virology. The actions of the United States are in violation of Articles I, III, and IV of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction²⁶²

As per media reports, the US government has also been funding secret biological warfare labs in Ukraine. Although the American response has been to claim that these were biodefense labs, there is really no difference between a biodefense lab and a biowarfare lab. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, Victoria Nuland, admitted before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the US has biological research facilities in Ukraine which it considered dangerous if the Russians got control of these facilities²⁶³. This is a blatant violation of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare of 1925 signed in Geneva²⁶⁴.

The United States also violated the 1925 Geneva Protocol when it helped the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein get chemical weapons that were used against Kurds.²⁶⁵ It led to the extremist Islamic forces abducting and killing Yezidi women in Iraq. There are chilling stories of multiple rapes, buying, and selling of women as sex slaves by ISIS. Ultimately, the USA is responsible for such conditions of Yezidi women and girls.

In its war against Yugoslavia, the United States of America also used depleted uranium against the people of Serbia²⁶⁶.

American peacetime operations too have violated the Geneva Protocol and continue to be a cause for concern. In 2013, the Indian Parliament investigated the activities of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in India and found that they had been using Indians as guinea pigs for their clinical trials²⁶⁷. This was similar to the Tuskegee Study, a secret study in which Black men had been used as guinea pigs and scores of them died as a result of the study²⁶⁸.

In late 2019, American oligarch Bill Gates also met with Professor Hou Zengqian, Vice President of the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), who visited the USA for the China-U.S. Eco-environmental Conference²⁶⁹. Researchers in China are involved in

gain-of-function research on locusts to promote wing growth,²⁷⁰ and in modifying genomes related to swarm formation and long-distance flight.²⁷¹ Researchers in other countries which are America's allies in NATO also focus on modifying the feeding behavior of locusts, regenerating the olfactory system of migratory locusts²⁷², and enabling the locust larvae to hatch²⁷³. Together, these pieces of research can lead to the creation of extremely dangerous swarms of locusts that are gluttonous and fly long distances destroying crops in Asia and Africa.

In its war against Yugoslavia, the United States also used depleted uranium against the people of Serbia²⁷⁴. NATO dropped around 30,000 depleted uranium bombs in various parts of former Yugoslavia leaving at least ten tons of Depleted Uranium and resulting in soldiers and the civilian population suffering from cancer and other diseases.²⁷⁵ Earlier, during the American war against Vietnam which was based on the false flag operation in the Gulf of Tonkin,²⁷⁶ the US dropped around 50 million liters of Agent Orange on Vietnam containing 170 kilograms of dioxin²⁷⁷ resulting either in the death or permanent injury of around 400,000 people²⁷⁸.

In the months following the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984, which was the result of sabotage at the American plant Union Carbide resulting in 600,000 people being exposed to the deadly gas Methyl Isocyanate, the Indian Parliament saw discussions on the possibility that the leak was related to research on chemical warfare performed at the Union Carbide plant. According to the Bhopal Gas Peedith Sangharsh Sahayog Samiti, 25,000 people lost their lives and another 550,000 became injured and disabled as a result of this tragedy.²⁷⁹ There were also allegations that NATO military personnel disguised as scientists had visited Bhopal²⁸⁰. British-born Dr. Bryan BallIntyne who had worked in Britain's Porton Down biological and chemical warfare laboratories²⁸¹ also visited Bhopal in the aftermath of the disaster leading to suspicions that Americans used the Bhopal disaster to study the dispersion of the poison gas in urban areas. The CEO of Union Carbide, Warren Anderson, was a fugitive in the USA at the time of his death and the US government refused to extradite him to India

In late 2021, Representative Chris Smith of New Jersey called for an investigation to investigate the allegations that the Department of Defense weaponized ticks with Lyme disease at Fort Detrick, Plum Island, and other laboratories in order to cause disease, disability, and death.²⁸² Nearly 476,000 people are diagnosed with Lyme disease every year.²⁸³

UNIT 7 EROSION OF FREE SPEECH AND FREE PRESS RIGHTS IN RECENT TIMES

Amendment one of the USA's Constitution guarantees free speech and freedom of the press- "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise, thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peacefully assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievance." In spite of the guarantee provided by the Constitution and the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the USA government has tried to curb it not only for citizens of the USA but even manipulate it globally through digital media and the Internet.

