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To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:45:42 -0400

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To Whom it may concern,

I wish to express my concern and disappointment for the movement of the United States government to move in the direction of uniting church and state together.

I have heard the arguments that it is not in the constitution for the United States to keep a separation of church and state. That is one of the most absurd arguments that can be made. Just because specific terms or phrases are not stated in legal documents or in the written word or words of a constitution of a country, does not mean that those in power can just overlook the circumstances of the founding members of a new country or organization. Slavery was not mentioned in the constitution either, and many founding fathers of the U.S.A owned slaves, but how can it be that such intelligent men could overlook the inalienable rights of their fellow men ? Because they were just going along with what was accepted at the time and how the people from Africa were looked at and treated. It took many years for us as Americans to see that these were people and not possessions. And just the same people now are thinking that it is progress to have a movement of Christian Nationalism to bring about the merging of a church and state nation here in America. And as good as their intentions may be they are actually going backwards, back to a time when the founding fathers of this country were crossing the ocean to come here and flee religious persecution and seeking religious freedom from those in charge of nations who had combined church and state practices and laws. What is expressed by the first Amendment of the U.S Constitution ? Freedom of Religion is going to be taken away and trampled on by the people in the Heritage Foundation and those who are now taking a place at the head positions in the U.S. government. There is a reason our founding fathers put freedom of religion as part of the First Amendment to our constitution ! So, we would not forget the past and the freedoms held high as part of forming a new nation and government. This movement from the Heritage Foundation and Project 2025 have an agenda to put their religious views and beliefs above and esteemed higher than anyone else living in the U.S.A. They are saying that everyone can have their beliefs and days to worship their God. But it is only a short compromise for them to get the laws passed that they want to get into place to put their views and beliefs at the forefront of American politics and laws to be brought to pass. Why were the Blair laws not passed back in 1888 and in the few years to follow ? Because they were not constitutionally sound and arguments were made against them showing how they were not for the good of all citizens and their religious freedom. Religion and religious beliefs should never be put into the laws of the land or in the hands of the government. This is why the founding fathers created this nation as a republic and to be run by the people and for the people and not by foundations run by a few people with the backing of foreign governments and foreign leaders. Who was the pope at the time of the 1888 Blair law movement ? Who is the pope today for the roman catholic church ? It is not by accident that the new pope chose the name that he chose at a time that the roman catholic church is pushing for some of the same laws to be passed here in the U.S.A. as in the time of pope Leo in the past. Why would it be a good idea to pass such laws now ? It was not a good for us back then; it is definitely not a good was for the U.S. government to go now. The Bible says " Render unto ceaser the things that are ceasers, and render the things that are God's unto God." It did not say to combine them or to put them together on the same level. These people who want to join church and state do not know their Bible. If we intend to keep our freedom of religion, we need to keep a separation of church and state. Let God take care of the things of God.

And the government take care of the things of the government. What is the plan to take care of our TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DEBT AND DEFICIT ??? But yet we want to let the government into religious liberty ???

PLEASE KEEP CHURCH AND STATE SEPARATE !!!!!!!

Thank you for your time and reading my email

Jamie David Romero

From: hannahezra <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] CHURCH AND STATE

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Jesus did not use the exact phrase "separation of church and state". However, he laid the foundation for the concept when he instructed his followers to: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Matt 12:17; Matthew 22:21). This established that believers have simultaneous duties to earthly governments and a higher allegiance to God. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)]

This commission could be good, taking the Word of our LORD JESUS, God Jesus Consoul is divine, and we should take very very seriously, otherwise, our sin and insubordination will have severe consequences, because, if this commission if "enforce the Sun-day Worship, that is worship to Anti-Christ, Satan himself by the Pope, if the United State Enact a Sunday Law, it will be National Apostasy, National Ruin. Dr. Ben Carlson is knowledgeable about this subject prophetically,

Here is a controversy between Jesus God and Satan. God's holy day is Sabbath-Saturday, and Satan's day is Sun-day. Enforcing the Sunday Law is vanishing GOD'S Law and separating from the Almighty God Jehovah, that will be the last test of loyalty to Creator of the Universe. Gen. 2:1-4. Exo 20:8,10,11, Exo 31:13-16 ; Exo 35:2 Eze 2-12:20, Isaiah 58:11-13, Mark 2:26-27, Rev. 14:12, Rev 22:12

Please, I encourage that the State and Church has to submit to God Almighty Jehovah and Jesus Christ Lord, under His Holy Word, not under the interpretation of men. Are men wiser than GOD in heaven? I love my country, it has been blessed by GOD ALMIGHTY FATHER JEHOVAH AND SON JESUS CRHIST LORD.

Summary

The Biblical Foundation

- **Two Kingdoms:** The quote "*Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's*" establishes distinct realms of responsibility.
- **The Sabbath:** Scripture designates the seventh day (Saturday) as a holy day of rest, tracing back to Creation (Genesis 2:1-3) and codified in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:8-11).
- **Loyalty:** For many believers, keeping the biblical Sabbath is an ultimate test of loyalty to God rather than to human traditions or civil legislation.

Historic Christian Frameworks

Mainstream Christian traditions and legal scholars interpret the separation of church and state in a few distinct ways:

- **Protection of Conscience:** Many view the separation of church and state as a vital tool to protect the freedom of conscience. It prevents the government from enforcing any specific religious dogma—including a national Sunday law—upon its citizens.
- **Pluralism:** In democratic societies, keeping religious institutions separate from civil law ensures that individuals of all faiths, or no faith, can live together peacefully without state-sponsored coercion.
- **Civil vs. Divine Law:** Most Christian denominations recognize a duty to obey civil laws, provided those laws do not directly force a believer to violate their core faith and conscience.
- It is a prophecy, if Sun-day law will be enforced, it will be National Apostasy, and National Ruin. Last Days Events Book by EGW Chapter Sunday Law.

GOD ALMIGHTY IN HEAVEN FATHER AND SON JESUS , bless United State of America, as we embrace His Holy Day. If we are with Him , who against us.

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: Dora Massey <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment-Separation of Church and State. From Dora Massey

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:47:16 -0400

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Our constitution has upheld separation of church and state. Soon the separation will be repudiated. Religious Liberty will be restricted to serve GOD according to the dictates of our conscience. Church and State will unite to pass a Sunday Law which compells all to keep Sunday. "All the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3. "And he cause all...to receive a mark..." Revelation 13:16. Don't take the mark !!

The BIBLE fully validates the Seventh-day Sabbath!!! See Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1; Hebrews 4:4; Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 16:22-28 which distinctly reveals that the Seventh-day is the Sabbath. Sunday keeping and worship was instituted by man.

YOURS TRULY,

Dora Massey

Decatur, Ga

From: janice fort <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public /comment: Religious Liberty Commission Report

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Separation of church and state was one of the founding pillars of our great nation. Our founding fathers only had to look at then recent history as to why the Puritans and others fled to the shores of our nation. When the church is granted the civil power to enforce their beliefs, religious persecution has been the result.

Part of the Commissions recommendation is repealing the Johnson Amendment. This amendment is very valuable in that large denominations should not be allowed to control the ballot box. Christ taught that we are to render unto Caesar the things that our Caesars and unto God the things that are God's.

It is dangerous for faith based communities to compete for federal grants, funds and contracts on an equal playing field with secular groups. Those religious groups with professional grant writers would take precedence over smaller congregations or denominations. Appealing to secular power and civil supper to advance the gospel ultimately compromises the spiritual integrity of the church. It would tend to lead worldly, unconverted people to join the church for political or financial advantage.

On the surface most of the recommendations of the committee sounds noble, however, any attempt to break down the wall between the separation of church and state will lead to the downfall of our nation.

Respectfully,

Janice Fort

From: Hali Fleming <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Report

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Separation of church authority and civil authority has been rock solid in our history as a nation. One only needs to look at the history of the Dark Ages to see how joining civil and religious institutions works out in the lives of ordinary citizens. Our nation's founders were very aware of this and did not grant the US government the privilege of joining with the religious authorities. Our government is made up of people who have religious beliefs, but they are individuals participating in the process of governing. Religious people vote, hold offices and contribute to political candidates, but their voice is an individual one. James Madison wrote, "Religion and Government will both exist in greater purity, the less they are mixed together." Repealing the Johnson Act would give church officials increased influence and have the church serve as a political entity.

The problems of the Covid 19 Vaccine, in some cases was a religious choice, but in all cases it was a health choice. We need to look at and address Health Freedom in this country. It is not right for a government to choose a person's religious choice nor is it right for a government to enforce a health choice upon its citizens - especially one so poorly tested.

From: " [REDACTED] PII " < [REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" < [REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Liberty freedom

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Dear Members of the Presidential Religious Liberty Commission,

I am writing to submit my formal public comment expressing total opposition to the recommendations put forward in the June 2026 draft report. Rather than protecting true religious freedom, this document outlines an alarming blueprint to systematically break down the constitutional wall between church and state, while simultaneously narrowing the religious liberties of everyday Americans.

True religious freedom requires the government to remain strictly neutral. By attempting to elevate a singular, preferred religious viewpoint to a position of federal backing, this report actively undermines the First Amendment.

I urge the Commission to completely reject the following recommendations before a final report is issued:

1. The Subversion of the Johnson Amendment

The recommendation to eliminate or weaken the Johnson Amendment directly threatens the independence of both our political system and our houses of worship. Allowing tax-exempt religious institutions to funnel money into political campaigns and endorse candidates turns sacred spaces into partisan tools. This narrows religious liberty by forcing churchgoers into politically divided congregations and inappropriately subsidizes political speech through tax-exempt dollars.

2. The Diversion of Public Funds to Religious Education

The report's push to expand federal voucher programs and direct public tax dollars to religious private schools is a direct violation of the Establishment Clause. Public funds must support public education, which serves all children equally. Forcing taxpayers to fund religious instruction—including schools whose doctrines they may fundamentally disagree with—is a severe infringement on individual freedom of conscience.

3. The Weaponization of "Conscience Protections" to Discriminate

The report seeks to radically expand "Free Exercise" rights for corporations, government-funded agencies, and healthcare providers at the direct expense of individual citizens.

In Healthcare: Expanding medical refusal clauses allows providers to deny essential care to patients based on religious dogma, compromising patient safety and autonomy.

In Social Services: Allowing taxpayer-funded adoption and foster care agencies to reject qualified families based on sexual orientation or religion is state-sanctioned discrimination.

In the Workplace: Broadening corporate religious rights allows private business owners to override federal labor protections, stripping employees of their reproductive healthcare benefits and civil rights.

4. The Exclusion of Minority Faiths and Non-Religious Americans

Religious liberty must be absolute and equal for all people. The draft report focuses almost exclusively on protecting majority Christian institutions while largely ignoring the documented rise of discrimination against Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, and Buddhist Americans, as well as the rapidly growing secular population. By favoring one religious tradition, the report inherently narrows the freedom of all others.

Conclusion

The recommendations in this report do not defend liberty; they attempt to create a dangerous union between church and state that historical precedent proves will lead to oppression, division, and the erosion of minority

rights. I demand that the Commission uphold the strict separation of church and state—the very framework that has allowed diverse religious expressions to thrive peacefully in America for over two centuries.

Sincerely,
Tabitha Ondieki

From: Jane K [REDACTED] PII [REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]

To: "RLC (OASG)" [REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital

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To the members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, appointed by President Reagan, and the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court, had this to say about keeping church and state separate: "Those who would renegotiate the boundaries between church and state must therefore answer a difficult question: Why would we trade a system that has served us so well for one that has served others so poorly?"

The report does not mention other faiths, such as Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims, Buddhists, or those of no faith.

Either everyone is included or no one. The notion of a "bridge" rather than complete separation of church and state would create unsustainable situations—there's no way all beliefs, or lack thereof, could be accommodated. For instance, in addition to the Ten Commandments (and who decides which version?) in public schools, what if The Satanic Temple, Wiccan, Muslims, Sikhs etc all wanted posters with their beliefs in public schools?

The only way true religious freedom can work is for government to stay out of it.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Jane S. K.

[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]

From: "Dr. Tim" <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty Commission

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:52:00 -0400

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Attachments: LTFR_RF_Comm.pdf

My public comment is attached.

Timothy Perenich DC

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7/13/26

To: Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report
Via Electronic Mail to [REDACTED] PII
Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 5706
Washington, DC 20530:

Dear esteemed members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

It may seem strange to you that a practicing chiropractor in the state of Florida would write to weigh in on Religious Liberty. But, after 2020 and the pandemic, strange is the new normal.. Although, I was somewhat informed about the history of religious liberty prior to 2020 from my graduate studies in church history, the pandemic of 2020 gave me an opportunity to be acquainted with the struggle outside the dusty pages of history.

It was surreal to experience governments make superstitious dogmatic pronouncements based scientific sounding regulations without scientific evidence. These arbitrary measures, based on fear, often conflicted with men and women of faith. As a healthcare provider I became intimately involved with the conflict between deep religious conviction and the cold capricious measures of medicine. This ordeal led me to work with other medical professionals and clergy to advocate for liberty of conscience. Conscience informed by faith in God is no small issue for me, which is why I write to you.

First of all I applaud the commission's willingness to strengthen legal protections for the community of faith. I hope individual protections particularly as it pertains to religious belief and medicine—or science false so called—can be made more robust, particularly as governments become more tyrannical.

Nonetheless, I am concerned with the commission's pivot toward undermining the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. I understand the need remind our nation about our Christian heritage and the providence which has caused this country to become exceptional. However, it is precisely this Christian heritage, which created the intellectual milieu

which gave us the Establishment Clause and disentangle the secular government from the ecclesiastical.

Examining sacred history we find powerful examples of men and women who risked their lives to keep their faith when the state, which also had its established religion, sought conformity to state enforced dogma. Men like the Prophet Daniel and his friends, after surviving the fiery furnace and the lions den, did not advocate for the state to adopt the Hebrew religion. Instead, they sought the right for all to exercise faith according to the dictates of conscience.

Even Christ, did not command his disciples to take over the Roman empire and legislate their faith into legitimacy, rather it was their willingness to die which nurtured the faith around the world. Sadly, after Constantine enfranchised the faith, it became corrupt. Men no longer chose Christ because their hearts were moved by the gospel, but rather because it was a path to power and financial security. Many centuries after Constantine the poet Dante noted this unholy union and penned the following.

The Church of Rome,
Mixing two Governments that ill sort
Hath miss'd her footing, fallen into the mire,
And there herself the burden much defiled.
—*Divine Comedy*, "Purgatory," Canto XVI.

In trying to preserve sacred, I fear your efforts in uniting Church and State will only defile both. In 2020 we all experienced the absurdities of secular religion parading itself as the ultimate authority in the lives of all citizens. We do not need to overcorrect for that error by attempting to establish "the faith which was once delivered to the saints..." (Jude 3) in its place. The religion of Christ does not need legislation to protect the doctrines of the faith. Rather he appeals to legislators to live in obedience to Him.

Thank you for hearing me in this matter and pray for wisdom in your decision making process.

In health,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Perenich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy R. Perenich DC

From: Sherri Fancher <[REDACTED] PII >

To: <[REDACTED] PII >

Cc: SherriFancher <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Church & State Remaining Separate

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:52:53 -0400

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Good Evening

I'm writing to have my opinion counted regarding whether Church & State should be joined together or remain separate.

Our Founding Fathers knew what they were doing when they separated from Europe and started a new Nation based on freedom from religious oppression.

There is no confusion or clarification needed regarding their intent: Separation of the two will ensure more harmony than strife, and prevent those mistakes from happening again.

I am against any modification, deconstruction, or revisions of these founding truths.

Thank you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Verna Chuljian <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty Commission Draft

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I, like you have great concern about the future liberties of our nation. And appreciate your making this Draft available for public consideration.

I do have some concerns which I would like to respectfully share with you regarding the Draft.

To begin, I will quote the masterpiece of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

And also from *Congressional documents (U.S.A.), serial No. 200, document No. 271:*

"The framers of the Constitution recognized the eternal principle that man's relation with his God is above legislation, and his rights of conscience inalienable. Reasoning was not necessary to establish this truth; we are conscious of it in our own bosoms. It is this consciousness which, in defiance of human laws, has sustained so many martyrs in tortures and flames. They felt that their duty to God was superior to human enactments, and that man could exercise no authority over their consciences. It is an inborn principle which nothing can eradicate."

I am a tenth generation descendant of Roger Williams, a man who braved persecution, banishment, and hardship because of his belief in the sacredness of freedom of conscience. I am concerned that, although the term "separation of church and state" has been abused, doing away with this principle, which seems to be under consideration, will imperil the freedom that the American people have enjoyed over the last 250 years. Until the principle of the First Amendment was established in our great nation, there was rarely a time when citizens had the privilege of living according to their own convictions without fear of persecution, if these differed from the majority or from the established religion. Studying the history of the Middle Ages leaves one aghast at the atrocities committed in the name of religion aided by the state.

A modern example, I believe, of the dangers resulting from the combining of church and state, is the teaching of origins in public schools which promulgates a specific belief. Because the topic of origins is fundamentally religious in nature, I believe it is unconstitutional for schools to teach this topic. Generations have been educated in skepticism of the Biblical account because the state assumed the position of teaching evolution—and thus promoted anti-Christian and anti-Biblical thought. This is a result of the combining of the state with the "religion" or belief of atheism.

What separation of church and state means to me:

1. The state doesn't tell the church what it can or cannot do or give preference to one religion/denomination over another
2. The church does not use the state to force its creed on the people
3. There is freedom for people to exercise their religion—there should be no restriction of religious expression within certain bounds, as the First Amendment states, "peaceably..."

4. The free exercise of religion is limited by the laws relating to the last six of the 10 Commandments. Thus a religion which brings physical harm to others must be brought to justice. An example of this would be female mutilation (such as practiced by the Muslim religion).

Religion flourishes much more when it is chosen rather than forced. Forced compliance to religion fills the church with people who are not worshiping in sincerity and truth. I believe religious reformation best begins in the heart of the nation—the home.

Another question we should ask is—Will these new recommendations be beneficial to religion if those who promote progressive ideology get the upper hand? Could these changes be used against liberty of conscience?

Thank you kindly for your consideration of these concerns I pray that freedom may prevail in time to come,

Verna Chuljian

Iron City, Tennessee

From: Jonathan Dumar <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RLC Report Comment

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:54:21 -0400

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July 13, 2026

Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty
US Department of Justice
[950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW](#)
[Room 5706](#)

Re: Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report

Dear Chair Patrick, Vice-Chair Dr. Carson, and the members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As you know, religious liberty has been a fundamental thread in the fabric of this nation from its founding to the present day. In practice, such liberty can only be exercised equitably by all citizens of all creeds thanks to the separation of church and state. To question that separation not only undermines individual freedoms but is also in clear opposition to the Constitution and the intent of its framers. Without reevaluation, the Committee is in grave danger of leading the nation down this perilous path.

