

Respected Dr. Drew G. Faust, President of Harvard University:

Ms Diana L. Eck and Ms Sugata Bose may need to re-think some of their comments on the stand taken by Dr. Subramanian Swamy on how to contain the Islamic terror threat to India.

1) Was it Ms Bose who likened one of Dr. Swamy's remarks to the projected disenfranchisement of Jewish Americans and African Americans who failed to acknowledge the superiority of White Anglo-Saxon Protestants? But then, Jewish Americans and African Americans are not descended from WASPS. As an Indian Muslim savant, Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, himself admitted recently, about 95% of Indian Muslims are descended from Hindus. Even Jains and Buddhists in India are of Hindu ancestry. Not to admit this simple and historically documented fact is tantamount to saying: "I do not belong to India, I owe allegiance to the sands of the Middle East, I do not acknowledge the laws of India," and the like. It actually means that Muslims who do not acknowledge their Hindu ancestry form a nation within a nation, a separate community with its own laws and governance. Would the U.S. or any other nation today countenance such a potential fifth column that acts like a canker within the body politic? Incidentally, Ms Bose's home state of Bengal is rife with violent and aggressive extremist elements hell-bent upon fragmenting India. She should talk. And she used a false analogy, at that.

2) Dr. Swamy did not advocate the destruction of all mosques but suggested that many mosques that had been built on the sites of temples which had been vandalised, looted and razed to the ground might themselves be demolished so that the sites could be returned to the original custodians. Suppose the Greek Orthodox Church asked Istanbul to return the Hagia Sophia mosque to its original character of a church, how many would take exception? It had, indeed, been a beautiful church, a-glitter with priceless mosaics: which were mostly melted down, the church vandalised, the images and icons destroyed, and the building converted to a mosque. Indeed, most temples in India were destroyed and looted before being converted to mosques; just as tens of thousands of Hindus, in bygone centuries as well as during the 20th century in infamous Bangladesh, were converted to Islam at the point of a sword. If you would like more information upon the 20th century genocide perpetrated by Muslim Bangladesh on its Hindu residents, do let me know and I shall forward you details documented by a journalist. For instance, millions of Hindus in Bangladesh simply 'disappeared' just a few decades ago....

3) How long did World War II last? How many were killed? The brutal Mughal rule in India lasted for centuries, with countless Buddhist, Jain and Hindu places of worship being destroyed and countless non-Muslims being forcibly converted to Islam. Hindus, in particular, have been at the receiving end of Islamic terror for centuries on end. This is the context in which Dr. Swamy speaks so that Hindus might at least survive the latest threat to their very existence in their own land.

4) After 9/11, when the George W. Bush administration got a whiff of some 'intelligence' pertaining to weapons of mass destruction being piled up in Iraq, what was its reaction? For how many years did the U.S. wage war against terror in Iraq? How many civilians were killed? In comparison, what did Dr. Swamy do? He merely wrote an opinion piece, that was all. It was, in comparison, the statement of a meek and mild lamb--a sacrificial lamb, at that. As Hamlet put it, it was merely 'words, words, words': and yet, these words were not 'destructive' as Ms Eck would have it, but spell a strong and forceful strategy for the survival of Hindus on their subcontinent. Sadly, this strategy is not likely to be adopted at all. The present authorities in India hesitate to execute even convicted terrorists, and some politicians actually granted clemency to some convicted terrorists. This is the attitude of politicians towards known and convicted felons.

5) You have already learnt about the forcible eviction of about 75,000 Kashmiri Hindus from the Kashmir valley by extremist Muslims. Jammu and Kashmir behaves like a separate entity, for which it has zero legal sanction. In fact, most Muslims behave like a law unto themselves on the entire subcontinent. In particular, the recent genocide of homeless community dogs in J & K, against the provisions of Indian legislation, is a case in point. Certain wealthy and influential Muslim families in Hyderabad started killing camels for a religious festival about 7 years ago, although it is not an Indian custom. They are thus bringing the Indian camel to the brink of extinction; and this, unchecked (because all the politicians and the police quake in their shoes at the very mention of these Muslim dons), will wreak havoc upon certain rural economies in some northern Indian states which depend heavily on the camel....Animal protection laws are flouted by thousands of Indian Muslims right, left and centre. The massive illegal trade in cattle all across northern India, from Uttar Pradesh to Bengal (and Bangladesh, need one add), directly funds terror activity against the Indian state: as documented in a feature carried by 'The Times of India' on 3 Oct 2008.

6) Last but not least, the intellectual luminaries of Harvard's ivory tower do not understand what is meant by vote banks. For instance, thousands of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh have been flooding Indian towns and cities with the express aim of working for the disintegration of India. Under assumed names, they function as 'vote banks' for politicians at election time. This is an open secret. The police, instructed by the politicians, look the other way. Meanwhile, these undocumented aliens cause murder and mayhem, communal problems and the like--in a country which has actually given them refuge! Ms Eck ought to come live here, preferably in a Muslim-majority neighbourhood as I do, to look at all these persons up close and personal. Only then would she, and even Ms Bose, acquire a working knowledge of vote banks, blackmail, the enormous threat posed by certain communities in their collective avatar and the like.

7) Individualism, and the individual, are not the be-all and the end-all. Historical movements, after all, are caused and effected by large groups of persons--by the collective. As late as 1938, for example, appeasement of Adolf Hitler was still considered not merely viable but advisable. How mistaken were governments then!

By the way, have you given a thought to replacing Ms Eck with Ms Wendy Doniger?

Yours truly,

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