WHAT IS THE CAA?

The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is a dangerous Indian law that threatens to drive 1.4 billion people deeper into the grips of casteist and religious nationalism. CAA creates an unconstitutional religious based criteria for Indian citizenship, and in combination with National Registry of Citizens (NRC) and the National Population Register (NPR), lays the legal foundation to denaturalize millions of Indian minorities to create the largest network of concentration camps in the world.

CAA+NRC+NPR= GENOCIDE

The CAA is an integral part of the Modi government’s process of creating a stateless population -- who will be profiled, treated as second-class citizens, and imprisoned in massive detention centers that are already being built in India. While it explicitly targets Muslims, it will impact many vulnerable communities including Dalits, queer and trans people, women, and the poor.

The expansion of the CAA emerges from the proposed nation-wide NPR which requires every Indian to prove their citizenship. An Indian failing to do so would be declared an "illegal migrant" and then be assigned to detention centers. Local officials can identify persons whose citizenship is "doubtful" at will and without oversight. Additionally, the government will make one's status public and invite objections from community members whether targeted families are indeed illegal or not. It is a system that creates widespread fear and paves the pathway for casteist, mysognist, and Islamophobic abuse. The deadly combination of the CAA + NRC + NPR would result in hundreds of millions of people losing their citizenship, which would create the largest stateless population in history. The time to stop genocide is before it starts.

TAKE ACTION NOW

We need all people to join the international movement to demand India repeal this discriminatory set of policies. The South Asian Diaspora is drawing a line in the sand: we will not be complicit with genocide.

1. Join anti-CAA rallies and protests. Be vocal in challenging government and corporate collaborators with this genocidal project. Contact your representatives in Congress and ask them to write statements and propose resolutions to hold India accountable and repeal this act immediately.

2. Talk to your South Asian families and friends, challenge the networks of funding and campaign support that have helped Hindu fascism flourish. Share the human consequences for their complicity with genocide, demand they divest, and organize their temples, community centers, and families.

3. Sign up and join the movement at equalitylabs.org. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for campaign updates and rapid response action alerts.

#StopGenocideInIndia
The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is the foundation for genocide in India. For many unfamiliar with the horror of mass atrocities, genocide is assumed to occur only after the mass loss of life. But as we have learned from history, genocide includes (1) killing members of the group, (2) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group, (3) deliberately inflicting harm on the conditions of life to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part, (4) imposing measures intended to prevent healthy life within a group and (5) forcibly transferring people of a group. Genocide Watch considers genocide as a process and has created a guide to understand the logic of genocide called the ten stages of genocide. The illustration below describes those stages and shares where India is in this evolving crisis.

**Stop India’s Path to Genocide**

1. **Classification**
   People are divided into “us and them” distinguished by nationality, ethnicity, race, or religion. In India, it is Hindus versus everyone else. Muslims are seen as infiltrators and invaders, while Dalits and tribals are branded as urban Naxals or anti-nationals.

2. **Symbolization**
   The dominant group uses law, custom, and political power to identify and deny the rights of other groups. In India, Muslims and caste oppressed communities are marked by their last names, who they worship, the clothing they wear, whether they eat meat, and where they live.

3. **Discrimination**
   Targeted communities begin to face discrimination. Muslims and caste oppressed communities are facing discriminatory laws against interfaith marriages and cow smuggling. This bigotry has led to scores of hate crimes, prejudice in schools, work places, housing, and services.

4. **Dehumanization**
   People are equated to animals, vermin, and disease. The Hindu fascist discourse names Bangladeshi and Rohingya immigrants termites and cockroaches. This originates from Brahminism when caste names for Dalit communities were slurs and have since become insults for pollution, impurity, incompetence, and filth.

5. **Organization**
   The government creates specific groups or militias to enforce policies. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is the largest civilian paramilitary organization in the world with membership in the millions & have been organizing Nazi inspired marches across major Indian states. RSS was created to defend Hindu interests; their members are key figures in mob violence and pogroms. Other Hindu fascist organizations like the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) & Bajrang Dal have been classified as terrorist organizations because of their violent activities.

6. **Polarization**
   The dominant group uses media and social fabric to polarize society against the targeted community. Through Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, Tiktok, and Twitter, the BJP IT cell has been spreading malicious content, disinformation discriminating against Muslims and Dalits, while creating a narrative of victimhood. This has resulted in scores of rapes, lynchings, attacks against places of worship and other crimes against minorities. These attacks echo earlier violence like the demolition of Babri Masjid.

7. **Preparation**
   Official plans and actions to remove and relocate people. This includes the making of a death lists. The CAA+NRC+NPR and the building of the largest network of detention camps creates the bureaucratic machinery and the physical housing that would denaturalize millions from their homeland. Voter lists have been weaponized in the past during the Gujarat riots under Modi and we can only assume the worst with this centralized citizenship registry.

8. **Persecution**
   Beginnings of murders, theft of property, and trial massacres. Post the CAA national protests have been met with an escalation of police terror, where citizens are being indiscriminately charged, assaulted, & held without bail. Some in police custody face sexual assault and torture. Muslims report the seizure of their property as retribution for protests. As repression escalates, India isolates the resistance by cutting off the internet leading to the country having the largest number of internet shutdowns in the world.

9. **Extermination**
   The wholesale elimination of a community. It is heartbreaking to consider the scope of human tragedy if we don’t act now.

10. **Denial**
    The government denies having committed a crime. Eyewitnesses to lynchings and rapes of Muslims and Dalits have been terrorized into recanting testimony leading to the killers’ acquittal. India continues to gaslight the world about their genocidal intents with CAA, NRC, and NPR with disinformation and denial.