Regards,
Jonathan Dumar

From: Brad Jones <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT-Separation of Church and State

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:56:19 -0400

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission

This email is in response to a request from you concerning my views on the subject of religious liberty and separation of church and state in America.

When James Madison wrote the Bill of Rights, the very first words of the first amendment addressed the subject of religious liberty, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Of all the amendments written, those first seventeen words provide the most fundamental of all human rights and that is the liberty of conscience for the individual. One has the right to believe or not believe in God according to the dictates of their own individual conscience.

The Founding Fathers firmly believed in the separation of church and state because they were students of history and saw the horrific consequences of what happens when the church directs the state to do its bidding. Millions paid with their lives, all because they refused to be coerced into giving up their faith to a religious system they couldn't believe in.

If America is to continue as a free and prosperous nation, the wall of church-state separation must be allowed to stand. Religious liberty is a god-given right for all people and therefore must be respected by allowing the church to practice its faith without government influence and the church seeking the power of the government to accomplish its objectives.

Brad Jones

From: Bailey Schmidt <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - Separation of Church and State

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:58:05 -0400

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

To whom it may concern,

I want to thank each member of the religious liberty commission for their many hours spent in discussing the noble cause of religious liberty. At the present moment, our nation is currently undergoing a moral crisis and it would seem logical to conclude that religion, if given a more prominent role in our government, might help us correct course and retain our identity as one nation under God. And while I believe, as a man of faith and a minister of the gospel, that our nation would prosper under the guidance of God fearing men who openly practice their faith, it would be unconstitutional for these men to use their positions in government to pass laws that would favor a certain religious group or promote a set of religious practices by law.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for the church to turn to the state for influence, power, and authority, the pages of history aptly record a bloody past where both church and state stooped to the lowest standard of morality. Every time church and state have united, the world has witnessed some of the worst tyrants go to work in forcefully persecuting those who did not conform to the state sanctioned church or standard of religion.

It must be acknowledged that the phrase "separation of church and state" does not appear in the constitution, however the principles most certainly do. Take for example the first amendment which reads as follows: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." In the first half of this amendment our first constitutional amendment forbids both the creation of a state religion and the suppression of personal faith. This understanding of religious liberty was not inherent from the outset of the establishment of the original colonies which gave rise to our great nation. While our pilgrim fathers sought religious freedom for themselves they did not so readily extend this to others. It took men like Roger Williams to stand up against regulations that only allowed members of the church to vote and hold office in the civil government, to help our nation develop its understanding of religious liberty. As these principles embodied in the first amendment were embraced by our nation, the world marveled at the peace and prosperity of "a church without a pope, and a state without a king" (George Bancroft).

It is in the hope of preserving this understanding of religious liberty that I submit my feedback publicly. On page 43 of The Presidential Religious Liberty Commission's report on America's First Freedom, we read the following: "The text and history of the First Amendment itself show that what the Constitution prohibits is 'the type of actual legal coercion that was a hallmark of historical establishments of religion,' like establishing a church as the official religion of a state and requiring worship at that church..." This quote correctly identifies the historical issues of the past while correctly articulating some of the critical principles of true religious liberty. What would concern me is if the religious liberty commissions report seeks to weaken the principles of true religious liberty (which keep the church and the state from controlling each other for the well being of both entities) by recommending a bridging of the gap between religion and government. This bridging of the gap between church and state would open the door for government funding to influence churches' decision making thus encouraging both church and state to seek political favors from one another, thereby providing an avenue for the exercise of undue religious influence from more prominent denominations on key legislative actions of the government.

As stated at the beginning, our nation is facing a moral crisis. The key to solving this is not a blending of religion with the authority of government but rather a revival in every Christian denomination and movement, including my own faith of practice, thus leading to true reformation which in turn will transform us into biblically faithful Christians guided by the Holy Spirit which is promised to guide all who are willing "into all truth" (John 16:13). This, and only this, will allow religion to once again transform the morals of our great nation under God.

In closing, I would like to make myself available for open constructive dialogue with any members of The Presidential Religious Liberty Commission. May God give each member of this commission the wisdom necessary to maintain the great principle of religious liberty not only for their faith but for all faiths represented by the citizens of the United States of America.

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Bailley Schmidt

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A Licensed Minister of the Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day, if she will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance to the world. -Prophets and Kings, p. 260

From: "[REDACTED PII]" <[REDACTED PII]>

To: "[REDACTED PII]" <[REDACTED PII]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Establishment Clause – Carlos

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:58:50 -0400

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To the Religious Liberty Commission:

I have come respectfully to write this memo regarding religious liberty. There isn't and there won't be another nation like the United States of America. This wonderful nation based on principles that by themselves transcend human ingenuity and human wisdom, has been blessed by God. It is truly a privilege to belong to this great nation.

The first amendment states the following: *"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."*

The first amendment aligns perfectly with the principle of Jesus Christ found in Matthew 22:21, *"Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's"*.

In Jesus answer lies the principle set the separation for both Church and State. The principle is to give to Caesar what's Caesar and to God the things that are God's. We should never give to Caesar (Government) what belongs to God, nor give God what belongs to Ceaser. This is a clear distinction and delineation of boundaries.

Merriam-Webster defines religion as *"the service and worship of God..."*. It follows that Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of the service and worship of God. In other words, Congress shall not cross the line. Once the principle of separation of Church and State is crossed, the result will be a repeat of history (example is the Roman Empire). Once the lines are erased, only history will tell us what the results will be. Other nations which have crossed this principle have shown that sanctions, penalties, and/or persecution are the result.

Religious liberty does not mean that the judgement of the majority should rule over the minority. The people, however numerous, have no right to invade any person's relationship to God. Every recommendation that puts government behind a religious text, display, or lesson crosses that line into a jurisdiction that belongs to God alone. That is not a complaint that such measures are too religious for a secular state; it is a recognition that they are forbidden by the very faith they claim to serve.

Consider that even a law favoring religion destroys the free exercise it claims to protect. Any such law must define the religion it favors, and every definition excludes someone, while even those included now hold their faith by permission rather than by right, on terms a future legislature may revise. No man can consent to legislation favoring his own creed without surrendering his liberty to be persuaded otherwise, should conscience later lead him elsewhere. Believers who welcome state sponsorship of their faith today are handing a tool to every future administration, including those that may not share their convictions.

Please protect the free exercise for all and keep the separation between church and state.

Regards,

Carlos

From: Robert Miller <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - Robert R. Miller

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:59:12 -0400

Importance: Normal

To Whom it May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the powers that be in these United States are currently considering issues regarding religious liberty. As I see it, there needs to remain in place the ability for people of all faiths to practice and worship as their consciences dictate, and to engage in free speech and the open exchange of ideas without fear of legal consequence or reprisal (as we are starting to see happen in several other western countries around the globe.) However, that said, it is also of paramount importance that the U.S. government neither establish, nor give special favor to, churches or any religious institution. This is because historically, in other countries, whenever a religious institution accepts favors from the government, inevitably, said government will begin to exercise control over the policies, decisions, and even practices of that given faith. This is wholly unacceptable, as it usurps both God's will, and an individual's freedom of conscience to be able to follow what they believe to be God's will. Therefore, I respectfully urge the powers that be here in our United States of America, to please keep the idea and practice of separation of church and state alive and well. Now that is not to say that religious institutions or individual citizens shouldn't have the same rights and privileges as everyone else with regard to being heard by their representatives, voting, serving the public (even politically), chaplaincy, etc. But it is to suggest (and request) once again - please keep the government out of the affairs of religious institutions, such as by keeping The Johnson Amendment in place. Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: Esther Herold <[REDACTED] PII>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Separation of Church and State – Esther Herold

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:59:12 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Religious Liberty Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to write a response to the draft of your Religious Liberty Commission Report. In your executive summary, you state that “ordinary citizens seek nothing more than [] the freedom to live according to their consciences” and that “religious liberty remains one of the greatest sources of American strength.” I agree with these statements.

The simplicity and brevity of the Establishment Clause is powerful. Under both an originalist and strict constructionist reading, the Constitution “protects believers and nonbelievers alike.” Whether we call it a wall of separation or describe it as “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” the result is the same. Government and religion are distinct and should remain distinctly separate.

The framers of the Constitution could have used different words if their intent was to establish a specific religion. The Establishment clause was a radical departure from the Old World that many escaped because of the religious persecution that they experienced. Their words were intentional and have provided freedom of conscience for all faiths, not just for the majority or for a national religion, for more than 250 years.

As a Christian, I see wisdom in the Johnson Amendment and the need to keep the church nonpartisan. Ecclesiastes 3 says that there is a time for everything. For me, a church service is a time for the congregation to come together to worship God. There is a time and place for political speech, but when we are in church, that time is for God (Matthew 22-21). Political speech changes the worship service, creates a different spirit in the church, and can cause division among the church members. Political speech can also cause those of different political views to feel unwelcome in a church. For these reasons, the Johnson Amendment protects religious expression and should be fully enforced.

I have spent much time in countries where there is no expectation of religious freedom. The belief in a separation of church and state is uniquely American, and religious freedom has made this country great. The separation of church and state is a net positive that allows for the maximum freedom of conscience and speech for both the believer and the nonbeliever. As Christians or people of faith, we should do good. During His ministry, Jesus lived a life of service and sacrifice. He is the example for the church. As believers, our trust is in God who is able to provide the church the funds needed for His work. (Psalms 50:10) There is no need for the government to fund religious non-profits, religious education, or other religious organizations. That is the responsibility of the church and the church must have faith that God will provide. Reliance on government funds replaces the church members’ faith and dependance on God and instead places it on the government. Government funds for religious purposes impede spiritual growth and the free exercise of religion.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

Sincerely,

From: Mary Murrill <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] wall of separation

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:59:48 -0400

Importance: Normal

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Leaders,

Please maintain the wall of separation between church and state.

Sincerely, Mary Murrill

From: diane kobor <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - RLC Draft Report- Diane Kobor

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:00:21 -0400

Importance: Normal

My husband Bela escaped Communist Hungary because he wanted civil freedom. The Tolstoy Foundation flew him from Germany to Cleveland, Ohio, and they gave him a Bible on the plane. Three years later, Bela began to discover from the Bible the importance of religious liberty as well.

The Religious Liberty Commission (RLC) has made a recommendation to exalt one religious view above all others. Already the RLC persecuted one of its own members who did not hold Zionist views, forcing that person to resign. That person was not allowed to freely express personal religious views while serving on the Religious Liberty Commission! What a travesty of justice! The exaltation of Zionism will lead to further persecution if this pro-Zionism recommendation is allowed to stand and becomes law.

During the American Revolution, our pioneers declared, No taxation without representation! Yet the RLC recommends that the our government should support church projects and church educational systems. This is not what our civil government should be doing. Jesus said, Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God, the things that are God's. With the blessing of the Lord, every church and church school can stand on its own through the system of tithing and free-will offerings. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver! When churches receive money from the state, then we will see more church/state collusion and competition among the churches to see who can get the most money from the state. This will not end well.

When church and state unite, persecution will inevitably result. Those three young Hebrews who would not bow down to the golden idol were thrown into the fiery furnace by the civil government. Daniel refused to pray to the king, so he was thrown into the lion's den. Jesus spoke only the pure, unadulterated truth, but the Jewish leaders colluded with the state to have Him crucified. They shouted, "We have no king but Caesar!" When the Jewish hierarchy united with the state, the Messiah was murdered by His own people!

Before the USA was formed, every state was ruled by whatever church had the most power in that state. The others were forced to pay taxes that supported the state church, and those who had beliefs different than the state church were

persecuted, at least one was even drawn and quartered! You should read *America in Crimson Red* by James R. Beller. He outlines the persecution of Anabaptists and Baptists, both before and after the formation of the United States.

The long history of the persecution of Baptists helped our founding father to write the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, guaranteeing that no one should face a religious test to hold office, and no one should be forced to support a church or church schools and ministries with their tax dollars.

Do not get rid of the Johnson amendment. We should not allow our churches to become political pulpits. Preach the Word! Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." The RLC is on a slippery slope. If these recommendations to unite church and state continue, liberty of conscience will be squelched, and persecution will come to minority groups. And even so, this has already begun.

You are in our prayers,

Diane Kobor

Find the Ark of the Covenant!

God Himself showed it to John:

"And the temple of God was opened in heaven,

and there was seen in His temple the Ark of His Testament:

and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

Revelation 11:19

From: RICHARD LOCKHART <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gentle man and leaders of our country. We need church and state, government to be separate...

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:01:05 -0400

Importance: Normal

Our Lord never forced anyone to worship Him. Our Lord meaning our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father in heaven. Our Lord gives us an option to worship Him or any other God or religious belief. He never forced anyone to worship Him in any way. Our forefathers set this up so this country could be a place where people have a choice. Church and state should always be separate. We are a nation under God!!!
But we must remain free to worship as we please.
The Government has no business messing with religious beliefs. I'm a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ !!! But He gave me a choice.
If you change what our Country was founded on, shame on you. Ben Carson, you should know better. Leave religious freedom to the people. May the Spirit of the living God draw all men regardless of color of nationality. Amen... praise be to our Heavenly Father who gives us a choice to serve Him or other gods...
Sent from my iPhone

From: Evelyn Moss <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:02:05 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Response_to_Religious_Liberty_Commission_draft_2.docx

Hello,

I have attached a response to the draft report of the Religious Liberty Commission.

Thank you,
Evelyn Moss

Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am thankful for the commission affirming the right of all people to exercise their faith, and the American tradition of not compelling religious observance. However, I would like to share some concerns that I have with the draft report of the commission. I do not think the wall of separation phrase is not necessarily a negative thing. Instead, it reflects a very important aspect of what the First Amendment says. It can reflect a wall that protects religious believers from a state that wishes to regulate churches. It also protects in the other direction, by blocking any church that might wish its doctrines to be enforced by the state. Any attempt to say that the amendment restricts Americans from living out their faith openly, can be easily dismissed by the words of the amendment itself. For it clearly protects the free exercise of religion.

Ultimately, the wall of separation controversy itself exhibits the danger of substituting new phrases for the actual words of the amendment. In an attempt to highlight certain important applications of the Establishment Clause, other aspects of it seem to inevitably be left out. I believe that trying to illustrate it as a bridge creates issues. For in which direction does that bridge go? It is quite right and natural that the morals of religious people shape how they relate to society and their government. However, if the government attempts to cross that bridge and influence the church, that is a danger. And if the church attempts to cross that bridge with a mind to compel religious observance, that is also a problem. I believe there should be no confusion in language about the amendment – government is not to legislate religion or to prohibit it. Any diminishing of the separation of church and state through “bridge” language could wrongly imply that the state can in some way regulate or enforce religion. Separation does not mean a prohibition on people practicing their faith.

The provision about monitoring antisemitism through the FBI was also concerning. Without opining on the merits of such accusations, I think it is fair to say that there are people currently accused of antisemitism merely for the words they have spoken. Would this recommendation place such people under surveillance? If Americans exercising their rights to freedom of speech would be penalized by this recommendation, I believe that it is wrong. No matter how detestable a person’s philosophy may be, they have a right to hold it. The government has no right to restrict that. Once the government rules out one philosophy, it has taken on a dangerous role of being the discernor of truth. This is not to say that ideas go unchallenged. Ideas certainly should be challenged, and torn to pieces, if need be, but it is up to the people to do so. As much as society needs to be reformed, only the people themselves can do that. In a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, it is the people who impart the character of the nation. It is they who must bear the responsibility of

supporting good and noble sentiments and rejecting bigotry. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Evelyn Moss

From: 1trueblue <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Separation of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:02:10 -0400

Importance: Normal

Via Electronic Mail to [REDACTED] PII

Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 5706
Washington, DC 20530
Re: Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report

Dear Chair Patrick, Vice Chair Dr. Carson, and the members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to give our thoughts of the important topic of Separation of Church and State.

The Separation of Church and State Protects Our Freedom.
The founding fathers of this country well knew of the persecution and tyranny of the church state governments of the countries they were fleeing, and well knew of the the dark ages when a church was ruling and controlling all of the countries of the old world where millions died. History proves over and over again that religious church states oppress the people.

The founding fathers of this country took great care to keep this republic government free by creating a separation of church and state, so we can have liberty and justice for all.

Religion is personal, and each person has a right to believe and live by what ever Religion of their conscience. Government must stay neutral to protect everyone's right to believe without interference.

The uniting of church and state, will destroy this great country, and our freedoms.

We plead with you, keep church and state completely separate, and save our great country and our freedoms.

Thank you for your time and help in this important matter, to keep church and state separate.

Sincerely,
Aaron

From: Sherrie Wendt <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment re: Separation of Church & State from Sherrie Wendt

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:02:35 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I'm concerned that the Commission is considering replacing the wall of separation between church and state with a "bridge." As a person of faith, I object to that idea. I would like to keep politics out of the church to avoid conflicts of interest. Please keep the wall & don't build the bridge. This will protect the church more than it would constrain it.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Wendt

From: Cortney Olmstead <[REDACTED] PII>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:03:07 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

Please consider my plea, and put this to the public with more visibility before moving forward on this, as I believe much of the population whether conservative or liberal believe in the separation of church and state. I have spoken to both parties, and to many Christian's and all believe this is fundamental.

Separation of church and state protects freedom. Mixing religion and government lets the state impose one faith on everyone, leading to discrimination and tyranny. Something many people fled from in the forming of America, and still do today.

Religion is personal. God is a loving God, who wants us to choose Him, not be forced. Government must stay neutral to protect everyone's right to believe without interference. History proves religious states oppress.

It was exactly why the USA was founded originally! The first people came here exactly BECAUSE church and state in their own countries was NOT separate.

PLEASE, keep church and state completely separate. And give truly put this out to the public to respond.

Sincerely,
Cortney Olmstead
Cell [REDACTED] PII

From: sharon velasquez <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:08:28 -0400

Importance: Normal

To whom it may concern. I believe what made our country great was our constitution. 1. Seperation of church and state. Everyone has the freedom to follow the convictions of the heart on how they want to worship God. Or if they choose not too. Study history. Mixed church and state has never worked. America is the land of the free. Let's keep it that way. Church's should depend on God to fund there institutions. Not the government.