Creation of a Disinformation Governance Board

The United States claims to be the land of free speech, but these rights merely exist on paper. The government spends a lot of resources to ensure that its voice is so loud that it drowns out the opinions of individuals. It is for this purpose that the United States has established a Disinformation Governance Board (DGB) which will police opinions and become an official authority to certify truth. The DGB has been compared with the 'Ministry of Truth' in George Orwell's book 1984²⁸⁴ by the opposition party. The establishment of such an entity has shown scant regard for the rights of people to form their own opinions and has demonstrated a proclivity for controlling the nature of information available to the public.

Suppression of Free Speech Rights in US Universities

Universities are also guilty of suppressing the rights to freedom of expression and the freedom of association. Viewpoint discrimination is rampant and it is expected that faculty members and students owe allegiance to a restricted viewpoint.²⁸⁵ Opposing views have been banned from university campuses. In 2019, students at Rutgers University were forbidden by faculty members from hosting Indian filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri because his opinions did not match with the opinions approved by the university's professors²⁸⁶. Despite clear laws in the US stating that universities cannot discriminate against anyone in allowing its facilities to be used, Rutgers University forced Agnihotri out of its campus and sent a chilling message to students that they will have to align their thinking with those of the professors if they want to use the university's resources.

Government Collusion with USA Media and Interference in the Media of Other Countries

From 2001-to 2010 more than 2,50,000 cables were released by WikiLeaks relating to the USA State Department, which throw light on various aspects of the USA diplomacy and

government's work.²⁸⁷ Along with other various issues, they also show that US officials made elaborate plans to interfere in the media of various countries and control the narrative. US State Department cables on Wikileaks such as Cable 08BOGOTA36_a²⁸⁸ and 03ROME2150_a²⁸⁹ clearly prove that the US attempts to shape opinions in other countries. In particular, the latter cable states, "We will make use of various resources... to promote USG (United States government) policy among key policymakers and Opinion Leaders; And we will place op-eds and interviews to support the U.S. position in the WTO case."

Within the USA, the media already takes sides in political battles and every newspaper and broadcasting channel that covers news and politics can be said to be subservient to one of the two main political parties. Newspaper editorials routinely publish endorsements of political candidates. Political donations by media houses and persons are not something ethical and they cannot assure the neutrality of media, which is considered the fourth pillar of democracy. An example of the editor of a major newspaper owing loyalties to a political party is Michael Slackman, the International Editor of the New York Times. Data obtained from the Federal Election Commission's website shows that Slackman has donated money to the Democratic Party. Thus, there is no separation between the political establishment in Washington DC and the editors of the New York Times.

Another example of journalists working on behalf of politicians was on display when CNN secretly informed Hillary Clinton's campaign the questions that Hillary Clinton would be asked during live debates hosted by Jake Tapper, Don Lemon, and Anderson Cooper.²⁹⁰

Lack of Free Press

The case of targeting Julian Assange for setting up Wikileaks is the most prominent example of the crackdown on free-speech rights by the US government. Assange was not the original leaker of any confidential information, and his actions are merely those of investigative journalists who publish information leaked to them. Yet he has been hounded and the US government has worked with the governments of European countries and has had him arrested.

In 2020, Bari Weiss, the Opinion Editor of The New York Times resigned from her job²⁹¹ as she was constantly bullied at the job for having opinions that were not aligned with the permitted views. In her resignation letter, she pointed out that "self-censorship has become the norm" and that "[o]p-eds that would have easily been published just two years

ago would now get an editor or a writer in serious trouble, if not fired."²⁹² This was not an isolated incident. Rather, there is a climate of fear among journalists who are forced to either toe a line or face the grim prospect of their careers being jeopardized. This fact recently came to the fore when the New York Times, as well as the Washington Post, defended Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden on whose laptop incriminating material was found. The media outlets falsely claimed that all the information about the laptop was somehow Russian disinformation.²⁹³ The false claims by these newspapers and other media outlets had an effect on the outcome of the 2020 Presidential elections. These newspapers admitted that their claims were wrong only very recently, that too only when circumstances forced them to retract their claims. Social Media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook too have been forced to indulge in censorship of political views and Twitter blocked the New York Post's reporting of Hunter Biden's problems for fear of repercussions from the federal government.

