

WELCOME TO WORLD RELIGIONS

w/ Mr. Radcliff

Wednesday,
October 7th, 2020

Class starts at **11:40**.
Enjoy A-Lunch!!

A lot of your Sita
Sings the Blues
Notes didn't submit
properly. Please send
them to
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Upcoming:
Hindu Nationalism today!!
The Case Study Process on Friday
Begin Your Case Study on Tuesday

First Case Study Due:
October 20th!!

The Burning Question: What is Hindu Nationalism and how has it affected non- Hindus in India?

- Kickstarter Chat (Review Ramayana)
- Quick Lecture - Protests Against Sita Sings the Blues; Hindu Nationalism, Modi
- Quick Review - Galtung's Typology of Violence
- Analyze & Classify - India's Citizen Amendment Bill
- Read & Respond - Peace Building in Areas of Violence
- The **Final Word?**

Today's Agenda



HW: None

Case Study due on:
October 20th

Weekly Schedule

- Friday (18) - Intro to Hinduism
- Tuesday (22) - Ekam Sat & Creation Stories
- Thursday (24) - "Different" Gods
- Tuesday (29) - Kumare
- Thursday (1) - The Gita & Krishna
- Monday (5) - The Ramayana
- Wednesday (7) - Hindu Nationalism (& Peace Making) ★
- Friday (9) - Introducing the Case Study Process; Reflection Quiz
- Wednesday (14) - Beginning the Case Study
- Friday (16) - Finishing the Case Study
 - HW - Case Study Due Before Next Class!!

Something to Remember:

I started tracking participation for a weekly assignment (10 points).

Everyone is expected to participate at least once a class. We'll have multiple opportunities for chat & vocal prompts.

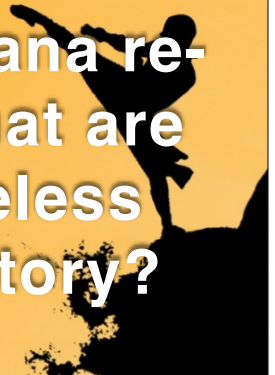
Always feel free to talk to me about your grade on these assignments.

Take Attendance

KICKSTARTER

Write 2+ sentences in the Chat:

Why is the Ramayana re-told so often? What are some of the timeless qualities of the story?



Take Attendance

KICKSTARTER

Let's see the results



Answer on Schoology

Something to Do:

**Quick
Lecture**

Sita Sings the Blues

While some Indians loved the film, there were some opponents who called for protests, due to the film's "slander" of Rama.

Nina Haley (the director) argued that most of her opponents were Hindutvadis, a group of Hindu Nationalists.

What phrases make Paley's claim a devotional statement?

It's like calling the Ku Klux Klan "Christians." Calling Hindutvadis "Hindus" is especially misleading in the U.S. where people are mostly unaware of violent nationalist groups in India. Last I checked, Hinduism wasn't a religion of hate and intolerance. Hindutvadis' motives are political, not religious, and they hide behind a religious label. Not only does this confuse many Americans into thinking they have some legitimacy, it also, over the long run, harms real Hindus, who are nothing like Hindutvadis.

Hindutvadis

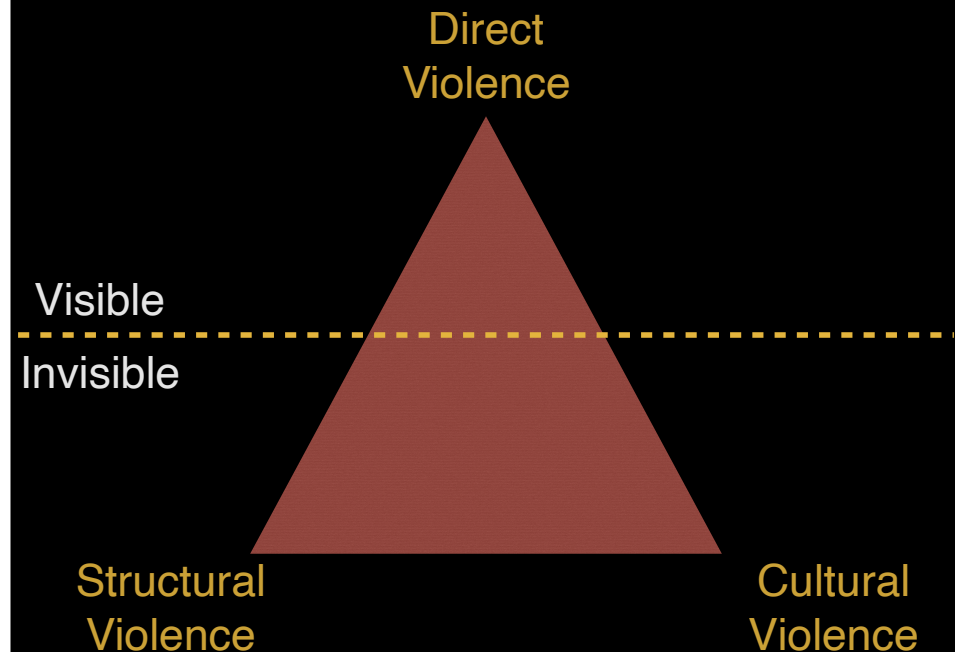
Political nationalist group that came to rise after the destruction of a mosque in Ayodhya.