From: Devon Horning <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious liberty response

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:27:38 -0400

Importance: Normal

I want to urge you to keep separate church and state. It is imperative that they remain separate. The constitution is clear In NOT establishing religion of any kind.

Devon horning

Sent from my iPhone

From: "Pam C." <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - Separation of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:29:52 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As a citizen of the United States, I am writing to express my strong support for the constitutional Separation of Church and State. This fundamental principle ensures that our government remains neutral on religious matters, allowing all citizens the freedom to practice, or not practice, their beliefs without government interference or favor.

I am specifically concerned about tearing down the Wall of Separation between Church and State and replacing it with a bridge. Furthermore, promoting specific religious viewpoints through government entities will undermine religious liberty and violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. I'm also requesting that the Johnson Amendment remain fully enforced.

I am a christian who has worshiped freely without government interference all my life. I believe all Americans should have freedom to decide or not to practice this. I respectfully request that you uphold the Constitution to ensure that our national, state and local governments entities and public institutions remain secular and inclusive for all citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,

Pamela Craig

US Citizen

From: Still Talking2u <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - Draft Report of the Presidential Religious Liberty Commission - A Concerned Christian Citizen

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:31:28 -0400

Importance: Normal

July 13, 2026

Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Room 5706

Re: Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report

Dear Chair Patrick, Vice-Chair Dr. Carson, and the members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

Whereas some people are trying to revisit the question of separation of Church and State, it is vital to revisit our history as well, and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence may be the perfect occasion to do so.

Why did our ancestors decide to leave their homelands in Europe to finally reach the shores of America? If their sails were powered by the mighty winds of the Atlantic ocean, their hearts were powered by another mighty wind, the wind of Freedom.

Freedom from oppression.

Freedom from persecution.

And, above all, freedom to worship the Creator according to the dictates of their conscience.

The situation in Europe was exactly what some would like to instate in America today, that is, no separation between the church and the state. And what were the results of this state of affairs in the past? We all know it: oppressions, persecutions, imprisonments, tortures, and executions.

So, many people left, sacrificing everything in search of a land where freedom would ring.

Alas, many among them did not learn the lessons of their misadventures as they tried to reimplement the same kind of regime here in America, that is, a regime where religion was mixed with political power. And the persecuted became the persecutors in a country that was supposed to be the land of freedom.

In modern times, we can see countries in which there is no separation between religion and political power. Iran is the perfect example. Another one is Afghanistan. Even India, which is supposed to be a democratie, seems to become a country succumbing to the temptation of having a political power mixed with religion. And we can see the results.

Are we different because we are Christian? Our own history says otherwise.

We are at a crossroad, and on a dangerous path. Some of us are ready to ignore the lessons of the past, and even to engage in revisionism in order to destroy the wall of separation between church and state, in spite of what the

founding fathers wrote, and in spite of our jurisprudence and legal precedents.

To my Christian American fellows who still think that America is a Christian nation based on the Christian religion, I would like to mention the Treaty of Tripoli (that you may already know) which was ratified unanimously by the Senate in 1797 and signed by the President of the United State, in which we find the following statement in Article 11 (emphasis mine):

"As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion; as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquility, of Mussulmen (Muslims); and as the said States never entered into any war or act of hostility against any Mahometan (Mohammedan) nation, it is declared by the parties that no pretext arising from religious opinions shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries."

This article gives us an interesting glimpse of how our own government was viewing America in the past.

Considering our own history, and considering also what we can see today in the world and at home, abandoning the principle of separation of church and state would be the gravest mistake.

We are supposed to be creatures of reason, but all too often we are creatures of passion. Whereas we are often quick to claim our own rights, we are prompt to deny the same rights to those who don't think or don't look the same way as we do. It was true in the past, and it is still true today.

Let's not repeat the mistakes of the past.

Let's keep the church and the state separated.

Let freedom keep ringing.

Signed:

A Concerned Christian Citizen

From: Michael Caplinger <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment re: U.S. Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report of June 2026

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:32:21 -0400

Importance: Normal

Public Comment re: U.S. Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report of June 2026

To the attention of the PCRL Chair Dan Patrick, Vice Chair Ben Carson, and all other PCRL members:

Being both a natural born citizen of the United States and a reborn citizen of a kingdom not of this world (see in the Bible, John 3:1-8 and 18:36), I have been blessed to experience the freedom and liberty that result from the unique American recognition of the separation of church and state. I am writing to you, as an exercise of this very same freedom and liberty, to add to the public record my comment re: the U.S. Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report of June 2026.

I am simultaneously appreciative and deeply apprehensive of the purpose and intent of the PCRL and its proposals. I am appreciative of the ideal purpose of this commission as described on page 8 sec.2. I am appreciative of what must certainly have been innumerable hours of dedicated attention given to the duties of this task by all parties involved. That for which I am apprehensive will be explained in what now follows.

Chair Dan Patrick is on record having voiced what appears to be the single simplest shortest summary of the PCRL's intent when he stated "The issue of our report recommendations ... maybe I'll print up a million bumper stickers saying there is no separation of church and state. I think we all need to say that, every time a reporter says separate, no, there is no such thing. Show it to me in the Constitution."

It is technically true that such specific phrases as "separation of church and state" or "wall of separation" cannot be found in the Constitution or amendments, but the origin and transmission of this principle is easy to find. The founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, in 1644, used the metaphor of a "hedge or wall of separation" between the "garden of the church" and the "wilderness of the world". And Rhode Island colony's unique commitment to religious freedom and separation of church and state made it one of the most tolerant societies in colonial America. It is historically demonstrable that Williams intellectually influenced John Locke's advocacy for religious toleration and separation of powers, and furthermore confirmable that all of the key contributors to the Constitution were influenced either diffusely or directly by both Williams and Locke.

The PCRL draft report (p.21) states that "Nothing in the First Amendment allows the government to create a "wall" between an individual's personal faith and our nation's public life. The idea that it does allow—or even require—a "wall of separation" only took off in the mid-twentieth century..."

This PCRL statement is something of a misdirection. The Founding Fathers were not addressing a question of whether or not a state or a church could or should build a "wall of separation"; they were struggling with the challenge of how to best pragmatically embrace the reality that such a division was existential. This metaphor represented a recognition of two existentially coexistent domains — the state, and, the conscience — each having its own authority. This metaphor was alive in the psyche of the Founding Fathers more than 300 years before the mid-twentieth century. Men of wisdom and good will, by inspiration and enlightenment, became aware of an observable existential phenomenon of two coexisting domains, public polity and personal conscience, and they crafted metaphors to speak of this existential reality in the hope of somehow enabling these two domains to mutually beneficially converse with the other.

My apprehension is that when the PCRL draft report, in multiple places, injects the idea of building bridges as a

replacement analogy to building walls, what may actually result is the building of bridges over an existential wall that was never an artificial manmade construct to begin with but was always an existential phenomenon in the fabric of reality. The consequence would then be not a protection of religious liberty but a destruction of such.

As a cautionary note, I recommend that research be done on the following questions.

Q: What examples can be found that any sectarian groups or individuals have suffered abuse under Blue Laws?

Q: Elaborate on the full extent of abuse to SDA's under Blue Laws.

Q: Elaborate on the full extent of abuse to Jews under Blue Laws.

Q: Excluding SDA's and Jews, elaborate on the full extent of abuse to other sectarian or non-sectarian groups or individuals under Blue Laws.

Such information will be instructive as to the hazard of misjudging what constitutes proper protection of religious liberty.

As a final thought, i humbly submit an alternative analogy to the metaphors of walls and bridges. To many, such language evokes images of formidable elaborate towering complicated constructs, and so, perhaps as a substitute for walls, simpler imagery might help in the mission to preserve religious liberty. Recognizable in the modern adage "Good fences make good neighbors" this ancient sentiment is quite compatible to the principle of proper separation of church and state. They are neighbors, each rightfully concerned with the welfare of the other. No necessity of building overarching bridges here. Keep it all at ground level. Regular recurrent respectful visits at the fence line, with occasional shared meals, over time, produce peaceful pathways and preserve the freedoms that all desire.

I pray that the PCRL find a way to accomplish its stated purpose without creating more problems than it solves.

Best Regards, Michael L Caplinger

From: EBOLE <[REDACTED] PII>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – [Presidential Religious Liberty Commission Draft Report] – [Errol Henry]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:33:51 -0400

Importance: Normal

July 14, 2026

Via Electronic Mail to [REDACTED] PII

Presidential Religious Liberty Commission
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 5706
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Public Comment on the Presidential Religious Liberty Commission Draft Report

Dear Chairman Patrick, Vice Chairman Carson, and Members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Presidential Religious Liberty Commission's Draft Report.

I appreciate the Commission's attention to the serious burdens placed upon religious individuals and institutions. The report contains many necessary protections for freedom of conscience, voluntary religious expression, equal access, parental rights, religious institutions, military service members, healthcare workers, students, teachers, and houses of worship.

I strongly agree that religious liberty must protect people of every faith as well as people who profess no religion. Government should not censor sermons, suppress private prayer, discriminate against religious citizens, exclude religious organizations from generally available civil benefits, compel religious observance, or force individuals to renounce their sincerely held convictions as a condition of participating in public life.

At the same time, I respectfully urge the Commission to revise portions of the report that appear to move beyond protecting religious liberty and toward governmental promotion, administration, or institutional support of religion.

The proper role of government is to protect the freedom of religion, not to direct the religious life of the nation.

The First Amendment protects both sides of this principle. Government must neither establish religion nor prohibit its free exercise. Government should protect the believer, the nonbeliever, the church, the synagogue, the mosque, the temple, and the person belonging to no religious organization. It should not attempt to make people religious, define spirituality, identify approved religious values, or form institutional alliances through which religious organizations direct public policy and civil government advances religious objectives.

I therefore ask the Commission to distinguish more clearly between protecting religion and promoting religion.

1. Protect Religious Persons Without Making Government the Protector of Religious Doctrine

Government has an unquestioned responsibility to protect people and institutions from violence, threats, vandalism, discrimination, exclusion from public services, and other civil injuries.

For example, anti-Semitic assaults, threats against worshippers, destruction of synagogues, employment discrimination, and obstruction of lawful worship are proper matters for civil enforcement. The same protection must extend equally to every religious and nonreligious person.

However, government should protect people from civil injury without becoming the guardian of religious doctrines. It should not determine which religious criticisms are acceptable, which beliefs are orthodox, or which religious teachings should be protected from disagreement.

The proper civil question is not whether a statement offends a religion. The proper questions are whether someone has threatened violence, committed discrimination prohibited by law, damaged property, obstructed access, or invaded another person's civil rights.

2. Distinguish Private Religious Expression From Government Religious Expression

The report properly recognizes that religious citizens do not surrender their constitutional rights when they enter a school, workplace, military installation, public institution, or public discussion.

A student should be free to pray privately. Religious students should be permitted to form clubs on the same terms as nonreligious students. A teacher should not be punished merely for possessing a religious belief. A pastor should be free to address public questions from the pulpit. A citizen should be free to use religious reasoning in public debate.

These are exercises of individual liberty.

Government religious expression is different. A government school should not compose prayers, prescribe devotional exercises, pressure students to participate in worship, or present sacred commandments as official governmental religious instruction.

Religious texts, including the Ten Commandments and the sacred writings of other faiths, may properly be studied in courses concerning history, law, literature, culture, or comparative religion. Historical education, however, must be distinguished from official devotional proclamation.

A student may pray, but the government should not prescribe the prayer.

A citizen may display Scripture, but government should not present Scripture as a civil command binding the conscience.

A church may teach religious duties, but civil government should not enforce duties owed to God.

3. Replace the "Bridge" Between Church and State With a Clear Separation of Jurisdiction

The Draft Report states that church and State can "strengthen and support one another" and proposes religious liberty as a "bridge" between church and State. It also rejects interpretations of separation that would exile private faith from public life.

I agree that religious citizens must not be excluded from public life. Separation of church and State should never be used as a pretext for anti-religious discrimination.

Nevertheless, the report's bridge language risks confusing the participation of religious citizens with an institutional partnership between religious organizations and civil government.

Religious citizens may contribute to society.

Churches may teach, persuade, serve the poor, operate schools and hospitals, and speak against injustice.

Religious leaders may call public officials to account.

But churches should not become official interpreters of God's will for government, and government should not become the enforcement, financing, or administrative arm of religious institutions.

Religious liberty is not a bridge by which government enters the relationship between an individual and God. It is the constitutional protection that prevents government from standing in that relationship.

The church may speak to the State, but it must not govern through the State.

The State may protect the church, but it must not administer the church's mission.

4. Social Benefits Do Not Create Governmental Authority Over Religion

The report presents substantial evidence that religious people and institutions contribute to charity, education, healthcare, strong families, civic participation, and community stability.

These contributions deserve recognition. However, the social usefulness of religion does not create governmental authority to promote it.

Religion may strengthen families, but government cannot create faith.

Prayer may benefit individuals, but government cannot produce devotion.

Religious conviction may encourage moral conduct, but government cannot govern the heart.

Churches and families may form character through teaching, worship, example, and voluntary discipline. Civil government must remain concerned with outward conduct affecting life, liberty, property, public safety, equal protection, and the rights of others.

Government may restrain civil injury. It cannot create religious belief or spiritual morality.

5. Limit Government Religious-Liberty Offices to Neutral Civil-Rights Protection

I support offices, task forces, reporting systems, and enforcement divisions that protect people from governmental coercion and religious discrimination.

Such offices may properly investigate:

- Government censorship of private religious expression;
- Unequal access to public programs;
- Religious tests for employment or public office;
- Violence against houses of worship;
- Retaliation against lawful religious practice;
- Denial of constitutionally required accommodations; and
- Discrimination against believers or nonbelievers.

However, an office protecting freedom of conscience is not the same as a governmental "Faith Office."

Government offices should not develop faith policy, promote religious participation, coordinate religious doctrine with public policy, define national spirituality, or form institutional partnerships intended to advance religion.

Government may maintain an office protecting freedom of conscience.

It should not maintain an office administering faith.

6. Do Not Allow a Community's Religious Culture to Become the Basis of Coercive Law

The report recommends support for certain laws, policies, or practices reflecting a community's religious culture.

This recommendation needs substantial narrowing.

A community's religious culture may voluntarily influence its churches, families, charities, customs, public discussions, and private decisions. But majority religious culture does not create authority over minority conscience.

A local majority has no greater right than a national majority to determine:

- Which religion is true;
- Which sacred day must be observed;
- Which worship is proper;
- Which religious morality must be followed;
- Which sacred text government should endorse; or
- What citizens must render to God.

Historical acceptance also does not automatically establish constitutional legitimacy. A practice may be old and still improperly combine religious authority with governmental power.

The governing test should be whether a law protects a genuine civil right or restrains a demonstrable civil injury—not whether the law reflects the religious traditions of the majority.

7. Treat Government Funding and Faith-Based Partnerships With Caution

Religious institutions should not be excluded from neutral, generally available civil programs merely because they are religious.

At the same time, equal access to a civil benefit must be distinguished from government financing of religious propagation.

Public funds should not be used to finance worship, evangelism, sacraments, religious instruction as religious instruction, ecclesiastical expansion, or political campaigns designed to enact religious standards.

Where a faith-based institution provides a civil service under a public program, there should be clear safeguards ensuring that:

- Participation is based on neutral criteria;
- Recipients are not compelled to participate in worship;
- Public funds are not used for religious propagation;
- Nonreligious providers receive equal treatment;
- Government does not control religious doctrine; and
- The arrangement does not make the institution an instrument of government or government an instrument of the institution.

Government may support or purchase a genuine civil service under neutral rules. It should not support an institution for the advancement of its religious mission.

8. Protect the Pulpit Without Turning Churches Into Political Governing Bodies

I support strong protection against governmental censorship of sermons and religious teaching.

Pastors and religious leaders must remain free to address injustice, legislation, candidates, public policy, and the moral implications of government action. Government should not approve sermons or punish churches for their religious teaching.

However, freedom of religious speech should not be confused with an institutional alliance between churches and political power.

Government must not censor the church.

The church must not use its religious authority to capture civil government, impose religious tests on candidates, dictate legislation, or obtain governmental enforcement of ecclesiastical demands.

Both boundaries are essential to religious liberty.

9. Protect Conscience Without Reducing It to Governmental Permission

The report recommends numerous religious accommodations and exemptions. These protections may provide important relief, but an exemption should not substitute for examining the government's underlying authority.

Before requiring citizens to seek religious exemptions, government should determine:

- Whether the mandate serves a genuine and demonstrable civil necessity;
- Whether it is narrowly tailored;
- Whether less coercive alternatives are available;
- Whether it targets or disproportionately burdens religion;
- Whether refusal causes a direct civil injury; and
- Whether government is improperly judging religious sincerity or membership.

A right should not be converted into a favor granted by government.

Religious liberty is weakened when citizens must obtain official permission to obey conscience in an area where government may lack proper jurisdiction.

10. Protect Military Religious Exercise Without Government-Defined Spirituality

Military service members should receive reasonable protection for religious dress, diet, sacred observances, access to chaplains, religious literature, worship, and conscience.

However, the recommendation for a government-issued "Spiritual Fitness Guide" requires careful limitation.

The military may protect voluntary spiritual and religious exercise. It should not:

- Define spirituality;
- Treat religious participation as a readiness requirement;
- Evaluate a service member's spiritual condition;
- Treat nonbelief as a deficiency;
- Pressure service members to participate in religious activity; or
- Promote an official understanding of faith.

The military should protect the spiritual liberty of service members without administering their spiritual lives.

Requested Revisions

I respectfully ask the Commission to revise the final report in the following ways:

1. Replace language stating that church and State "strengthen and support one another" with language affirming that religious institutions strengthen society through voluntary action while government protects their equal civil liberty and institutional independence.
2. Replace the "bridge between God and government" metaphor with a clear separation-of-jurisdiction principle: government protects the individual's freedom to answer to God or conscience without governmental control.
3. Clarify that Religious Liberty Commissions and government offices are civil-rights bodies, not agencies for promoting or coordinating faith.
4. Clearly distinguish private religious expression from official government religious expression.
5. Clarify that religious texts may be taught historically or academically in government schools but must not be proclaimed devotionally or as governmental religious commands.
6. Remove or substantially narrow recommendations defending laws merely because they reflect a community's religious culture.
7. State that government funding may support neutral civil services but must not fund worship, evangelism, religious instruction, or ecclesiastical expansion.
8. Add explicit and equal protection for nonbelievers, converts, dissenters, minority religions, and persons whose beliefs change.
9. Require every accommodation policy to begin by examining the underlying scope of governmental authority, actual civil harm, narrow tailoring, and less coercive alternatives.
10. Clarify that military religious-liberty programs must remain voluntary and must not define or promote an official spirituality.
11. State expressly that government protects religious persons and institutions from civil injury but does not protect religious doctrines from criticism or disagreement.
12. Ensure that religious-liberty awards honor the defense of equal constitutional liberty rather than the advancement of religion as a governmental objective.