The media has also been forced to routinely indulge in censorship when it involves the crimes committed by government officials. In 2013, the media outlet NBC shockingly concealed the names of the perpetrators of pedophilia within the US State Department and only described one of the persons in question as an "ambassador, whom NBC News has chosen not to identify" even though the report was supposed to describe a cover-up of such crimes by the US State Department²⁹⁴.

Media outlets like the New York Times have been forced to follow the government line and even support the CIA's actions. In 2017, the New York Times published several pieces which presented as truth, without any evidence, the conspiracy theories of the CIA, FBI, and NSA that Russia had interfered in the 2016 Presidential election and used those accusations to undermine the outcome of the democratic process²⁹⁵. The New York Times even argued that the accusation was based on solid evidence²⁹⁶. This collusion between the intelligence agencies and the media undermines democratic values as an independent media is necessary for the functioning of any democracy.

Internet Controls

The American government has opposed free speech on the internet without controls and has indulged in online surveillance from the earliest days of the internet. It has also made false accusations of surveillance by other countries and has even used its proxies in the media and the non-profit sector to make such false accusations in an effort to shift the

blame for its own actions to other countries.

The FBI implemented a surveillance software called Carnivore in 1997 and when it was exposed and resulted in a major controversy in the media, it merely changed the name of the surveillance software²⁹⁷. The FBI continued using Carnivore until 2005 when it upgraded to more powerful software surveillance tools. In 2013, Edward Snowden who became well known around the world for his role as a whistleblower exposed the mass surveillance programs of the NSA²⁹⁸.

The Barack Obama administration abused its power and snooped upon Obama's political opponents and even Donald Trump was not spared whose campaign was the target of spying by the Obama administration using false evidence.²⁹⁹ Even German Chancellors including Angela Merkel, Gerhard Schroeder, and Helmut Kohl, and French cabinet ministers were the targets of spying by the NSA³⁰⁰.

In a book entitled 'Offensive Internet', edited by Saul Levmore and Martha Nussbaum, professors at the University of Chicago, several papers demanding restrictions on the internet were published. One paper demanded a ban on anonymous posts on the internet merely because someone can claim that they are offended by the posts. An author of a paper included in this book is Cass Sunstein who served as the head of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Obama Administration. His proposal that the government should control information by using covert agents to infiltrate chat rooms, online social networks, and even real-space groups generated a furor among free speech advocates, and many of his suggestions were so outrageous that even writers on the far-left outfit, Salon.com, were upset by his suggestions³⁰¹. Sunstein has also suggested that false rumors be banned from the internet, effectively granting unlimited power to the US government to determine what can be labeled the truth and who can be criminalized for spreading information unpalatable to the government.

Many of these suggestions are now being weaved into official policies. Of particular concern is the Cyberspace Solarium Commission created ostensibly to formulate a strategy to protect Americans from cyberattacks, but its commissioners on the all-Whites Commission have a history of serving in surveillance agencies. While former Commissioner Andrew Hallman performed the duties of the Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Christopher Inglis was the Deputy Director of the National Security Agency, David Norquist was a Deputy Secretary of Defense and David Pekoske was the Deputy

Secretary of Homeland Security³⁰². Its current Commission is also a Whites Commission with representation from the U.S. Army, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies whose people have a history of working for the CIA³⁰³.

Thus, the Cyberspace Solarium Commission formulating cybersecurity and privacy policies is a clear case of the fox guarding the henhouse. The Commission has proposed several controls on the technology underlying the internet in order to control the flow of information and aid the surveillance agencies to monitor the information. One such target has been the protocol using which emails are sent. The report also states that it plans to get other countries to fall in line with its plans. In the light of the background of the Commission, it would be advisable for countries around the world to be cautious and not embrace any proposal related to the internet that emanates from the United States or even other governments and international institutions which have a history of acting as fronts for US government agencies.