They want *diversity*, but they want a limited diversity with a strong underlying cultural basis - including values, aspirations, and life philosophy



Narendra Modi is the prime minister of India & the leader of the BJP (one of the Hindu nationalist parties).

Quick Review of Galtung's Typology of Violence



Direct Violence

- Classic concept of violence
- Could be physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, etc...



Example:
Ann Frank being imprisoned & dying in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp

Structural Violence

Actions built into the structure of society that show up as unequal power, resources, life choices



Example:
CPS has much lower graduation rates due to a number of factors. People aren't actively trying to keep the rates down, but the structure has created this violence (that people aren't really racing to fix).

Cultural Violence

Norms & assumptions that justify or legitimize direct or structural violence



Example:
Nazis portrayed Jews as Untermenschen (subhumans) & rats, so people would be less willing to stand up for them





During this Independent Part:
Schoology -> Citizenship Amendment Bill

Read the article & answer the questions on the worksheet.

You can do it individually or work with a small group in the breakout room.

Meet back here at: **12:03 (+20)**. We'll go over the extra credit.

Submit it to Citizenship Amendment Bill on Schoology.

Something to Do:

**Let's Go
Over It**

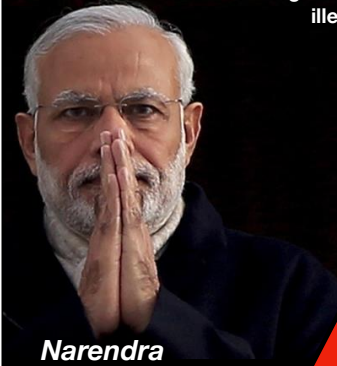
Something to Do:

When I had to
break down
this article for
grad class.

Applying Galtung to India's Citizenship Amendment Bill

Direct Violence:

Creation of a grand Hindu temple at the site of a Mosque that was illegally razed by Hindu extremists



**Narendra
Modi**

Structural Violence:

The bill itself creates a tiered system of amnesty. Muslim immigrants are left out of the "in-group".



Cultural Violence:

Government officials calling Muslim migrants "termites" & "infiltrators" who are not "genuinely persecuted refugees."

There is nothing
inevitable about
either violence or
peace.



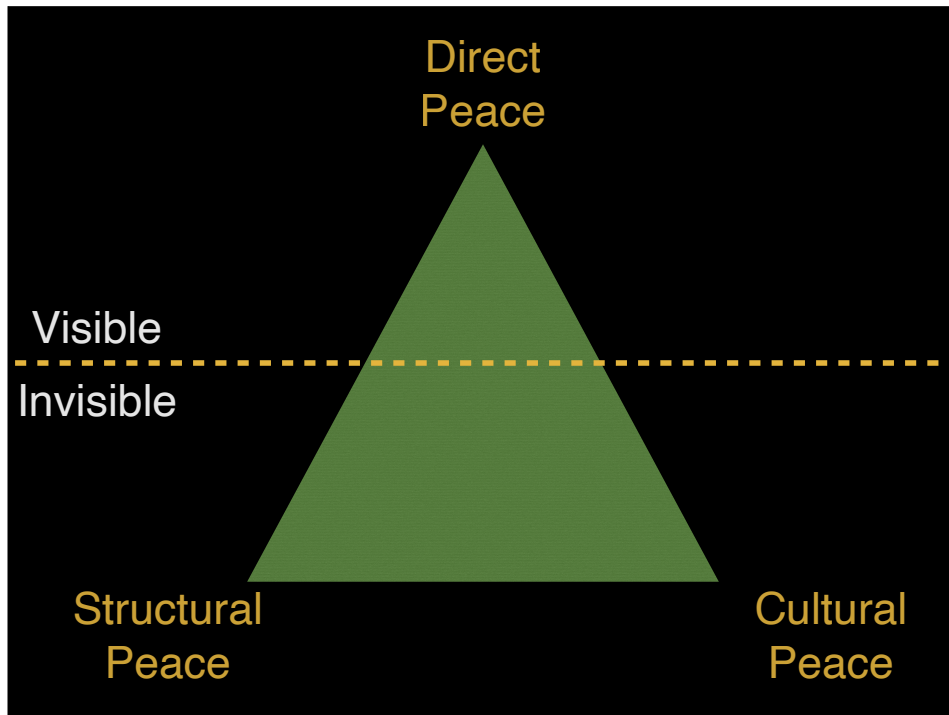
Direct
Violence

Visible

Invisible

Structural
Violence

Cultural
Violence



During this Independent Part:
Schoolology -> Bhand Panther

Read the article & answer this question in the chat (can be private):

How does this group try to create peace? How does his add to or alter your understanding of Hinduism or Hindu Nationalism?

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THE FINAL WORD

What is one word that represents what you learned?

Or how you feel?

THE FINAL WORD

Pick One

Rose - Bud - Thorn

Something you're happy about?

Something you're looking forward to?

Something you're upset/mad about?