Conclusion

The Draft Report contains important protections that should be preserved. Religious citizens should not be silenced, excluded, punished, or forced to abandon conscience as the price of education, employment, public service, healthcare practice, military service, or participation in civic life.

But the strongest protection for religion is not governmental promotion of religion. It is governmental restraint.

Religious liberty is secure when every peaceful person is free to believe, disbelieve, worship, refrain from worship, speak, change convictions, and live according to conscience-while government remains limited to protecting civil rights, preventing civil injury, and maintaining equal justice.

Government should protect religion from interference without managing it, financing its propagation, defining it, teaching it devotionally, or enforcing it.

That distinction will protect believers, nonbelievers, religious institutions, civil government, and the constitutional liberty of future generations.

Thank you for considering this public comment.

Sincerely,

Errol Henry

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty Report

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:35:23 -0400

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I agree with pillaroffreedom.org church state should remain separate. In history when the two were combined, it led to persecution.

Kindly,
Sarah C.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – [SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE]e-
[HEATHER ZEROOTH]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:46:08 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I would like to express my concerns regarding several proposals contained in the draft Religious Liberty Commission Report.

Specifically, I oppose any efforts to weaken the principle of separation between church and state. History demonstrates that when religious institutions become closely aligned with political power, or when governments become involved in religious affairs, the result has too often been diminished religious liberty and increased intolerance.

For the same reason, I do not support repealing the Johnson Amendment. I believe that lasting societal reform is best achieved through the voluntary influence of personal faith and individual conviction rather than through the integration of religion and government.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Heather Zeroth

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RE: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:47:42 -0400

Importance: Normal

Good evening,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the recommendations submitted by the Religious Liberty Commission to President Donald J. Trump on June 26, 2026.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Commission's first and ninth recommendations, both of which address the separation of church and state. The Commission recommended that the Department of Justice "issue guidance clarifying the proper understanding of the Establishment Clause and separation of church and state." At the formal release of the Commission's recommendations that same day, Commission Chair Dan Patrick publicly stated that "the separation of church and state is not in the Constitution" and that the phrase "has no constitutional basis."

As a citizen of the United States of America and a Bible-believing Christian, I hold the Constitution—and the rights and liberties it protects—in the highest regard. My concern is that reinterpreting the separation of church and state, or asserting that it has "no constitutional basis," may invite history to repeat itself and expose Americans once again to the dangers associated with the union of religious and governmental authority. We would do well to heed the wise words of Founding Father James Madison, who stated:

"Strongly guarded as is the separation between Religion & Govt in the Constitution of the United States, the danger of encroachment by Ecclesiastical Bodies, may be illustrated by precedents already furnished in their short history."

Madison recognized that religious liberty is most secure when the government does not interfere with matters of faith and religious institutions do not control civil policy. He appealed to history to establish this principle. He was well aware of the persecution suffered by Baptists, Quakers, Jews, and other religious minorities in several of the colonies.

If we allow this protective wall between church and state to be weakened or removed, we risk the very encroachment Madison warned against.

Many who support a closer union of church and state claim that their position is rooted in Christian faith. While the idea of the church directing the affairs of the state may appear appealing, it is not a biblical principle. Jesus affirmed a distinction between civil and religious authority when He declared, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

It was through the violation of this principle that the Roman Catholic Church became united with the Roman government. In *History of the Christian Church*, volume 3, page 327, we read:

"The Roman church-state's power became supreme in Christendom in 538 A.D. Due to a letter of the Roman emperor Justinian, known as Justinian's decree, which set up and acknowledged the bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. It gave the Roman church political power (civil power), as well as ecclesiastical power."

The consequences of this union were devastating. Over the centuries, countless Christians and other religious dissenters suffered persecution, imprisonment, and death under a corrupt religious-political system. This history demonstrates the danger that arises whenever ecclesiastical institutions are permitted to wield the coercive power of the state.

The Bible warns in Revelation 13 that, in the last days, a governing power will form an image to the beast that came before it. I share the conviction of many Christian Americans that the first beast represents the Roman Catholic papacy, that the image to the beast represents a union of church and state, and that the United States of America is in danger of forming such an image.

"And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. . . . And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship

the image of the beast should be killed” (Revelation 13:12, 15).

This prophecy presents a solemn warning against the use of civil authority to enforce religious observance.

Whatever one’s interpretation of the prophecy may be, its underlying warning is clear: when religious institutions obtain the coercive power of the state, liberty of conscience is placed in grave danger.

For these reasons, I respectfully object to the Commission’s interpretation of the Constitution, which underestimates the vital importance of the separation of church and state. I therefore urge the Department of Justice to uphold this protective wall and safeguard our nation from the dangers that arise when religious and civil authority are united.

- Sonny Capolupo

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment

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People grow to faith at different rates. Some believe in childhood, others perhaps not until wisdom sets in much later in life.

When we don't kill each other off, the good Lord's design allows us each 100 or so years on this earth in order for us to learn what we need to learn. When we force a child to confront their faith in a public setting, he or she may be coerced to lie, conceal, pretend. True belief/faith may be delayed. Bitter resentment may be what grows in it's place.

Keep faith at home, let the parents teach and lead by example. Allow room for growth, in his/her own time.

I am an active Catholic and a true Christian. Jesus talks mostly about caring for the sick, the poor, widows and orphans. That's where our priorities need to be.

Colleen Grimm
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] public comment -- religious liberty draft commission report -- Barnhouse

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To whom it may concern:

I write as both a person of faith and as a history educator, in my capacity as a private citizen. I view the definitions of "religious liberty" in the presidential draft report, and the proposed ways in which these definitions would be enforced and promulgated, as disingenuous and harmful. The separation of church and state was envisioned by the founders as an essential part of our democracy. The officials of our government are exclusively laypersons. No one religion is preferred over another. I view the draft report as working against the American tradition of freedom of conscience, and against free and full education in American history.

Naturally, these views are not that of my employer; they are my own, and sincerely held.

Dr. Lucy C. Barnhouse (she/her/hers)

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Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:53:44 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I respectfully challenge the draft report's suggestion that strict church-state separation derives from a modern secularist ideology. The historical record shows the opposite: separation was established by the founders, urged on them by devout believers.

Roger Williams, a Christian minister banished by a colonial religious establishment, called in 1644 for a wall of separation to protect the garden of the church from the wilderness of the world. The persecuted Baptist of Virginia-whipped and jailed under and established church-became James Madison's decisive allies. Madison's Memorial and Remonstrance (1785) argued the religion is a matter between man and his Creator, prior to all claims of civil society. Jefferson's Virginia Statute for Relies Freedom (1786) declared that Almighty God created the mind free, and enacted "that no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever." The Constitution's only reference to religion, Article VI, commands that "no religious test shall ever be required." The First Amendment then bound the federal government with two clauses that form a single shield: no establishment, and free exercise.

These men were not secularists imposing a "God is dead" philosophy. Madison himself reviewing the American experiment, concluded that "religion and government will both exist in greater purity the less they are mixed together." (Letter to Edward Livingston, 1822), and described the "practical distinction between Religion and Civil Government as essential to the purity of both."

I urge the Commission to removed recommendations that would weaken the Establishment Clause and instead to honor and founder's actual design: a government with no authority over religion, and a religion free from government.

Respectfully,

Jane Fish
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - Separation of Church and State - Manuel Avitia

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 00:58:13 -0400

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

My name is Manuel Avitia.

Point 1

A union of church and state always has and by definition will always result in persecution. This assertion is supported by both history and by logic.

The Church, according to its own assertion, was ordained by God, that is, it was officially invested with ministerial, priestly, or holy orders, by God. No entity, not an individual, a group of individuals, nor a business, nor the State has the authority to controvert the Church. Consequently, all entities, animate and inanimate, including the State, must be subordinate to the Church. The Church will govern the State.

This again, by definition, raises the question... who or what is the Church and is "the" an indefinite or definite article.

Point #2

It is true that the US Constitution does not expressly use the terminology "separation of church and state." Nevertheless, the principles that underlie that statement are expressly articulated in the First Amendment. The First Amendment provides the mechanisms, the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause, to intentionally create a separation between Church and State.

The simple logic for this Separation is that the founders wanted to protect religious adherents from encroachment by the State and they wanted to protect everyone else from religious adherents (zealots) who might have an agenda to manage the State. Remember, many of the founders were deeply acquainted with religious tyranny effectuated and/or acceded to by the State.

Finally, it is very noteworthy that the person who drafted the Declaration of Independence is the same person who enunciated the term "separation of church and state." It seems entirely logical and necessary that a separation between Church and State is a necessary condition for true independence. Jefferson, expressly stated the inscription that he wanted on his tombstone "and not a word more." He wanted to be remembered for: authoring the Declaration of Independence, drafting the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and being the father of the University of Virginia. Jefferson wanted his legacy to exemplify Independence and religious freedom; he may well have known that they are inextricably linked.

Point #3

The Religious Liberty Commission's implicit objective is to redefine the Separation of Church and State. It is again, profoundly important, that this Commission uses the term "building bridges" or treating religious liberty as

a “bridge” to replace Jefferson’s historic “wall of separation of church and state.” The term Pontiff means bridge-builder; it comes from the word Pontifex, which combines the words pons (bridge) and facere (to make or build). Historically, the Pontifex Maximus was the high-priest of Rome, a title eventually adopted by the Pope (Supreme Pontiff) this signified his role as a bridge-builder between the human and the Divine.

Last Point

We are, knowingly or unknowingly, in front of “An Impending Crisis.” The US is flirting with a national debt of \$40 trillion, Ukraine is pulling on Russia’s short and curlies, China is looking at Taiwan side-eye, Israel...., and if you haven’t noticed, there’s a lot of talk about UFOs or UAPs.

A card will fall. When it does, the equation will rearrange itself. When this happens all bets are off. The only human hope for individual liberty is that a so-called bridge-builder won’t have the self-authenticated credentials to save the day.

When the wall between Church and State falls, and unfortunately it must, tyranny will inevitably ensue.

I object to this Commission’s objective.

Manuel Avitia, Attorney
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - Separation of Church and State - Sarah Learned

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As a US citizen who has freely chosen my religious beliefs, I am saddened to hear of the Commission's recommendation to bridge church and state. Our country was founded upon the principle that these entities should have a wall built between them. Neither should be influenced by the other, as that has historically led to downfalls of both.

I urge you to reconsider the draft report's recommendations that support a bridge between church and state, as well as reconsider the suggestion to repeal the Johnson Amendment.

Thank you for your time,
Sarah Learned

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To the Members of the White House Religious Liberty Commission.

To the Members of the White House Religious Liberty Commission.

I write to you not as a lobbyist, but as a Christian and an American citizen.

God created us to be free creatures. We have the choice to love Him or not love Him, though anyone who learns to know Him will want to love Him. As we know, love begets love.

The government of God is based on freedom of choice. God chose to create humanity also with the power of choice. "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil... blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deut 30:15, 19).

The appropriate relation between religion and the state was best exemplified in the life of our Savior and example, Jesus Christ. As one of the Godhead, Jesus held unparalleled authority on earth. He had divine insight, divine power, and a Holy charter. If anyone in the history of the world had the right to force others to worship as he dictated, it was Jesus Christ. Yet Jesus never used force to advance the gospel. It is for the followers of Christ to emulate this example.

America has never been great because the government favored one religion over another. America has been great because every citizen has been free to worship God according to the dictates of conscience—or not worship at all—without fear that the government would take sides.

Americans have never agreed that one religion is true and good, but we've accepted the Founders' view that all people must have the freedom to exercise religion and that this freedom is so sacrosanct it deserves special protection in our Constitutional amendments.

So it is troubling when calls come from the government declaring that the government and church are not separate or should not be separate.

The emergence of church and state as distinct spheres, was deeply rooted in theological assumptions—assumptions that are exemplified by the Christmas story. When Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, he did so in obedience to the ruler of the Roman world, master of the greatest power on the face of the planet, but in the womb of his wife was the very king of heaven. The conviction that there are two dimensions—those of the earthly and the celestial, the daily and the eternal, Caesar's and God's—was embedded in the very beginning of the Christian story. The result was a tension that has endured for two millennia and is still manifest in the culture war being fought over Christmas today.

In his masterful book, *History of the Formation of the Constitution*, George Bancroft insightfully reported:

No one thought of vindicating religion for the conscience of the individual, till a voice from Judea, breaking day for the greatest epoch in the life of humanity, by establishing a pure, spiritual, and universal religion for all mankind, enjoined to render to Caesar only that which is Caesar's. This rule was upheld during the infancy of the gospel for all men.

When it came to establish a government for the United States, the new nation dared to accept the principle first divinely ordained in Judea. It left the management of temporal things to the temporal power; but the American Constitution, in harmony with the people of the several States withheld from the Federal government the power to invade the home of reason, the citadel of conscience, the sanctuary of the soul; and not from indifference, but that the infinite Spirit of eternal truth might move in its freedom and purity and power.

In short, the United States avoided "Big Government" and created a free market system where people could exercise their God given right to make a choice whether to honor God or not. I as a Christian would prefer that they choose to honor God. But in all fairness to others, I must recognize that "so far as man or civil government is concerned, the heathen, or the infidel, or the atheist, has just as much right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as the Christian has. And just because a man is a Christian, he

is not thereby entitled to authority or lordship over other men's consciences or rights.

A common argument is that "America is a Christian nation." While it's true that some of our founding fathers were Christian, these bright minds recognized the dangers of imposing faith on others. This is why they very deliberately included this cornerstone language in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ..."

The core idea was that America should be a land where believers could practice their faith, free of government interference. But the other side of the coin is that those who don't believe also were to be free from legislative imperatives to follow the church's dictates.

James Madison believed that the main reason to have separation of church and state was to help religion. He came to this view in part because of an unusual but crucial alliance he built with evangelical Christians of his day. That's right. At that time, the evangelical Christians were the leading supporters of separation of church and state, and Madison was one of their greatest champions. They believed that not only was government repression bad but so was government help. Madison agreed and worked hand in hand with the evangelicals to press this point. In a crucial document called the Memorial and Remonstrance, Madison integrated the arguments of the Enlightenment intellectuals with the arguments of the evangelicals to create something much greater. Separating church and state would be better for both state and church.

This may be a concept that's a bit jarring to modern culture warriors. We've come to think that if you're pro religion you must surely want government to play a greater role in promoting religion. And if you're in favor of separation of church and state that you must want to reduce religion's role.

Madison and his evangelical allies had a completely different concept. They wanted to promote religion. They just believed that the best way to promote religion was for government to leave it alone.

Here is the real danger in pushing for greater influence by the church on the state's business: the church must stand for morality, God's Word and free will, and attempting to coerce our neighbors via legislative or other means runs completely counter to that. Faith should inspire and unite - not be used as a cudgel. And as for government, a free people should never be subject to legislated interference with one's beliefs or ability to worship according to his or her conscience.

Perhaps Roger Williams the founder of Rhode Island stated it best when he introduced the "two tables" doctrine. Mr Williams divided the Ten Commandments into two categories to argue that civil government only has authority over human relationships, not religious beliefs.

The First Table: The first four commandments, which govern a person's relationship and duties directly to God. The government had absolutely no authority to enforce or punish breaches of these laws.

The Second Table: The remaining six commandments, which regulate how humans treat one another (e.g., prohibitions against murder, theft, and adultery). Williams argued that the government is instituted by society specifically to enforce these civil principles and maintain public order.

Let's avoid "Big Government", don't merge Church and State.

Thank you,

John Minick

Great Quotes on Religious Freedom & Separation of Church and State

"WITHOUT FREEDOM OF THOUGHT THERE CAN BE NO SUCH THING AS WISDOM & NO SUCH THING AS PUBLIC LIBERTY WITHOUT FREEDOM OF SPEECH." - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN 1722

"The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries." - James Madison

By maintaining the separation of church and state, the United States has avoided the intolerance which has so divided the rest of the world with religious wars. - Barry Goldwater

Religious factions will go on imposing their will on others unless the decent people connected to them recognize that religion has no place in public policy. - Barry Goldwater

Church and state are, and must remain, separate. - Ronald Reagan

Condemn no man for not thinking as you think: let every one enjoy the full and free liberty of thinking for himself. Let every man use his own judgment since every man must give an account of himself to God - John Wesley, "Advice to a People Called Methodist"

America has given the world a precious jewel. It has shown that a government whose concerns are purely secular and which leaves to the individual conscience of its citizenry all obligations that relate to God is the one which is actually the most friendly to religion. It is a precious jewel that we have. We should guard it well.

-LEO PFEFFER, IN EARL RAAB, ED., "RELIGIOUS CONFLICT" IN AMERICA (NEW YORK: ANCHOR, 1964), P. 163.

"Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and state forever separate."

- Ulysses S. Grant, address delivered in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1875

"Happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support." — President George Washington, Letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport

"Against the first, Christ Jesus never called for the sword of steel to help the sword of the spirit..." - Roger Williams, Founder of Rhode Island

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To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please save religious liberty for all Americans

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:17:36 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

Please reconsider the recommendations in your report that would weaken the separation of church and state. Please keep church and state separate.

If you proceed, this will only lead to corruption in politics which is bad for both church and Country. Please keep both of them free.

Please don't use government money to fund religious activities.

Please don't repeal the Johnson Amendment.

Thank you!

Shenalyn Page

From: Daniel Rasmussen <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Establishment Clause – Daniel Rasmussen

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:19:28 -0400

Importance: Normal

As the Department of Justice, please consider the problem with point 9 of the 12 points made. If churches are allowed to support a specific party or candidate, that can cause that candidate or party to be biased toward or manipulate by the specific supporting church. Historically, this has happened in the Middle East and in South American countries.

A young citizen of the USA,
Daniel Rasmussen

From: Lorraine Hall <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Separation of Church and State – Lorrain Hall

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:24:25 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

I was troubled to read that the Commission wants to replace the wall of separation between church and state with a "bridge." With respect, that is exactly backwards — and as a person of faith, I find the idea alarming.