Large technology firms and Internet Service Providers have also been subject to many rules and have been used to carry out the work of the surveillance agencies and the government to suppress opposing political views. Large technology firms such as Google, Facebook, Reddit and Twitter have been used to squelch opposing viewpoints. These firms have removed many pieces of information which have not been aligned with the views of the administration of Joe Biden and his political party.

The US Uses the Academia to Advance its Political Agenda

Various departments in American universities dealing in topics broadly termed "Area Studies" were set up in order to serve the military during the second world war. The National Defense Education Act became law in 1958 and resulted in the government providing massive funding to educational institutions. As a result, American universities have lost their freedom and have become subservient to the interests of the US government's policies. It should surprise no one that the universities in the USA are the loudest proponents of politicians in Washington DC, be it on domestic issues such as the economy or on international issues like Climate Change and the generation of negative propaganda against the people of various countries. In the 1970s, Senator Frank Church exposed the fact that media outlets and universities were in fact being used as fronts for the intelligence agencies. Reports of the Church Committee which investigated these links

were published in several reports³⁰⁴.

American universities continue to be the main entities that support the US State Department and its propaganda. Not only do professors actively cite State Department reports and give them legitimacy, but universities also host several programs run by the CIA and the US State Department. Several universities have CIA internship programs and even have entire institutes dedicated to working for the US State Department. In 2015, the University of Chicago launched the Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts³⁰⁵, but there is absolutely no record of either this institute or any other institute with a similar goal having helped resolve or having helped take steps to resolve any conflict. On the contrary, such institutes are known to take sides in conflicts and always support the US State Department's positions.

Writers who produce reports supporting the US government's positions belong to various think-tanks and universities such as the Carnegie Endowment for Peace, Brookings Institution, Skidmore College, Wilson Center, the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, the West Point's Modern War Institute, the Atlantic Council, and Georgetown University.

Recently, a fellow of the Atlantic Council named Ashutosh Varshney who is also a professor at Brown University recently wrote an article entitled "Jim Crow Hindutva" in which he likened the abrogation of Article 370 and the Citizenship Amendment Act akin to the racial segregation policies in the United States³⁰⁶. Perhaps Varshney wanted to use "Jim Crow" in a sentence and appear intelligent, but his argument is a straight case of intellectual inferiority as the abrogation of Article 370 does the exact opposite of segregation and does in fact bring equality to Jammu and Kashmir. It is Article 370 that creates segregation. If at all, a comparison needs to be drawn with the United States, the abrogation of Article 370 brings the laws applicable to Jammu and Kashmir in alignment with the "Equal Protection Clause" of the United States Constitution. Atlantic Council's Fellow also claims that the Citizenship Amendment Act discriminates against Muslims and this too is another example of his intellectual incompetence as every law and policy in the world that governs the granting of asylum – whether passed by the UN, International Refugees Organization, USA, European Union or any other country – must necessarily narrowly tailor the law to identify the groups seeking asylum and such identification it is an inescapable fact that such identification is based on race, ethnicity, religion or nationality³⁰⁷.

Varshney's behavior is consistent with the observations of Malcolm X, the famous Black civil rights leader who pointed out in his speech in Detroit in 1963³⁰⁸ that the White establishment undermined other races by using their own people, and he used the term "Uncle Tom" in a generic manner to describe such people regardless of their race. For example, he used the term "Chinese Uncle Tom" to describe a Chinese person who was used to put down, and even kill, other Chinese and sustain the power of the White rulers. In the same speech, Malcolm X pointed out that Blacks were "second-class citizens" and described how John F. Kennedy arranged for money to be paid to certain Black men, anointed them the leaders of Blacks, and presented Whites themselves as the saviors of Blacks.

Many American think-tanks like the Atlantic Council consist of former members of the intelligence community³⁰⁹ and hence it should be expected that they use people like Varshney to attack people of his own race as Whites would not want to be seen openly launching such attacks.

UNIT 8 USA EXERTS ECONOMIC CONTROL USING ILLEGITIMATE MEANS

The USA has been manipulating the economies of other countries in multiple ways, thus, affecting the economic lives of their citizens. The USA continues to devise economic schemes in order to have unfair advantages over the resources of other people.