That wall wasn't built by secularists to keep religion down. It was built by believers to keep the church free. A bridge doesn't strengthen the church; it opens the door for government money and political favors to march right in, until churches are competing for grants and answering to politicians instead of to God. History is clear about what happens when church and state join hands, and it isn't good for either one.

Please don't build that bridge. Keep the wall. It protects the church far more than it constrains it.

Sincerely,

Lorrah Hall

Blaine, WA

From: Erin Fontanilla <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment - Draft Report of the Presidential Religious Liberty Commission - Erin Fontanilla

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:28:38 -0400

Importance: Normal

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the Commission's effort to dismantle and weaken the separation of church and state. I have been reading to my elementary age sons about the early history of our country and have been struck over and over again by how unique our country is in giving people religious freedom. It is inspiring to read the stories of the early colonies and their promises of religious freedom to the people living there. This was in stark contrast to most of the world and the religious persecution that followed. My great grandparents immigrated from Italy to New York and they were so thankful for the religious freedom they found here. Please uphold the separation of church and state. I support Pillar of Freedom's remarks. Please take them into consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin Fontanilla

From: Brian Fennessy <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – BRIAN FENNESSY

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I strongly believe that worship of any kind should not be compulsory. For instance, in schools we should share and study what the Bible teaches just as much as we would teach any alternative cultural behavior or historical recounts such as the story of creation. In other words, sharing both sides of an argument and letting the minds of children know what historical and cultural phenomenon exists will equip themselves to workout their conscience without absence of full account of those who came before them.

If you leave out Christianity, paganism and other cultural norms and history, children cannot see for themselves what Christianity or secularism offers the world. Children and adults should always have the power over their own individual conscience so that religion or secularism is not compulsory, but affords exploration for each child to decide for themselves if any religion or secular lifestyle appeals to their conscience. But if conscience is to be steered by another faction, it should be at the discretion of the parents or guardians as to which behavior or religion the children's parents or guardians see fit, without interruption from the state until the age of 18 or emancipation.

From: Orlando Dela Cruz <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:47:01 -0400

Importance: Normal

I agree with the pillar of freedom comments. please implement them.

From: Tom Harkins <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report (Comments)

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Attachments: Comment_on_Religious_Commission_Letter_-_rev_2.pdf

July 13, 2026

Via Electronic Mail to [REDACTED] PII

Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty
U.S. Department of Justice
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Room 5706
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Comment to Draft Report of the Presidential Religious Liberty Commission

Foundation of Religious Liberty

The first stated Purpose of Commission

The stated purposes of the Religious Liberty Commission (Sec 2(b)iii of report) is

(1)

- "The Commission shall produce a comprehensive report on the foundations of religious liberty in

Roger Williams/Rhode Island – Absent as Foundation and Missing from report

The report omits mention of Roger Williams and the state which he founded - Rhode Island – as the cornerstone of the foundation of religious liberty in America. It is because of Roger Williams and Rhode Island, that the separation of church and state was included in the nations founding documents. Here is a section of what author Ellen Gould White was inspired to write – with its internal references - in "The Great Controversy" regarding Roger Williams and Rhode Island as the cornerstone of religious liberty :

Roger Williams in the Great Controversy Book

"Eleven years after the planting of the first colony, Roger Williams came to the New World. Like the early Pilgrims he came to enjoy religious freedom; but, unlike them, he saw—what so few in his time had yet seen—that this freedom was the inalienable right of all, whatever might be their creed. He was an earnest seeker for truth, with Robinson holding it impossible that all the light from God's word had yet been received. Williams "was the first person in modern Christendom to establish civil government on the doctrine of Pilgrim Fathers the liberty of conscience, the equality of opinions before the law."— Bancroft, pt. 1, ch. 15, par. 16. He declared it to be the duty of the magistrate to restrain crime, but never to control the conscience. "The public or the magistrates may decide," he said, "what is due from man to man; but when they attempt to prescribe a man's duties to God, they are out of place, and there can be no safety; for it is clear that if the magistrate has the power, he may decree one set of opinions or beliefs today and another tomorrow; as has been done in England by different kings and queens, and by different popes and councils in the Roman Church; so that belief would become a heap of confusion."—Martyn, vol. 5, p. 340. Attendance at the services of the established church was required under a penalty of fine or imprisonment. "Williams reprobated the law; the worst statute in the English code was that which did but enforce attendance upon the parish church. To compel men to unite with those of a different creed, he

regarded as an open violation of their natural rights; to drag to public worship the irreligious and the unwilling, seemed only like requiring hypocrisy.... 'No one should be bound to worship, or,' he added, 'to maintain a worship, against his own consent.' 'What!' exclaimed his antagonists, amazed at his tenets, 'is not the laborer worthy of his hire?' 'Yes,' replied he, 'from them that hire him.'—Bancroft, pt. 1, ch. 15, par. 2. Roger Williams was respected and beloved as a faithful minister, a man of rare gifts, of unbending integrity and true benevolence; yet his steadfast denial of the right of civil magistrates to authority over the church, and his demand for religious liberty, could not be tolerated. The application of this new doctrine, it was urged, would "subvert the fundamental state and government of the country."—Ibid., pt. 1, ch. 15, par. 10. He was sentenced to banishment from the colonies, and, finally, to avoid arrest, he was forced to flee, amid the cold and storms of winter, into the unbroken forest. "For fourteen weeks," he says, "I was sorely tossed in a bitter season, not knowing what bread or bed did mean." But "the ravens fed me in the wilderness," and a hollow tree often served him for a shelter.—Martyn, vol. 5, pp. 349, 350. Thus he continued his painful flight through the snow and the trackless forest, until he found refuge with an Indian tribe whose confidence and affection he had won while endeavoring to teach them the truths of the gospel. The Great Controversy Making his way at last, after months of change and wandering, to the shores of Narragansett Bay, he there laid the foundation of the first state of modern times that in the fullest sense recognized the right of religious freedom. The fundamental principle of Roger Williams's colony was "that every man should have liberty to worship God according to the light of his own conscience."—Ibid., vol. 5, p. 354. His little state, Rhode Island, became the asylum of the oppressed, and it increased and prospered until its foundation principles—civil and religious liberty—became the cornerstones of the American Republic.

A confederacy of varied churches on common points

Uriah Smith in his 1897 Commentary "Daniel and The Revelation (**The response of History to the Voice of Prophecy**)" shows a possible scenario which would cause compulsion of a religious mandates when varied churches in confederate select points of doctrine, and seek the assistance of the state to promote the confederated doctrines:

"It may be objected that whereas the papal church was comparatively a unit, and hence could act in harmony in all its departments in enforcing its dogmas, the Protestant church is so divided as to be able to agree in regard to what doctrines shall be made imperative on the people. The answer is, There are certain points which they hold in common, and what are sufficient to form a basis of co-operation. Chief among these may be mentioned the doctrine of the conscious state of the dead and the immortality of the soul, which is both the foundation and superstructure of spiritualism, and also the doctrine that the first day of the week is the Christian Sabbath.

In regard to the Image to the Beast (Revelation 13) Let, now, an ecclesiastical organization be formed by these churches; let the government legalize such organizations, and give it power (a power which it will not have till the government does grant it) to enforce upon the people the dogmas which the different denominations can all adopt as the basis of union, and what do we have? --- Just what the prophecy represents, --- an image to the papal beast, endowed with life by the two-horned beast, to speak and act with power."

“Men who make politics a trade would hesitate to record their names against the proposed Constitutional Amendment, advocated by the leaders of the great religious denominations of the land...”

An Expansion of this confederacy of Religions outside of Christianity

Globally there is now (2026) an increased number of ecumenical councils. Various religions gather together for world peace for instance or to save the environment. Some ideologies promote a kingdom on this earth and sign documents presented to governments and political counsels. Jesus himself said that “my kingdom is not of this world.”

The Seventh Day Sabbath

The Seventh Day Sabbath was given at creation and kept by God Himself, was written in stone by the finger of God (4th commandment) and a second time by a Levite - Moses – proclaimed to all decedents of the 12 lineages from Jacob as well as the Egyptians who left Egypt. The Seventh Day Sabbath was kept by the Christian church into the fourth century, when by law, force and compromise, was exchanged for the venerable day of the sun (Also there was sun worship during the time of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 8:16). God However preserved the apostolic faith including the Seventh Day Sabbath through the Wilderness church during the 1260 years (538AD-1798AD) prophesied by Jesus through John (Revelation 12:14) after which it combined efforts with the Protestant Reformation. The wilderness is in the chapter The Waldenses in the book GreatControversy.pub

Comment on Faith Under Fire in Houses of Worshhip

On page 154, the commission’s report states “The same agitators returned weeks later on Easter Sunday—the holiest day of the year for Christians—bringing with them the same noise, hostility, and intimidation.”

Clarification comment: The weekly Seventh Day Sabbath was Sanctified by God (Genesis 2:3) – that is to be set apart or consecrated, appoint, bid, consecrate, dedicate, defile, hallow, **be holy**. Some point out that Jesus rested on Sabbath in the tomb.

Easter origin – facilitated by church and state: in July of 325, the sole emperor of Rome – Constantine I, convened the First Council of Nicaea where a uniform observance of the date of Easter was established. Easter may predate Christianity. Some equate Easter to the goddess Ishtar.

Addressing the harassment with enforcement of existing laws, not special laws

Most of the examples religious harassment in the commissions report could and should be addressed with existing laws and with law enforcement vice additional laws. In some cases it looks as though there are intentional, organized and directed efforts in certain states, cities and communities to not enforce laws already in place. Grocery store disturbance, house of worship disturbance. Legislation has been adopted such as Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act and Hate speech laws to restrict freedom of expression – in some cases prosecution for praying in front of certain medical clinics. This legislation is wrong. Arresting, citing and jailing people for it is wrong. Again, there seems to be an effort to permit

this to cause people to be upset. Creating similar law for interruption of church services is also wrong.

For an understanding of Atheism, Communism, Revolution from a prophetic and historical perspective two recommendations: (1) GreatControversy.pub “Bible and the French Revolution” chapter and (2) Daniel and Revelation 1897 – Uriah Smith, the Chapter on Revelation chapter 11.

Through various edicts, Most of the French Huguenot protestants under the rule of Louis XIV by encouragement of his confessor who promised forgiveness for ridding the country of protestants, killed and outlawed protestants in the late 16th century. France, the first child of the Papacy (496AD under King Clovis) in the late 18th century through decree and anarchy made war against the bible and enthroned a goddess of reason. The clergy removed their robes during the French Revolution (1789-1798, the latter fulfilling then end of a prophetic time period) to join the people. It seems through the teachings and instigation leadin to the French revolution was the impetus between the revolutions and “peoples” communist governments in the 19th and more so the 20th century. The Huguenots were the first attempts at Protestant Settlements in America – Parris Island SC and near Jacksonville FL. Read the aforementioned sources.

State Sponsored Evolution

As a child when visiting Pittsburgh’s Buhl Planetarium, the star heralding the birth of Jesus Christ was demoted to nothing. At many public sites, incorrect principles / timelines are associated.

Pontifex Maximus – A bridge between Church and State

We seek no special rights or privileges from the church neither the state, but rather prefer our God given inalienable rights – in the case of religion, to be able to freely exercise without enforcement by the state. Pontifex Maximus – i.e. a bridge between Church and State was fulfilled by Roman Emperors in the Pagan era, by the professed Christian emperor Constantine in the 4th century AD christian era, followed by Bishops of the Western Roman church in the 6th through 18th centuries. It was during the French Revolution that power of the Roman church, which had been co-ruling with the majority of the monarchies of western Europe, was reduced in power, temporarily replaced by atheism but its first child – France.

Personal Observation of A Countries with a Declaration of Religion

The United States is a rarity when it comes to never having a state endorsed religion. Most of the European countries had state endorsed religion, and now they are mostly atheistic. The founding documents of the United States exclude restrictions on the free exercise of religion and the promotion of faith In 2017 when returning from a trip to Ireland, I stopped in Iceland and when I inquired of the nationally sustained religion – which happened to be Lutheranism – two Icelandic ladies expressed resentment for state endorsed religion. I had earlier looked at the Lutheran church in Iceland and thought how restrictive it might be since the minister was paid by the state.

Pillar of Truth Endorsement

I recommend to the commission the comment document from PillarofFreedom.org I'm still uncertain about the application and potential misapplication of the Johnson amendment, but the document is very clear and edifying.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13wd1AsF3m6STwD-v0ywpXFYnI-VRv8TF/view>

A few select Statements from the Great Controversy Book

Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth.

The founders of the nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result—intolerance and persecution. The Constitution provides that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” and that “no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.” Only in flagrant violation of these safeguards to the nation’s liberty, can any religious observance be enforced by civil authority.

When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of “heresy.” In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.

Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines. Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience. An example of this is given in the long-continued persecution of dissenters by the Church of England. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, thousands of nonconformist ministers were forced to flee from their churches, and many, both of pastors and people, were subjected to fine, imprisonment, torture, and martyrdom.

It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy—the beast. Said Paul: “There” shall “come a falling away, ... and that man of sin be revealed.” 2 Thessalonians 2:3. So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast.

Each of you individually and collectively will be a point of our prayers,
Tom Harkins – Engineer - Ventura CA

From: Will Lambert <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Religious Liberty Commission Report

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:51:37 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am writing with deep urgency and concern about recent policy proposals that would establish a “universal day of rest” and promote laws that align civil life with particular religious traditions. As a constituent who values both religious freedom and civil rights, I believe these proposals pose a serious threat to the constitutional protections that safeguard minorities in the United States.

The First Amendment was designed not only to protect religion, but also to protect Americans from religious coercion by the state. When government policies begin to reflect the theology, rhythms, or moral priorities of one dominant religious tradition, they inevitably burden those who do not share that tradition.

For Jewish Americans who observe the Sabbath on Saturday, Muslim Americans who gather on Friday, Seventh-day Adventists who keep Saturday holy, and millions of non-religious Americans, a state-endorsed “day of rest” rooted in Christian tradition is not neutral policy—it is structural pressure to conform. Even if exemptions exist on paper, the social, economic, and institutional effects of such laws would disproportionately disadvantage religious minorities and dissenting consciences.

History teaches us that when governments fuse religious ideals with civil law, minorities are the first to suffer. From colonial-era religious establishments to Jim Crow laws justified by theology, and from anti-Catholic legislation to discrimination against Jews and Muslims, the lesson is clear: when the state privileges one religious worldview, equal citizenship erodes.

Religious liberty means more than the freedom of the majority to practice its faith. It means the protection of the minority from the majority’s faith becoming law.

I am deeply concerned that these proposals move our nation toward a system in which religious identity determines social standing and economic opportunity. That is not only unconstitutional—it is a betrayal of the American promise that all people stand equal before the law, regardless of belief.

I urge you, as a guardian of the Constitution, to oppose any legislation that blurs the boundary between church and state or that imposes religious norms through civil policy. Protecting religious freedom requires protecting pluralism, dissent, and conscience—not enforcing uniformity.

Our democracy depends on the principle that faith must be chosen, not compelled, and that citizenship must never depend on creed.

Respectfully,

Will Lambert, Jr.

[REDACTED] PII

From: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII>

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty Chapter 14, my comment

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:55:29 -0400

Importance: Normal

Religious Liberty Chapter 14

If we do not protect those who follow God through their conscience we will be subjugated by those who reject both God and conscience.

From: Mike Clendenning <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - Establishment Clause - Michael Clendenning

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:58:40 -0400

Importance: Normal

Sent from my iPhone To the Religious Liberty Commission:

I write as a private citizen from New Lenox, Illinois, because I believe the two religion clauses of the First Amendment are not rival concerns to be balanced but a single principle, and I want the Commission to weigh that principle carefully before recommending any measure that brings government into religious matters.

Consider first what happens even when a religious law favors the majority's own faith. Any such law must define which religion it protects, and that definition necessarily excludes some believers while placing the rest under permission rather than freedom. As one nineteenth-century witness put it to a Senate committee, it is impossible to frame a law on the subject of religion that will not prohibit the free exercise of religion. A believer who welcomes state endorsement of his own creed today is handing a tool to whatever majority holds power tomorrow — a majority that may not share his convictions at all. He is also, in a subtler sense, legislating against his own future conscience, foreclosing the very liberty to be persuaded that religious freedom is supposed to protect.

This is not only a constitutional argument but a Christian one. Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's draws a line between two jurisdictions: civil government may punish injuries between neighbors, but it has no authority over duties owed to God. The test is simple and needs no religious inquiry at all — is the action civil or uncivil, does it harm another person's rights. The moment government sponsors a religious text, display, or lesson, it crosses into the jurisdiction Christ reserved for God alone, and it does so in the name of a faith whose own founder forbade it.

History also teaches that coercion cannot produce belief, only compliance. Forcing attendance or observance may produce hypocrites, never Christians, because love for God cannot be legislated. Worse, the church that accepts state sponsorship pays a price of its own: fifteen centuries of established Christianity produced, in Madison's accounting, pride and indolence in the clergy and superstition and persecution in the laity. A faith that needs the police power to sustain it has already confessed something troubling about its own vitality. Grant's counsel remains sound: leave religion to the family altar, the church, and private conscience, and keep government out of it entirely.

Finally, the historical record shows why these things never stop at a modest first step. Constantine's first Sunday law, issued while he still held a pagan priestly office, set in motion a chain running through Augustine's theory of righteous compulsion to the Inquisition itself— and along the way the state, having taken sides in religious controversy, lost even its ability to keep civil peace. The last step is contained in the first, because the first concedes that government may define and enforce religious duty. No one today proposes anything so severe as an Inquisition. No one ever does at the outset.

Protect free exercise for all, and keep the state out of the business of religion. The two commitments stand or fall together.

Respectfully,
Michael Clendenning
New Lenox, IL

From: emilywilcox4liberty <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty Commission comment

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 02:01:40 -0400

Importance: Normal

Thank you for your long hours and efforts to protect religious liberty in our country according to our United States founders' intent in our governing document - the U.S. Constitution and the First Amendment.

1) I would like to see the attorneys carefully take out or change any language, loopholes or actions that could be misused by others, such as used by future leaders in office, or others, who might have more leanings toward communist-like beliefs and, as history has shown, would seek to shut down churches and religious practice. I have seen some phrases in the Religious Liberty Commission draft report, or summary report, that seems to leave room for misuse.

Here are a couple examples (there are more):

- A. "Any public official who alleges a person under their supervision has improperly engaged in religious expression must provide a written explanation of the alleged violation to the person accused within 30 days of any action and explain that charge based upon a specific constitutional provision or provision of law." - How will this be enforced? And once this is in place, couldn't it then make way for similar immediate punishments based on political ideology? Additionally, the phrase "or provision of law" opens it to not only be based on the U.S. Constitution but on any law, opening the opportunity for any law past or future to be used to justify accusation or justify some other future use of this provision.
- B. "Ask the Department of Justice to create a religious liberty task force to track and prioritize litigation protecting religious liberty." - having a task force to track litigation feels like overreach overseeing religion and religious issues. Couldn't that, then, be reversed and turned on it's head and then used against religions? Prioritizing certain litigation, means something else would be unprioritized. Couldn't this be used to effectively table or delay litigation that could be of a lower priority or even against the political ideas of those in power at a future time and of a different opinion? Aren't we all created equal? Don't we all have a right to our day in court? Let's endeavor to keep faithful to our U.S. Constitution.

2) The United States Constitution limits the national government to the exercise of powers granted expressly or by implication, and it reserves all other government powers "to the States respectively, or to the people." We the people do not want the expansion of government nor it's overreach, for it is detrimental for the citizens and for the country as a whole. Please limit the actions recommended and taken to protecting our God-given rights including freedom of religion.

Thank you for suggesting reversing laws that infringe on those rights, correcting the misconception of "separation of church and state" while maintaining the proper uninvolved of government in churches and religion.

Please do not create more government organizations, such as the recommendation to create "a permanent body entrusted with this work, like the government entities created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998."

And "the Commission recommends that the President and the White House Faith Office encourage the formation of Religious Liberty Commissions and Faith Offices in all 50 states and internationally."

Please respect that states have the right and responsibility to education. Federal government litigation against state-run education probably isn't the culture and atmosphere we want in our country. And it could be used for topics that would not be beneficial.

There could be much done in creating an environment of free exercise of religion and beliefs.

Thank you for your time and efforts,
Emily Wilcox

From: Hoku Dixon <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Separation of Church and State – Hoku Dixon

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 02:09:51 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

Good day to you all.

I am writing to you this evening with a heavy conscience. I have read your draft report and it seems clear to me that what is being stated is that the separation of church and state is un-American and unconstitutional.

As a citizen of the United States of America, I would humbly request that we take a brief look in the annals of time.

Throughout history, there have been multiple levels of coercion from many different facets of the human race. Once a group of humans obtain power, no matter how benevolent things are at the beginning, someone somewhere decides to try and take that power. So, the group that has the power has to fight to keep the power. In this fight, we typically see the innocents suffer and corruption increase. With earthly power corruption almost always follows. This corruption leads to an abuse of that power. Abuse of power leads to coercion.

It can be argued that even amidst coercion, we always have a choice. We can choose to stand against that coercion, even if it costs us. Depending on what is at stake, maybe that coercion violates your freedom of conscience. Millions of people have gladly given their lives because they decided that it was more important to stand for freedom than to live a lie.

If we are intellectually honest, we will note that this idea of religious freedom is exactly why the founding fathers of this country left Europe. There was a religio-political system that was using coercion to remove the freedom to worship God according to their dictates of their own conscience. Many, many people were murdered because they wouldn't worship the way that they were told to worship - they were called heretics, and burned at the stake or even worse. People decided to brave the unknown across a dangerous ocean simply to have the ability to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience.

Now, we come to the crux of the matter: If we continue down the path of combining church and state, we will open the doors for the same thing to happen all over again. Yes, it may be said that we can limit how much power the church or a church has - or limit the power of the civil authority. However, how are we able to guarantee that one specific church doesn't get to call the shots? How can we ensure that we don't repeat history and give a church body, however noble and benevolent, civil authority?

Members of the Religious Liberty Commission, there are two tables to the Ten Commandments. There are the first 4 commandments that pertain specifically to your individual relationship between you and God - in other words, the vertical relationship. The next 6 commandments are specific to the relationship between you and your fellow human beings - your horizontal relationships. By choosing to be a part of society (i.e. the United States of America), we agree to be under laws that govern these last 6 commandments - otherwise, we

wouldn't have a healthy society. However, can man dictate to another man how he is to manage the first 4 commandments? Are these commandments not between the individual and God alone?

By making efforts to combine church with civil authority, it is inevitable that the church - through the power of the civil authority - will attempt to impose laws that would interfere with a citizen's vertical relationship - their relationship with God. This is not only un-American and unconstitutional, but it is also un-Christian. To that point, I would assert that the separation of church and state is absolutely constitutional and absolutely American.

It is my prayer to our Creator that you would please consider all these things prayerfully.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Hoku Dixon
Denver, CO

From: T Davis <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Separation of church and state

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 02:17:45 -0400

Importance: Normal

As an american voter I want church and state to be remain separate. Having a bridge built between them will create to much of a conflict of interest and will compromise freedom of choice as we currently know it. We are a blend of religions and theologian beliefs in America and already we do not all agree on any one form. Blending church and state opens the door for state to take control of church and vice versa. Completely asking for cival war and trouble. The constitution protects our rights and separated the two deliberately and purposely. It was because of their original persecution that it was written the way it was. Do not rewrite our laws in unconstitutional manners!

Tamara R Davis

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” —Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV May the LORD God of the Heavens and the Earth Bless You Always, and in ALL Ways...~Tammy~

From: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII>

To: [REDACTED] PII

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Separation of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 02:20:36 -0400

Importance: Normal

July 13, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this email to place in writing my firm belief that the decision that our Founding Fathers made when developing the Constitution and the Bylaws, they wrote thinking of a distinct separation of church and state was mandatory. Many diaries and writings exist where this belief was expressed because church and state in their own countries were NOT separate. They wanted America to be different, and this is one of the major reasons it has been so successful. I want to express that I am adamantly opposed to the public or government funding of religious non-profit activities on public campuses, such as religious (universal or unique) clubs, schools, and any other organization. Stay out. Instead, that specific church or religious denominations, and it's members should pay for their own activities through private freely offered donations. Taxpayers should not be obligated to pay those expenditures. Many times these decisions are made with the best intentions not realizing that people in the future will take thought and abuse it. History guarantees that.

Each person has the right to practice religion in their private and personal way. Religion should never be thought of as one size fits all. We each have a personal and unique experience. A person should be free to pursue (any) faith or no faith, but there should not be a state established coerced universal faith, religious practice or tradition. Keep the lines between the two distinct and separate. The United States government should maintain neutrality in its relationship to (any) religion. This is a huge advantage of being an American, along with freedom of speech and our second amendment. History has shown the detriment, brutality, persecution, imposed isolation, denial of liberty and the pursuit of happiness that occurred to the public, and people of faith during the Dark Ages. Please uphold separation of church and state. The wisdom when American was started was a good idea then, and it still is a good idea. The concept of religious liberty is in the U.S. Constitution for a sound reason. I urgently request that the Johnson Amendment be enforced.

Thank you for your time in reading my letter.

Janece Jung
Redlands, CA.

From: Cheryl Heward <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – [Religious Liberty Commission] – [Report]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 02:21:21 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

It is very important to remember that America in the beginning was a nation built on Jesus Christ and His gospel message.

Christ followers were never intended to be kept out of politics. But, government was intended to be separate from churches.

The first amendment specifically states "Congress shall make no law regarding The establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.... "That is the first most important of our Protected right as a free People. What happened in the 60s was tragic. For over 150+ years Since the founding in 1776praying at schools and reading Bible and learning good citizenship and morals was not prohibited in our public schools here in America. There was nothing unlawful with students or teachers or faculty or regular public displays of Christian beliefs before this time, And even the public school blue back speller to teach spelling had many biblical Concepts in it for millions of children over the years.

The government has no business poking its nose in our churches.

The churches, however, should be encouraging its membership to be involved in public office because that would hopefully ensure the elected officials would be a better, more moral leadership.

I do hope that the commission will not strip the 1st Amendment of its Protection of religious freedom here in the United States of America. That is what makes us so special. Our duty to God should always come first, and that was why the founders made it the 1st Amendment and why it needs to be protected, not twisted and contorted into something other than what it was intended to be.

There will always be tyrants and our duty to God will be to resist the tyrant.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Heward
Nevada City
California

From: Karen W <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious liberty for ALL

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 02:29:02 -0400

Importance: Normal

To whom it may concern: I am for strong walls of protection regarding the separation of church and state. Presently, our government has become too involved in pushing Christian Nationalism. It is neither biblical nor safe to be doing. Jesus never taught this to His followers; rather He asked them to render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

Please respect the God-given right of Americans to worship the way they want to, or to not worship at all and keep government out of religion.

I am a devout Christian and patriotic senior American who has lived long enough and studied enough history to know that religious nationalism of any kind leads to serious problems. It's a slippery slope to destruction. Protect religious liberty and the wall of separation at any cost!

Blessings,
Karen Wasiczko

From: Annmarie Cardenas <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 02:35:17 -0400

Importance: Normal

Please work to protect the rights of Christians of all denominations in our beloved country. We feel threatened by what we see happening in our land by those who are not tolerant toward Christians. Please keep church and state separate. While we appreciate trying to do well for the benefit of all of our citizens, this is not the way.

Annmarie N Cardenas
Redlands, CA
July 13, 2026
11:35 pm

From: Beatrice Pineda <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Separation of Church and State the seizures spoke an ACSAR Cesar S

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 03:05:53 -0400

Importance: Normal

To whom it may concern:

Freedom to chose one's religion and practice it in their daily lives has long been a beautiful and protected blessing in this country. We ask our leaders and those involved in lawmaking to consider the path that changing or amending the constitution will lead our country down. If church and state should not be separate then history has taught us that persecution almost always follows.

Christ said to render under Caesar what is Caesar's and render unto God what is God's. The United States is different from the Roman empire, who used coercion in both its pagan and papal forms. We should never mandate a communal day of rest and worship because that is a violation of conscious and God does not use coercion.

As Christians, we should seek to change the world through our witness and a Christ filled life and not through policy making and snuffing out the rights that belong to all Americans to worship as our conscience dictates.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter of liberty,

Daniel and Beatrice Rackley

From: tricia Kaiser <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 04:15:58 -0400

Importance: Normal

I agree with Pillar of Freedom's comments. Please implement them. I also request that you fully enforce the Johnson Amendment.

Thank you
Tricia Kaiser

From: "[REDACTED PII]" <[REDACTED PII]>

To: "[REDACTED PII]" <[REDACTED PII]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Freedom

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 06:39:05 -0400

Importance: Normal

I am writing as a concerned citizen and Christian that one of the foremost principles on which this country was founded is in jeopardy. That principal is that of the separation of church and state. Many decisions being made by local and federal governments are blurring the lines. While it is understandable in some instances, as we try to find effective resolutions to many of society's ills, it is also dangerous. One of my favorite authors puts it this way in a nutshell: When the church looks toward government to enforce it's moral principles, it creates an environment of corruption and inevitably the church is compromised.

Church and state need to be kept separate.

Michelle Cammack

From: Charlie OKelley <[REDACTED] PII >

To: c[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 06:57:16 -0400

Importance: Normal

To whom it may concern,

My name is Charlie and I'm writing to voice my concerns about the uniting of church and state.

I have been a Christian for over thirty years and have been a strong supporter of conservative beliefs. I am more than happy to see people stand up for religious freedom. However, I do have concerns when it comes to the powers of church and state merging together.

As I have studied the pattern of past history throughout the dark ages, it was religious power that professed to believe in Christ that did the persecution. The puritans who first came to America came here to get away from this authoritarian type of worship. It saddens me to think that people here are ready to revive this same type of course that was throughout all Europe.

It is my plea that while preserving religious liberty, you not merge church and state together. I hope you will prayerfully and thoughtfully consider this matter and the road that we are about to go down. As powers change quite often within the state, think of the consequences that may occur should this take place.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely Charlie O'Kelley

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: David Ellise <[REDACTED] PII>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 07:42:29 -0400

Importance: Normal

Time is Running Out: You have Until July 13, 2026, to Make Your Voice Heard

The time to act is now. Submit your concerns to the Presidential Religious Liberty Commission by July 13, 2026, and make your voice heard. Express your objections to the Commission's draft report, which recommends building "bridges" between church and state and reversing the longstanding constitutional principle that government should remain neutral toward religion—neither promoting nor prohibiting the free exercise of faith in America.

Send your email to the Religious Liberty Commission at [REDACTED] PII

Below is my letter to the Commission:

To the Members of the White House Religious Liberty Commission,

I respectfully submit this public comment out of deep concern for the future of religious liberty in the United States. I urge the Commission to reject any recommendation directed at the Department of Justice or any other branch of government that would weaken the historic constitutional principle of keeping religion and government institutionally separate, as well as any proposal that encourages greater unity between the two.

America's greatest contribution to the cause of religious liberty has not been the state's endorsement of religion, but the protection of every person's God-given right to worship according to conscience without government interference. This principle has allowed religious communities of every tradition to flourish in freedom while preserving civil peace.

As a Bible-believing seventh-day Sabbath keeper, I write from the perspective of a religious minority whose spiritual ancestors experienced firsthand the dangers that arise when government aligns itself with the religious majority. During America's colonial period, Baptists, Quakers, Jews, seventh-day Sabbath keepers, and many other religious minorities endured discrimination, imprisonment, fines, and civil persecution because certain established churches enjoyed the support of the state. These injustices were among the very reasons the Founders rejected religious establishments and adopted the First Amendment.

The experience of Seventh-day Adventists provides another historical warning. During the late nineteenth century, Adventists who faithfully observed God's seventh-day Sabbath were prosecuted under Sunday laws that were imposed, once again, by the religious Christian majority. Some of our fellow believers were fined, imprisoned, and even forced into chain gangs because they chose to honor Saturday as the biblical Sabbath rather than conform to popular Blue Law Sunday observances. Their only offense was obeying the dictates of conscience and remaining faithful to their religious convictions. Their experience stands as a warning that whenever civil authority is used to enforce religious beliefs or practices, freedom of conscience is inevitably endangered, and religious minorities are often the first to endure discrimination and persecution.

The medieval Inquisition demonstrated how religious institutions armed with civil authority suppressed dissent through torture, punishment, and even death. Various forms of religious extremism, including movements that have justified violence in the name of Islam, have shown how state-backed religious ideology can deny liberty of

conscience. Likewise, communist regimes that officially embraced atheism illustrate the opposite side of the same error: when government suppresses religion altogether, believers are again persecuted. Though these different oppressive systems differed in ideology, they shared one common characteristic—the concentration of civil power over matters of conscience.

The strength of the American constitutional system is that it avoids these extremes. Government was never commissioned to direct the spiritual lives of the people. The mission of the state is to preserve order, protect individual rights, and secure equal treatment under the law. The mission of the church is altogether different: to preach the gospel, emphasize truth and love through persuasion, not coercion, and call people to a voluntary faith, as Jesus did. These two institutions are strongest and remain uncorrupted when each remains within its proper sphere.

Our nation has become home to a diverse group of churches, synagogues, mosques, and religious communities because government has generally refrained from controlling or establishing religion. This constitutional heritage has protected both the majority and the minority alike. I therefore respectfully urge the Commission to recommend policies that reinforce—not diminish—the constitutional barriers separating ecclesiastical authority from civil government. Religious liberty is best preserved when government neither advances nor inhibits religion but instead protects the equal rights of all people to follow their own conscience.

The United States must remain a nation where every church is free to proclaim its beliefs without governmental control and where every citizen is free to worship—or not to worship—without governmental pressure. History has already taught us the consequences of abandoning this principle. We should not repeat mistakes that countless generations have paid dearly to overcome. For if we do, we would once again be fanning the flames of intolerance, religious bigotry, and injustice.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ellis

PII

From: Stefan Zafiu <[REDACTED] PII >

To: <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to RLC recommendations

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 08:24:31 -0400

Importance: Normal

o the Department of Justice:

Thank you for receiving public feedback on the Religious Liberty Commission's recommendations of June 26, 2026. Thank you for your willingness to do something about the seemingly lopsided agenda of certain administrations.

While we support portions of the Commission's work, we write to register our objection to Recommendations 1, 5, 7 and 9.

Our first concern involves the proposed DOJ guidance on the Establishment Clause. At the public release of the recommendations, Commission Chair Dan Patrick asserted that the separation of church and state has no basis in the Constitution. This claim is contradicted by the very men who framed the First Amendment. James Madison, its principal author, wrote plainly "The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries." - Letter objecting to the use of government land for churches, 1803, and Thomas Jefferson affirmed that the American people, through the First Amendment, had built a wall of separation between church and state. John Adams also signed the Treaty of Tripoli in 1797, which stated that the government of the United States is "not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion." Any guidance shaped by the Chair's mistaken premise would rest on an improper, not a proper, understanding of the Establishment Clause.

We witness a church and state union via history in our past throughout Europe via the Roman Catholic Church and then in Ireland through the Church of England and in England itself. The end result for everyone of them was the government establishment of both churches which led to the same types (and even greater) of human rights violations, in varying degrees. History further provides a historical witness of this in the former Japanese empire with its established Shinto religion and again in a more modern sense, in the communist countries with their established form of leader and government worship. And how can we ignore the religious government of Iran in which there is a war which we're currently engaged in. History explains why the Founders erected that wall of separation. Church-state unions—not atheism—imprisoned William Penn, banished Roger Williams, publicly whipped Obadiah Holmes, executed William Tyndale for translating the Bible into English, silenced Galileo, Milton, and many others through censorship, and burned Michael Servetus in Calvin's Geneva. Free speech and a free press flourished in America largely because church and state were kept distinct. Madison warned that citizens must "take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties," and we take that warning seriously.

If one delves further into it, history of a united church and state clearly reveals that The Church of England following in the Roman Catholic Church's persecutorial footsteps where Latimer, Ridley, Cranmer, and so many others died at the hands of those who claimed to follow the humble Jesus who rebuked His disciples when they wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan village that didn't accept Him. In Switzerland, Germany, and the Low Countries, Anabaptists were persecuted by secular authorities motivated by both Protestant and Catholic forces. In America, Rhode Island was founded by Roger Williams who was forced to flee in the dead of winter because of his religious views, including his belief that church and civil government should remain separate. Rhode Island became an early model of religious liberty, and those principles later influenced the American commitment to religious freedom and the separation of church and state.

Second, we object to repealing the Johnson Amendment. Although we're not fans of the Johnson Amendment and find flaws with it, we more strongly believe the Bible reveals Christ Himself distinguished what belongs to Caesar from what belongs to God. Removing this safeguard would invite churches to trade endorsements and congregational resources for political favors, corrupting both religion and government. Madison observed that religion in America has thrived precisely because of its total separation from the state.