Use of Climate Change to become the Seller of Indulgences

One of the policies that the US has been aggressively pushing onto the world is the policy on Climate Change. Although the policy is marketed as a cap on emissions, it is nothing of the sort as every country will be able to pollute to any extent possible as long as they purchase permits to do so. The entire scheme of the Climate Change policy is to ensure that the Whites of the Western world are the sellers of such permits while other countries like India and China are the buyers of such permits. This would generate a massive transfer of wealth from countries like India to the US and the European Union. This is clearly not an environmental policy but a financial policy. The method being used by the US to force other countries to accept these terms is to act through international institutions, the media, and the non-profit sector, in addition to following the usual methods of bribing and bullying policymakers around the world.

In a cynical move, former Vice President of the USA, Al Gore, even set up a financial investment firm named Generation Investment Management³¹⁰ which owned the so-called “carbon credits” or permits that they could sell to others. These permits had no legal authority and the slew of conferences organized at Copenhagen, Cancun, Paris and other places were merely attempts to legitimize the permits that Al Gore proposed to sell to others.

The caps listed for various countries in the Paris Deal also clearly show that the scheme is merely a method to ensure that the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America transfer a percentage of their Gross Domestic Product to the American-led institutions. For example, while countries in Western Europe are required to roll back emissions to their 2005 level, India is required to roll back its emissions to its 1990 level. In other words, India will have to purchase permits for its citizens from the West if they want to own the same kind of goods that people in the West already own, while American and European countries will not have to purchase permits since they had already reached the required level by 2005.

The United States had a total of 188,655,422 registered motor vehicles in 1990³¹¹ and 241,193,974 registered motor vehicles in 2005³¹² while India had around 19,152,000 and

81,499,000 registered vehicles in 1990 and 2005 respectively.³¹³ For comparison, in 2014, in all of Africa, there were just 42.5 registered vehicles³¹⁴. Thus, the attempts of the US to impose the climate agenda, specifically insisting that 1990 and 2005 be the baseline years to measure the acceptable levels of pollution by each country, is nothing but a naked attempt to ask African countries and India to either stop their economic growth beyond the 1990 or 2005 levels, or pay a de facto penalty to some international organization controlled by the European Union and the US by buying pollution licenses in order to reach the same level of economic prosperity achieved by the US and EU. This is nothing but a system of an international license-permit raj with the US and the EU in charge of selling the pollution licenses and can be compared to the Vatican selling indulgences during the medieval era.

A New Global Financial System

The USA has also set into motion an effort to lobby and pressure other countries to join a new global financial system. Other countries must be cautious and not embrace this new system as it has been designed to use various countries of the world to bail out American and European banks. It is yet another system of privatized profits and socialized losses that the West is famous for creating. Among the features of the new system will be a system of negative interest rates so that savings-based economies of countries like India can be converted into consumption economies by threatening to destroy all savings, a system of cashless currency so that no one can escape the negative interest rates, a global tax regime, and a system of bailing out international banks.

Lobbying for American Corporations

Apart from Climate Change policies and lobbying for a new financial system, the US Government also lobbies on behalf of corporations like Monsanto (now Bayer). Many of the policies they attempt to impose on the world will result in a few large corporations controlling the food supply of the world. US State Department cables revealed that American ambassadors were lobbying on behalf of Monsanto and when the ambassador to Burkina Faso was asked about it, she claimed that the advocacy of American businesses was the “number one task” for ambassadors.³¹⁵ The Obama administration even protested India's Food Security Act which would ensure that poor people do not go hungry and India would manage any unforeseen shortage in food grains by maintaining a buffer stock. At the same time, the Obama administration launched the Feed the Future Initiative which invests in food security and agricultural development initiatives in developing countries.³¹⁶ In other

words, the US government did not want Indians to be self-sufficient in food but wanted to be in control of feeding the people of India.

Use of International Organizations as American agencies

Meanwhile, the High-Level Panel for International Financial Accountability, Transparency, and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (FACTI), an arm of the United Nations, has proposed a global minimum corporate tax.