We therefore respectfully ask that the Department decline to adopt Recommendations 1, 5, 7 and 9, and instead convene public hearings, with written and oral submissions, to study the history and meaning of church-state separation more thoroughly. We would gladly support and participate in such a study.

Respectfully submitted,
Stefan Zafiu
Business Owner, Idaho

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Hernan Schmidt <[REDACTED] PII>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pillar of Freedom

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 08:43:49 -0400

Importance: Normal

I agree completely with all the
"Pillar of Freedom" comments/ admonitions/Declarations/ Warnings.

Thomas Jefferson wrote:

"Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, & not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between Church & State...."

We must maintain separation of church and state

Hernan Schmidt MD

From: Denise Hughes <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote for religious liberty! Voice your opinion on freedom to worship. Today is the last day! This will make it easier to send, just copy & paste! Emailto:RLC@usdoj.gov
Subject: preserving separation between church and state . To the Members of the Religious Liberty Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to submit this public comment. I appreciate the Commission's desire to protect the free exercise of religion. Religious liberty is one of America's greatest blessings because it recognizes that faith is a matter of conscience and that every person is accountable to God for his or her own beliefs. Scripture teaches that civil government has an important role in maintaining justice and order. It also teaches that worship belongs to God alone. Jesus Himself distinguished between the responsibilities of government and the responsibilities of faith when He said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). This principle has served as a foundation for religious freedom throughout our nation's history. I respectfully urge the Commission to preserve this distinction. Government best fulfills its role by protecting every citizen's freedom of conscience rather than promoting, endorsing, or compelling any form of religious practice. The rights guaranteed by the First Amendment protect not only those whose beliefs are popular, but also those whose convictions differ from the majority. History repeatedly demonstrates that whenever civil authority becomes closely joined with religious authority, liberty of conscience is eventually weakened. The strongest safeguard for religious freedom is a government that neither interferes with sincere religious practice nor uses its authority to advance religious observance. Faith is most genuine when it is embraced freely, never through pressure or coercion. As the Commission develops its recommendations, I encourage you to continue strengthening protections for the free exercise of religion while also preserving the constitutional principles that prevent government from establishing or favoring religion. In doing so, you will help ensure that Americans of every faith—and those of no faith—remain free to follow the dictates of conscience without fear of discrimination or compulsion. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your service to our nation. Respectfully, (name)

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 08:57:18 -0400

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From: Cynthia Dyke <[REDACTED] PII>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 09:16:07 -0400

Importance: Normal

The separation of church and state is absolutely necessary to prevent oppression or persecution by the dominant religious body, as has happened throughout history.

From: Phebe Martin <[REDACTED] PII >

To: Emma Kliwer <[REDACTED] PII >

Cc: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 09:40:54 -0400

Importance: Normal

Praise & thank God, igsoon ko, sa imong spirit-filled reply! Hinaot precious souls will come to know Him as the replies are read w/ the bidding of the Holy Spirit.... Salamat for sharing, sister dear!

On Mon, Jul 13, 2026, 3:47 PM Emma Kliwer <[REDACTED] PII > wrote:
July 13, 2026

Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty
U. S. Department of Justice
[950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW](#)
[Room 5706](#)
[Washington, DC 20530](#)

RE: Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report

Dear Chairman Patrick, Vice Chairman Carson, and Members:

The pioneers of this nation, traversed land and sea to escape persecution from the Old World where the state acted in favor of one religion and persecuted individuals whose conviction differed from the established religion. Here in this land, our pioneers established "the government" which allowed religious liberty quite unlike any other.

The Religious Clause of the First Amendment to the US Constitution, which states that, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof", prohibits the government from establishing a national religion, endorsing any specific faith, or coercing citizens to participate in religious activities. Thomas Jefferson famously coined the phrase "wall of separation between church and state" to describe this religious clause (in his Danbury letter <https://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/9806/danbury.htm>). This religious clause was designed to preserve religious freedom by ensuring the government remains neutral towards religion. Hence, the government cannot create a state-sponsored church or officially declare the United States a nation of a specific religion. Nor can the government favor one religion over another, nor can it favor religious belief over non-belief. It cannot force individuals to support or attend religious institutions. The right of an individual to hold any religious belief—or no belief at all—is absolute and cannot be restricted by the government.

For many years in this blessed nation, when the government maintained this wall of separation between church and state and remained neutral towards religious convictions, Americans have flourished and celebrated their freedom, fought wars side by side, lived peacefully together, traded with each other, celebrated holidays together, educated their children, planted farms and built this nation together whether they be Protestants, Amish, Catholics, Buddhist, Islam, Taoist, Atheist, Secularist and whatever other faith entities, belief systems or religious entities there may be in this nation of refuge.

When this nation favored the beliefs of Secularism and Atheism (which are belief systems tantamount to religion) allowing their predominance in educational systems, the neutrality towards religion was breached and encouraged this belief system that sought to dominate the others. Should this neutrality, this wall of separation between church and state be further breached, bridged or eroded, this nation will find religious systems competing for government favor and dominance over the others. Should the wall of separation be weakened and bridged, our nation will eventually follow in the footsteps of the Old World where there was no distinction between the rule of government and the dictates of the favored/established religion. Thus, as heirs and preservers of this blessed freedom, instead of building a bridge which will eventually erode wall of neutrality to religion, it behooves us all the more to uphold and strengthen this wall of separation of church and state which ensured religious liberty and respect of individual freedom of conscience which has blessed this country of refuge for 250 years. The God of heaven who has

blessed this nation, woos the heart of man but does not coerce the will. Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's (Matt 22:21). That is true separation of church and state.

In this 250th anniversary of our nation, my appeal to this honorable Commission is to maintain the freedom Americans have enjoyed as a result of maintaining the complete wall of separation between church and state.

Respectfully,
Emma Faith Kliewer

From: Jennifer Gray <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty Commission report comment

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 09:41:26 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

I'm writing as a deeply concerned Citizen to ask you to please reconsider the recommendations in your report that would weaken the separation of church and state — especially using government money to fund religious activities and repealing the Johnson Amendment.

When churches take government money or step into partisan politics, the corruption of politics comes into the church.

Churches end up competing for funding and answering to politicians instead of God — that's negative for the church and the country alike.

Separation wasn't a secular idea; people of faith built it to protect faith, and it's the reason religion has stayed strong here in the United States of America!

Please keep church and state separate.

From: Ruben Almaguer <[REDACTED] PII >

To: [REDACTED] PII

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Separation of church and state

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 10:18:17 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear RLC Chair, Vice Chair and members of the commission:

I write you to respectfully give “voice” to my thoughts and strong disagreement to your recommendation regarding reinterpretation of the establishment clause of the first amendment and the weakening of the principle of The Separation of Church and State.

To reinterpret the first amendment would be a clear violation and perversion of the principles on which The Constitution was framed and executed.

Those principles are what drove the pilgrims to flee their homeland in search of another, free from religious persecution and the union of church and state, which is what is slowly and I believe somewhat ignorantly being advanced by “reinterpretation” of The Separation of Church and State clause which is the “Pillar and ground of truth “ that has made America what is is, “The land of The Free”...

Jesus recognized the importance of maintaining the separation of church and state when He acknowledged that to Caesar should be given what belongs to him and to God, what belongs to God as can be witnessed in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The prophet Daniel also understood the importance of “rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is Gods” , when he without fear or shame rendered unto God prayer and obedience that what was by right His, but not by compulsion.

Christianity is a matter of conscience not a matter of or for government.

While the pilgrims were not the first Europeans to arrive in America fleeing religious persecution, they were doing just that. They lived and understood the corruption and dangers associated with the union of church and state and their willingness to risk their own lives as well as that of their children, gives us a glimpse into the struggles they faced and we’re running from. It may seem far-fetched and even impossible that anything like that could ever happen in the United States, but again I state that it cannot help but come to pass by compelling any belief or religion.

There is much talk today about recognizing the United States as “Christian” nation, but that too is a clear violation of the constitution and the teachings of Christ Himself.

Christianity is not ever to be compelled, because it cannot be! Forced obedience only results in rebellion and persecution as can be witnessed by what the news reports almost daily from the punishment, persecution and death of Christians all over the world.

The law of any Country, company, family or organization, speaks to and about the character of the members of said organization, (don’t cheat, steal, lie,etc). Those “laws “ are the foundation of their character. They do not cheat, steal or lie. One would call them “honest” or of good character. By the same account, The Law of God is a perfect representation of His character. To be of a “good character “, obedience to The Law of God is not arbitrary or optional. To violate that law has consequences , and because scripture affirms that God “changeth not”, has “no shadow of turning”, isē the same yesterday, today and foreverē, so also the constitution, it’s principles “change not” , so there is no room for “reinterpretation”.....

There is much more to be said regarding “Christian” and “religious freedoms “, and I pray that what I have written will be seen for what it is, not offensive or arrogant, but from the perspective of a conservative Christian American that loves Jesus and The United States.

I am a proud American and even prouder Christian, and The Jesus that I have come to know, attracted disciples by His disinterested love and example, not by compulsion. This principle of Christian love is what results in respect and obedience, not only to The Law of God, but also respect and obedience to the law of the land.

For these and many other reasons, I respectfully request that you reconsider “reinterpretation “ of the establishment clause and the liberties, religious and otherwise that will undoubtedly be be heavily impacted by

your actions.

Prayerfully; Elder Ruben Almaguer

From: Haskell <[REDACTED] PII>

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Draft Proposal

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 10:46:55 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Please register my comments regarding the Draft Proposal of the Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty.

July 13, 2026

Via email to [REDACTED] PII

Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Room 5706
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty Draft Report

Dear Chair Patrick, Vice Chair Dr. Carson, and members of the Religious Liberty Commission:

The Commission does well to examine our Country's rich history of religious freedom, the prize of all freedom loving people. It is human nature to want to control and dominate other people. Even in childhood we played games like King of the Hill. In human interactions this manifests itself in all areas:

- Finance—seeking greater market share, even to the point of monopoly;
- Government—imperialism and conquest fills the pages of history (even in the present age); and
- Religion—what beliefs and practices are acceptable in society.

History is replete with examples of governments that sought to define the 'official' set of beliefs. Wars were fought across Europe to expand political and religious hegemony. In that process, millions lost their lives to preserve their right to believe and follow their heart-felt convictions.

This country was established by many thousands of conscientiously believing individuals who left their homes, families, and fortunes, embarking on a treacherous journey to a 'New World' where they could experience religious freedom.

Once here, however, they participated in forming governments which reflected their common beliefs. Nine of these English colonies established 'official state churches.' The domination was perpetuated.

Thus our founding fathers, through broad and heated discussion, were exceedingly wise to include the First Amendment to the new United States Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...." It was enshrined even before "the freedom of speech," and "the right of the people peaceably to assemble." Indeed, it was not until this right was included that the Constitution was ratified.

Logically, this is imperative:

- Any church that appeals for, or depends on, the 'state' for support is a weak and ineffectual church.
- Any state that supports a church or religious organization [financially or philosophically] would rightfully expect influence over how those funds are used and over positions taken by that organization.

The inevitable result will be that:

- One or another religious organization will receive favorable treatment; and

- One or another political party will receive endorsement from groups or organizations seeking such funding.

The government must absolutely avoid this 'quid-pro-quo'.

That makes the re-enforcement of the Johnson Amendment all the more essential. Churches are devolving into free advertising for favored political candidates.

The "Wall of Separation" is **NOT** a luxury we can no longer afford. It is as essential as life and liberty itself. As a Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty, your duty is to rise above the current partisan pressures and protect this "wall" lest we degenerate into the kind of persecution seen in 17th Century Europe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. Haskell Williams". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

H. Haskell Williams

From: robert wooten <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: separation of church and state

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 11:02:06 -0400

Importance: Normal

edited statement: Date :7/13/26

From : Robert Wooten

To: The Religious Commission

Subject: **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DRAFT REPORT**

Dear sirs,

I disagree with your recommended position in the religious liberty draft report indicating that we should build a bridge between religion and the US government as well as recommending that government fund church functions and religious education. I feel it would be a grave error to make laws or executive orders that could lead to a religion run state. This will lead to persecution of religions that disagree or are different from the religion backed by government.

During the Dark Ages, the Holy Roman Empire, as well as in early American Puritan Colonies people who differed with the religion run state governments were persecuted, banished, tortured and murdered in the name of religion.

If you continue in this vein of thought and recommendation, you will be responsible for molding America into a society of persecution and the death of innocents that disagree with your beliefs. The direction you are heading will be a stepping stone to violation of the US constitution.

The POTUS is sworn to protect the constitution, not set it aside. President Trump sore this oath of office.

First Amendment

First Amendment Explained

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Presidential Oath

The oath is found in Article II of the Constitution. It contains 35 words and goes as follows:

- "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Rules, orders and Laws leading to the establishment of a religion run government or the insertion of religious laws or measures into the laws and regulations of the United States will be the same as establishing an ecumenical religion, thus violating our constitution.

Sincerely,

Robert Wooten

From: RLC (OASG) <[REDACTED] PII >

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2026 1:22 PM

To: robert wooten <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: Automatic reply: separation of church and state

Thank you for your email! Please be aware public comments to the Commission may be subject to public inspection. Please do not include personally identifiable information such as addresses, birth dates, or other details you may wish to keep private.

From: Marilyn Woodard <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 11:28:38 -0400

Importance: Normal

RE: Separation of Church & State

I support a WALL between Church & State...Not a bridge!

Marilyn Woodard
Richmond, VA

From: Jonathan Fish <[REDACTED] PII >

To: [REDACTED] PII

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious liberty

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 12:07:58 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

The rights protected by the First Amendment are individual and inalienable. They are not privileges distributed by majorities.

The Declaration of Independence teaches that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. From this follows a decisive principle: no person can delegate to government a power he does not himself possess. I have no authority over my neighbor's conscience. Therefore I cannot confer such authority upon the state—and neither can a hundred million citizens voting together. Any governmental power over religion is thus not a just power but a usurped one.

This is why conscience was placed beyond the reach of any vote. A majority of ninety-nine percent has no more rightful authority over the conscience of one dissenter than a lone autocrat has. As A. T. Jones warned the Senate in 1888, the danger extends even to the majority itself: "No man can allow any legislation in behalf of the religion, or the religious observances, in which he himself believes, without forfeiting his own religious freedom." The precedent that empowers today's majority will bind it when it becomes tomorrow's minority.

The draft report's recommendations—reinterpreting the Establishment Clause, promoting mandatory religious displays, expanding state religious instruction—all rest on the premise that a religious majority may use civil power to advance its faith. That premise is false, and it is dangerous to every American. History is replete with examples of persecution when the power of government is wedded to religious power. The two should be forever separated.

I urge the Commission to ground its final report in the inalienable rights of individuals, not the preferences of present majorities.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Fish

Mt. Shasta, California

From: Debbie Smith <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment- Separation of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 12:31:41 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Thank you for your work to help address issues of concern regarding religious freedom. I am a Christian and I'm very thankful to be a citizen of the USA which gives me and people of all faiths so much religious freedom. I respectfully ask that you uphold the separation of church and state as defined in the First Amendment of the Constitution. (Although not stated in the words "separation of church and state" the same concept is clearly there). When the state interferes with religion, bad things can happen and when religion gets too close to the state, bad things can happen. I realize that in recent years, in the United States, Christians have been banned from speaking about Jesus in public schools and from speaking against LGBTQ issues. I believe many of these instances are probably examples of government overreaching in regards to religion and not allowing "the free exercise thereof." If public schools are allowed to teach about other religions they should also be allowed to teach about Christianity. I appreciate your support of Christian's having the right of free speech, etc. There are two clauses in the First Amendment regarding religion, the first clause which guards against Congress making laws regarding the establishment of religion and the clause regarding Congress making laws against the free exercise of religion. I respectfully ask that you uphold both clauses—the establishment clause and the free exercise clause which will help uphold the balanced concept of separation of church and state which our founding fathers held.

Thomas Jefferson wrote: "Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, & not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State."

In history we see painful examples of what has happened when church and state have united. When church and state were united during the Middle Ages, the state church killed and persecuted millions of Protestant Christians for not following the state religion. In our day we see communist countries where the state makes laws against religion and Christians are persecuted for following and teaching the Bible. I believe this is also an example of dangers resulting from not having separation of church and state. We also see the example of Muslim countries where church and state are united and Christians are persecuted because there are state laws against practicing religion contrary to the state religion.

Thank you for reading and considering my comment and request to uphold the separation of church and state as found in the First Amendment of the Constitution—the separation of church and state that Thomas Jefferson and Roger Williams taught. Thank you for your work to help uphold the Constitution and uphold the freedoms that our founding fathers fought for.

May God bless continue to bless The United States of America!

Sincerely,

Debra Smith

David J Harris Jr.

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There were tips sent to the DOJ FARA Division and others regarding Hindutva and Ossoff and Warnock but what did they do with them?

But if the FBI / DOJ doesn't bring what's below up then you know they are CORRUPT and Hindu Kash Patel was likely put in place to help coverup that the RSS / BJP / OFBJP / VHP / Sangha Hindutva / Hindu Nationalist have been meddling/ interfering in our politics / elections for years including by helping build the Democrat Congressional Career of Tulsi Gabbard who colluded with OFBJP in Atlanta GA while they were a Unregistered Foreign Agent.

But before you read the email below lets look at some more of what a Hindutva Operative endorsed by Kash Patel has to say and I encourage you to go to her Facebook and see the Hindutva anti-Christian propaganda and lies she spews while Indian American Hindus including in Congress cry Hinduphobia while Hindutva are destroying Churches in India , falsely accusing Christians of crimes and jailing them and / or persecuting and killing Christians while the Trump Administration / US State Department is basically saying everything is great in India and US India are close friends and allies.

Purnima Nath

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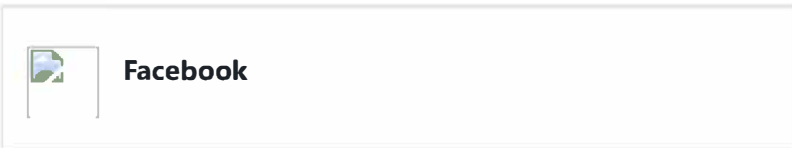
That CORRUPT, UNLAWFUL & ILLEGAL SETTLEMENT — shielding him and his family has been NULLIFIED.

Trump will fight to protect himself. And the MAGA faction will support him. It is time for the 80% of Americans to stand up for the right thing.