Similarly, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank were created in such a manner granting an edge to the United States and its allies over control of the global economy. The US Dollar was made the global reserve currency giving an unfair advantage to the USA. The functioning of the IMF and World Bank as agents of the western countries has been known for a long time. Although there is no written rule, the IMF can only be headed by a European while the World Bank's head has to be an American.³¹⁷ IMF indulges in predatory lending practices on behalf of American and European multinational firms when it offers loans to countries that are coerced into taking the loans. The terms of the loan have followed a formula and have gone by the name 'Structural Adjustment Programs.' The borrowers themselves do not get the money but get a line of credit from the partner firms of the World Bank. The terms of the loan have typically required the borrower to weaken their currency and raise interest rates, two steps that are intended to benefit the lenders as well as the firms that partner with the World Bank. Countries such as Argentina and Venezuela which have taken IMF loans have been devastated as a result of accepting the IMF conditions. IMF being the cause of disastrous effects was exposed during the Asian Financial Crisis of 1998 when Malaysia refused to accept their loans while Indonesia accepted the IMF loans. The country that first came out of the crisis and stabilized its economy was Malaysia.

In the early 1990s, the United States was the driving force behind the creation of the World Trade Organization (WTO), yet another organization that has been used to bully weaker countries around the world. One of the effects of WTO has been that farmers in various countries such as Haiti, lost their market to American multinational corporations³¹⁸. Today, the United States continues to bully nations, wage wars, and support research upon which biological warfare is based. In a display of complete disregard for human life, the US also used the COVID pandemic to Blackmail countries like Brazil and Argentina and held them to

ransom by demanding that they give their military bases and other assets in exchange for COVID vaccines³¹⁹.

Remarkably, since the 1990s, the bankers, universities, and politicians have come up with a parallel in the American economy that mirrors the actions of the IMF-World Bank combined. This parallel exploits young students who are tricked into taking student loans and end up repaying their loans for decades. The loans themselves are not really loans those students get, but money transferred to universities that are allowed to set arbitrarily high tuition rates. The students end up with debt as high as \$300,000 (more than five times the median annual income) and are not allowed to default on these loans by filing for bankruptcy, an option that is available to large corporations that take loans. Further, the US government will bail out the banks in case of a crisis arising from students not repaying their loans. In the absence of the student loan programs, universities would not indulge in price-gouging but would set the tuition at reasonable rates allowing students to work their way through college³²⁰.

Recently, in a display of arrogance, American Deputy National Security Advisor Daleep Singh threatened India that there would be consequences if it did not fall in line and obey American directives to act in accordance with the wishes of the USA government with regard to Indo-Russian relations.³²¹ Singh further added, "We would not like to see mechanisms that are designed to prop up the rouble or to undermine the dollar-based financial system or to circumvent our financial sanctions."

This dollar-based financial system has made the United States a country that leeches off the world and controls the world economy while allowing itself to live beyond its means. The artificial demand for the US dollar around the world has allowed the price of the dollar to remain higher than other currencies despite the massive expansion of the money supply by the US government. This demand has been kept alive using threats such as the one by Daleep Singh and through various forms of bullying by the USA government. The status of the US dollar as the reserve currency is nothing but economic imperialism. While Americans get free money through grants, welfare, and inflated payments, people in other countries have to work hard for every dollar they earn.

Americans getting free money and using that money to buy goods from other countries which are forced to accept the US dollar as the global reserve currency makes the people of these other countries into de facto slaves of the Americans as the citizens of the other

countries toil hard to better the quality of lives of those who live in the US.

Despite its status as the global reserve currency, the US dollar has weakened through irresponsible expansion of its supply and the resulting depreciation of its value amounts to theft from the global populace who have US dollars in their possession.

The weakening of the dollar (this weakening has occurred in tandem with the expansion of the supply of Euros in order not to upset the balance between the USA and Europe) has spurred the American interests to lobby, coerce and bully other countries into accepting a new financial system that they have designed. Such a new system is nothing more than a brazen attempt to exert control over various countries. This system will consist of a centralized currency at the global level which will be managed by bureaucrats whose actions will be based on failed western economic theories with every country in the world signing away its sovereignty to a global entity. It will be a completely digital system so that negative interest rates can be imposed making it impossible to have any meaningful savings, and a taxation system determined by some global organization.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has already proposed a new digital currency for the world. Christine Lagarde, the Managing Director of IMF, in a speech in 2018 at the Singapore Fintech Festival, laid out such a plan³²².

Harvard University, which is part of the American political power structure, is also involved in grabbing land in Africa by working through British hedge funds and European financial speculators³²³.

Meanwhile, the High-Level Panel for International Financial Accountability, Transparency, and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (FACTI), an arm of the United Nations, has proposed a global minimum corporate tax. This is being marketed to various countries by telling them what each of them wants to hear. For example, India has been told that it is a means to end money laundering and curb Black money. However, the goal of such an agreement is to prevent the economies of India and other countries from growing by attracting businesses from around the world. This fact was given away by the United States Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in April last year when she echoed the UN's calls for a global minimum corporate tax³²⁴ in her speech before the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and admitted that the real goal was to reduce the likelihood of American companies relocating offshore. Curiously, none of the panelists of FACTI³²⁵ who wants to dictate economic policies

to the Indian government are from India but belong to eighteen other countries including Pakistan, China, the USA, and Norway, four countries that routinely work overtly and covertly to destabilize India.

Use of Aid Agencies to Distort and Capture Markets

A report published in 2018 by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) entitled *Shared Interest: How USAID enhances US Economic Growth* admits the motives behind American aid programs³²⁶. The report admits that “[t]he primary objective of United States Government (USG) foreign assistance is to promote U.S. and international security and prosperity” and that over “the past 10 years, almost two-thirds of the growth in US goods exports were to major USAID partners.” The report lists Brazil (146 percent), India (84 percent), Indonesia (43 percent), and the Philippines (14 percent) as the major countries driving the growth of export of American goods by USAID partners and points out that exports to Brazil support 307,853 American jobs. One statement in the report admits that USAID is involved in sucking money out of Africa to support tens of thousands of American jobs when it says, “Transactions in the pipeline that have not yet reached financial close have the potential to generate an additional \$ 6.2 billion in U.S. exports and could support more than 36,000 Americans jobs by 2030.” Meanwhile, African countries which are made to support American jobs remain poor. Another statement provides Liberia as an example of a country with which the US transitioned from a \$2.5 million trade deficit to a \$91 million surplus in a span of 15 years.

UNIT 9 RISKING LIVES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC MISMANAGEMENT AND DISCRIMINATION

The USA is one of the most developed countries and has an advanced medical infrastructure. When the Covid-19's first strain came, no government of any country was prepared for it. Mainly it was due to appropriate measurement steps that infection spread and mortalities could be controlled. Some countries with lesser medical facilities and infrastructure and with higher populations could manage the pandemic better than the US government. The United States of America was severely hit as compared to most of the countries of the world. The President of the USA, Donald Trump wasted time in denial mode and due to the mismanagement at all government levels, the pandemic had a devastating effect on the USA population. In September 2020, the number of people with confirmed infection was almost 25% of the world's infections, whereas its population is only 4% of the world population. Although it had all the advantages of big medical resources and infrastructure, including expert human resources, due to the mismanagement, the coronavirus could not be controlled. Many experts are of the view that much went wrong with the USA's response to the pandemic and it was preventable³²⁷.

The COVID pandemic saw a high level of mismanagement by several states in the US, particularly in the state of New York and California. As the number of dead bodies mounted in New York City and started piling up, refrigerated trucks were converted into morgues³²⁸. In a clear sign of mismanagement of the pandemic in the state, these refrigerated continued to be used to store dead bodies even after a year³²⁹. Many bodies were parked outside hospitals and forklifts were used to transfer them to the trucks. Mismanagement was also high in California where a hospital dumped dead bodies out in the rain³³⁰. Michigan, too saw massive mismanagement as photographs showed dead bodies piled up in vacant rooms in hospitals³³¹. The mismanagement continues well into 2022 with hospitals in New York City being overrun with dead bodies³³².

There were several ways in which the pandemic was mismanaged and several actions go beyond mismanagement and can be considered intentional genocide. Among such actions is an order issued by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy. Despite opposition from many quarters, he issued the order requiring nursing homes to accept COVID-19 positive patients moved from hospitals, while he simultaneously prohibited the nursing homes from testing the patients for COVID-19³³³. This made it impossible for nursing homes to quarantine COVID-19 patients and his order resulted in the killing of thousands of healthy people in nursing homes³³⁴. 27 percent of all deaths in New Jersey were in nursing homes and nearly one-third of all Coronavirus deaths in the US were also linked to nursing

homes.³³⁵

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a similar order forcing nursing homes to take in patients and deprived them of the then scarce testing kits while he cornered them for himself and his friends and relatives.³³⁶ Blacks and Hispanics made the largest share of nursing home deaths in the country and especially in New York and New Jersey where they were condemned by their governor to die in nursing homes³³⁷.

Whereas, the countries with lesser resources, India, Thailand, South Korea, and Australia could bend the curve downward due to decisive steps taken by their governments.

In contrast, the specific case of India is worth mentioning in detail as it proved all predictions for India's mortality wrong by containing the virus, by the timely action of complete lock-down, spreading awareness, developing medical equipment, medicine, and vaccination, and smooth free vaccination to more than 185.90 crores (185,90,00,000) people by 10 April 2022, the highest in the world.³³⁸ That is why India's management of the pandemic was well-appreciated globally, including that by the WHO³³⁹, BMGF and³⁴⁰ more,³⁴¹ whereas that of the USA was criticized.

A comparative study of Coronavirus Infection, Mortality rate, and Vaccination Coverage between the USA and India through the following diagrams makes it clear to understand how the USA failed in managing the pandemic and the US government is directly responsible for the death of millions of its people.

COVID Deaths Disproportionately Affected Blacks and Hispanics

The COVID fatalities of Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders represented a higher share as compared to their share of the total population even outside nursing homes³⁴². While Hispanics are 18 percent of the population, the share of deaths from this segment of the population was 24 percent. Similarly, the share of Blacks in COVID fatalities was 14 percent despite their population being 13 percent.

Talking about the racial discrimination against Blacks, and African-Americans, Sandra L. Shullman, the President of the Psychological Association, rightly mentioned that the Blacks of the country are living in a 'Racism Pandemic'. Apparently, the Covid-19 pandemic has taken a toll on the mental health of people but it is aggravated due to racially violent happenings³⁴³.

A study by Dr. Rashawn Ray of the Brookings Institution in the early days of the COVID pandemic pointed out that structural problems were to blame for the higher rate of deaths among Blacks³⁴⁴. The study also points out that Blacks made up 15 percent of the population of Michigan but made-up 35 percent of COVID deaths, and that, in Chicago, Blacks made up nearly 70 percent of people who had died from COVID. Among the structural problems described in this study as the reasons for the higher death rate of Blacks were the fact that Blacks lived in densely populated areas with poor lighting and fewer green areas, and that Blacks lived in such areas due to segregationist policies, and above all the systemic racial bias. Physicians David A. Asch and Rachel M. Werner revealed that the reason for the number of deaths of Blacks being higher than the deaths of Whites was the structural racism in which doctors and hospitals in the United States are effectively paid less to take care of Black patients than they are paid to take care of White patients³⁴⁵.

Another method in which the US, especially Dr. Anthony Fauci who oversaw the government's response to the pandemic, discriminated against Blacks and Hispanics at the height of the COVID pandemic was by recommending hospitals against administering the drug Ivermectin which had proven effective in many countries. The drug, which had been labeled a "wonder drug" and was effective against many viruses resulting in its discoverers being awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine³⁴⁶, was particularly beneficial to the people of Latin America and the Black people of Africa as it had proven useful in the treatment of filarial diseases, river blindness and many other diseases³⁴⁷. A scientific paper on the National Institute of Health's website even extolled the drug for being "such a safe drug, with minimal side effects, that it can be administered by non-medical staff and even illiterate individuals in remote rural communities" with just some basic training³⁴⁸.

The US government displayed utter disregard for human life, yet on the other hand, the American oligarchs made money out of the pandemic. The stock prices of the manufacturers of various vaccines skyrocketed and the beneficiaries were the American oligarchs and at least 75 lawmakers who bought and sold the stocks of the vaccine makers and tests³⁴⁹. Putting profits over human life is unacceptable and a complete investigation by an international team into the actions of American politicians and oligarchs, which are described in this report, must be initiated.

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