And for me? I will support the THIRD impeachment proceedings against [Donald J. Trump](#). Although I was against the first two,

I will support the third one. [#JaiMaaMahaKali](#) 🙏🍀

[#CorruptTrumpRegime](#) [#IRS](#) [#Settlement](#) [#TrumpShieldNullified](#) [#Conservatism](#) [#Republicanism](#)



See less

"I will be with Israel to our dying day."
"...just flatten it (Gaza) we flattened
Berlin, we flattened Tokyo".
~Senator Lindsay Graham (R-SC)
A Christian of Baptist Caste.

Who did he serve? American public or
foreign interests? Asking basic questions
like this will get you killed in America.
But I must stand for my principles and
ask these uncomfortable, politically
incorrect questions. He was NOT afraid to
call for 'bombing', 'nuking', 'flattening',
and killing people of other nations. The
VALUE OF A HUMAN to this departed soul
was ZERO. Should I respect him? No. Yet,
as a brown Hindu Indian American, I am
being TORTURED for my Hinduness and
Indianness. I will NOT subscribe to
warmongering, violent abrahamic
Ideologies.

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THE
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Radical reich-wing
fascio-Communist
global MAGA looters.

Oh look, the white
European coloniser
looters are looting
others' resources (oil,
gold, rare earth),
occupying others'
land and controlling
their politics —
AGAIN. Remember
those lectures from
them: 'no one should
control international
waters' ... YEAAH! As
long as it is them.
Bloody coloniser
hypocrites living up
to their DNA.

@PummeNeth

Trump Says US Should Control Strait of Hormuz, Get Reimbursed for It

Altan Gocher/Hans Lucas/AFP via Getty Images



What if the FBI / DOJ and J6 Committee would of connected the dots of the Indian American J6ers like they did with White J6ers and tried to make them into terrorist and radical organizations ?

Here is one of the other Democrat Politicians it would have taken them to and destroyed their false narratives & lies.

Sri Preston Kulkarni.

Remember at the time of J6 Tulsi was still a Democrat .

[Telugu man, member of VHP-USA, raises Indian flag during Capitol Hill attack](#)

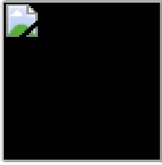


When I share something with you it doesn't mean I agree with the political ideology of whoever wrote.

Here is another Democrat who ran for office in 2020 and who has ties with the same Radical Hindu Organizations as the Indian American J6ers and Tulsi Gabbard. This guy had a lot of the same donors as Tulsi

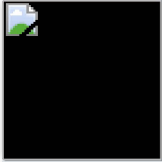
Also this guy helped Biden / Harris and Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock so he helped Democrat take the Senate in 2020. Atlanta Georgia is stronghold for the the RSS, BJP, OFBJP, VHP, Sangh, Hindutva Organizations

[Deep in the Heart of Texas, Dangerous Extremists Are Propping Up Democrat's Campaign](#)



Deep in the Heart of Texas, Dangerous E...

[Why is RSS in America Backing Sri Preston Kulkarni for US Congress?](#)



Why is RSS in America Backing Sri Prest...

From the above article-

"Yet at the same time that Walsh was leaving office, Tulsi Gabbard was entering office after having won her first election with the help of hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign donations by groups like the HSS (the international wing of the RSS), the VHP of America, and the OFBJP."

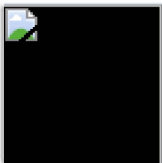
The Sanjay Puri mentioned below is the same one who helped put Biden / Harris in the White House, placed Indian American is the Biden Regime and who Vincent one of the J6ers has close ties with.

From above article-

"In July 2013, then BJP President Rajnath Singh visited Washington, DC to, in his words, "appeal to the US government to clear the US visa" for Modi. Gabbard was among the few representatives who met with him on Capitol Hill — a meeting where they were joined by Vijay Jolly (then chief of the BJP's Foreign Affairs Cell), Ram Madhav (then the spokesperson of the RSS), and Sanjay Puri (the founder of the US-India Political Action Committee, a pro-Modi group formed in the wake of the 2002 Gujarat Pogrom)."

Three months later, in October 2013, the VHP of America hosted Gabbard at an Atlanta event where Gokul Kunnath, a former RSS member, appealed to her "to initiate efforts to have a bipartisan resolution" inviting Modi to address a joint session of Congress.

[Sri Preston Kulkarni: Hindutva's Hope in Houston - Hindutva Watch](#)



Sri Preston Kulkarni: Hindutva's Hope i...

Mihir Meghani, a medical doctor, completed a clinical rotation in the mid-1990s which was reportedly arranged for him by an RSS *pracharak* (full-time worker) named Sunil Deodhar, a man who later served as Modi's campaign manager for the 2014 elections. Long affiliated with both the HSS and VHP-America (VHPA), Meghani made his mark on the BJP in 1998 when the party's website featured his essay in praise of "the Hindu nationalist movement that was sweeping India." He has personally donated \$11,899 to keep Kulkarni's campaign afloat.

Another \$2,000 has come from Bharat Barai. A long-time leader in the VHPA, Barai twice hosted Modi in his Indiana home in the 1990s. In the 2000s, after Modi was banned from entering the US, he began hosting regular video-conferences with the controversial Indian politician — and, in 2014, he traveled to India to physically campaign for the BJP.

Also traveling to India to campaign for the BJP in 2014 was Ramesh Shah, a Houstonian who has given \$1,651 to Kulkarni. A founder of Ekal USA and a former vice-president of OFBJP, Shah — like Barai — was not only a long-time leader in VHPA but also hosted Modi in the US in the 1990s.

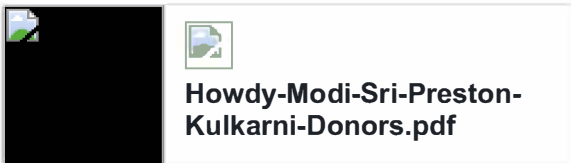
Another \$4,000 in donations came from Subhash Gupta who — besides his own long-time leadership role in the VHPA — is Chairman-Advisor to Ekal USA as well as president of Houston's HSS chapter (which was founded by Bhutada).

Also joining the army of American RSS activists who put boots on the ground to campaign for the BJP was Vijay Pallod of both the HSS and VHPA. Pallod (and family) have donated \$4,452 to Kulkarni's campaign. Pallod also, as he notes, holds the honor of having discovered Kulkarni in 2018 — just as, seven years earlier, he [discovered](#) Tulsi Gabbard.

[Sri Preston Kulkarni and Hindutva's Hub in Houston – People's Review](#)



[Howdy-Modi-Sri-Preston-Kulkarni-Donors.pdf](#)

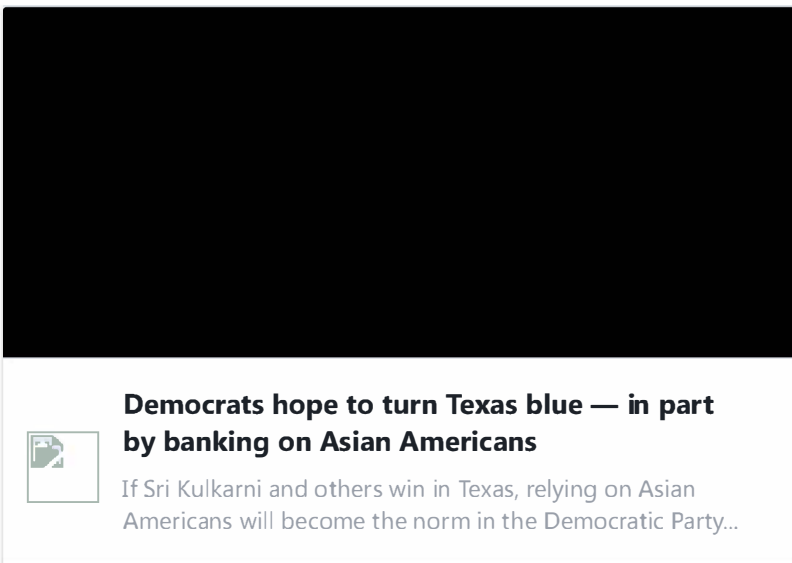
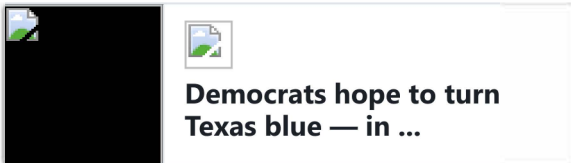


[Preet Bharara Moves to Dismiss RSS Scandal for Sri Preston Kulkarni](#)



Look who Democrats were using in 2020 to try and turn Texas blue-

[Democrats hope to turn Texas blue — in part by banking on Asian Americans](#)



Democrats hope to turn Texas blue — in part by banking on Asian Americans

If Sri Kulkarni and others win in Texas, relying on Asian Americans will become the norm in the Democratic Party...

God Bless, Will Rogers

From: S Holbert <[REDACTED] PII>

To: [REDACTED] PII

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preserve the Separation of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 13:01:35 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am writing to respectfully urge the Department of Justice to uphold the longstanding constitutional principle of the separation of church and state.

The First Amendment has served our nation well for nearly 250 years by protecting both the free exercise of religion and preventing government establishment of religion. These two protections work together to safeguard the freedom of conscience of every American, regardless of faith or no faith.

History repeatedly demonstrates the dangers that arise when government and religion become too closely intertwined. Throughout Europe, government-enforced religion led to persecution, violence, and suppression of religious minorities. Early colonial America also witnessed the punishment of individuals whose beliefs differed from the established religious authorities.

Our nation's founders understood these lessons. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and others recognized that religious liberty is strongest when faith is free from government control and government remains neutral toward religion.

As a Christian, I believe faith should always be the result of personal conviction—not government influence or coercion. Christ invited people to believe; He did not compel belief through civil authority. Genuine faith cannot be legislated.

The separation of church and state is not hostility toward religion. On the contrary, it protects every religious community by ensuring that government neither favors nor disfavors any particular faith. It allows churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and other religious organizations to practice their beliefs without government interference while protecting the rights of those who hold different convictions.

I respectfully ask the Department of Justice to preserve and defend the constitutional protections that have safeguarded religious liberty for generations. Please ensure that any recommendations or policies strengthen—not weaken—the separation of church and state and the freedom of conscience guaranteed by the First Amendment.

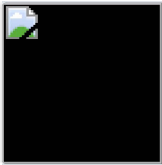
Thank you for your time and your consideration of my comments.

Respectfully,

Sharon Holbert, MBA, MA IDD

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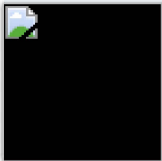
American Brannon Michael Parker worked as a Unregistered Foreign Agent for the RSS and introduced them to DEMOCRAT Tulsi Gabbard and they helped build her Congressional Career which I have evidence of which I will attach some below including one of the confessions by Parker to me during email exchanges and I also have confessions made during in person interviews.

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2019/12/india-supreme-court-orders-seven-kandhamal-christians-freed-on-bail-after-9-years-in-prison/>

I believe your client Senator Shawn Still is innocent regarding the charges related to the Trump Indictment but he may have committed others crimes related to this LIE of FRAUD of Hinduphobia because the Hindutva behind this and linked to Senator Still are NOT VICTIMS and use their success in the USA to hurt Christians and Muslims in India by supporting and backing and carrying out the agenda of the RSS / BJP / Hindutva / Modi Regime who regularly jail Christians by making false allegations against them regarding prayer, worship and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christians and persecuting and killing Christians.

Senator Shawn Still is was also incorrect because the Hindutva Organization in Roswell is linked to the Hindutva Organizations in the Kandhamal Riots persecuting and killing Christians. The VHP in India is the VHPA in the USA and the RSS in India is the HSS in the USA so basically they are linked to Hindutva Terrorist / Terrorism in Kandhamal and other parts of India. The RSS wasn't listed as a Terrorist Organization because of DEMOCRAT DOJ Hindu Official Preet Bharara who can be linked to DEMOCRAT Sri Preston Kulkarni who can be linked to GA US Senators.

This- [Georgia State Legislature Passes the First Ever County Resolution Condemning Hinduphobia and Anti-Hindu Hate - CoHNA](#)

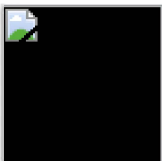


Georgia State Legislature Passes the Fi...

Hindutva Organizations in India are also known as the KKK of India and they helped build the Congressional Career of DEMOCRAT Tulsi Gabbard who has colluded with their Unregistered Foreign Agents in Atlanta GA which is one of the many tips the Fulton County DA's Office has ignored which I suspect is because Hindutva Unregistered Foreign Agents can also be linked to other Democrat including Biden / Harris who they helped steal the election in 2020.

Here is evidence of DEMOCRAT Tulsi Gabbard colluding with them in Atlanta GA. Please notice the Hindutva Organizations listed in the blog and then review the photos shots from Senator Shawn Still Facebook Page which I confronted him on and he threatened legal action against me which was wrong which I think you will understand why. Some of the same Hindutva Organizations who Tulsi Gabbard was colluding with are the same Senator Still was colluding with.

[Vijay Jolly](#)



Vijay Jolly

[Congress Woman Tulsi Gabbard Loksabha member Rajyavardhan Rathore and BJP leader Vijay Jolly speaks](#)



[BJP Foreign Affairs Cell Chief: Tulsi Gabbard's Re-Election "Foregone Conclusion"](#)



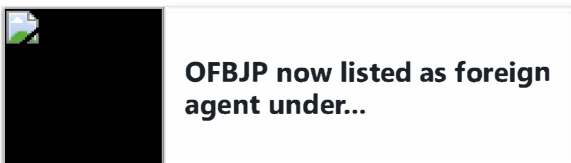
I am not sure of the location of this video of DEMOCRAT Tulsi Gabbard colluding with the same Hindutva Organizations Unregistered Foreign Agents.

This helped open the door for Hunter Biden and his partners to use the VP Office and US State Department to get access to Modi. Please see attachments below which fits into the Biden Crime Family Spree which Feds , Democrat and Big Tech helped coverup leading up to 2020 Elections.

[OFBJP Modi Victory Banquet: "Write a check to Tulsi Gabbard"](#)



[OFBJP now listed as foreign agent under US Law, ties with ruling BJP laid bare](#)

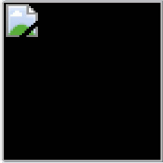


Some of the same Hindutva Organizations who Tulsi was colluding with can also be linked to DEMOCRAT Sri Preston Kulkarni who helped Biden / Harris get the Indian American Hindu supportd vote in 2020 and while the FBI& DOJ should have been investigating and holding accountable Hindutva Unregistered Foreign Agents and those they were colluding with including Biden / Harris.

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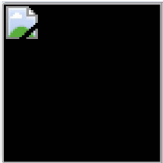


[Sri Preston Kulkarni and Hindutva's Hub in Houston – People's Review](#)



Sri Preston Kulkarni and Hindutva's Hub...

[Why is RSS in America Backing Sri Preston Kulkarni for US Congress?](#)



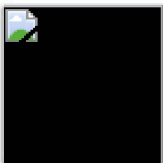
Why is RSS in America Backing Sri Prest...

Kulkarni also helped Ossoff and Warnock so basically you have someone linked to the KKK of India helping two Democrats in Georgia.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sriprestonkulkarni>

For 14 years, Sri served as a Foreign Service Officer, in Taiwan, Russia, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica and the State Department in Washington, DC. (He speaks English, Spanish, Russian, Hindi, Hebrew, and Chinese.) He also served as a Pearson Fellow in the U.S. Senate, advising Sen. Gillibrand on foreign policy, defense, and Veterans' affairs. In 2018 and 2020, Sri ran for Congress in Sugar Land, TX, coming within 4.9% of defeating a 10 year incumbent, running the the first 27 language campaign in US history, and the largest relational organizing of any congressional race. He then went on to Georgia to help Senators Ossoff and Warnock win their runoff election, helping to create the largest relational organizing program for any Senate race ever. He spent 1 year as a political appointee in the Biden Administration and then founded a political consultancy focused on campaign strategy an relational organizing, which launched 2 Million Texans the largest relational voter turnout network in the country. Sri holds degrees from the University of Texas and Harvard Kennedy School.

[How Sri Preston Kulkarni's Run for Congress Got Tangled Up in Indian Politics](#)



How Sri Preston Kulkarni's Run for Cong...

<https://www.indiaincblog.com/2020/11/06/unregistered-foreign-agent-ofbjp-was-colluding-with-democrats-in-nc/>

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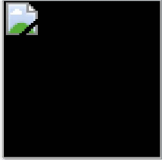
Please read the FIACONA Report attached below because its referring to many of the Hindutva Organizations I am referring to but it may not mentions them all by name. Page 16 and 17 is referring to some of the ones Tulsi Gabbard, Senator Shawn Still, Sri Preston Kulkarni, Rep Krishnamoorthi and others have been colluding with.

The Trump Administration , US State Department , FBI / DOJ and others have been aware of these Hindutva Organizations meddling / interfering in our politics / elections since 2018 / 19 and helping Democrat including Biden / Harris steal the Election

so its been well documented through my emails to the Feds and other agencies which I have made the Fulton County DA Office aware of.

This is a Congressional Briefing which FIACONA John Probhudoss is outing DEMOCRAT Rep Krishnamoorthi who helped Biden / Harris get the Indian American Hindu support/ vote in 2020 when the FBI& DOJ should have been colluding him accountable for colluding with the same Hindutva Unregistered Foreign Agents who Tulsi Gabbard was colluding with.

[US-based Hindu extremists are Funding Members of Congress: John Prabhudoss of FIACONA](#)



**US-based Hindu extremists
are Funding M...**

Subject:

Re: Reception to PM Modi - need invitations

From:

"Eric Schwerin" <[REDACTED] PII>

To:

"Hunter Biden" <[REDACTED] PII>

Date:

2014-09-23 13:30

You know who this is, right? That annoying guy that we dealt with a long time ago with that infrastructure project with Amitava where they accused us of a lot of bad things. Assume you don't want to help, right? I was just about to reach out to Carlos on Smita - no one else, right?

Eric D. Schwerin

Rosemont Seneca Partners, LLC

[REDACTED] PII

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 Consider the environment before printing this email.

On Sep 23, 2014, at 12:27 PM, Hunter Biden <[REDACTED] PII> wrote:

R. Hunter Biden

Rosemont Seneca Partners

Washington D.C.

[REDACTED] PII

Begin forwarded message:

From: Agni" <[REDACTED] PII>

Subject: Reception to PM Modi - need invitations

Date: September 23, 2014 at 11:35:20 AM EDT

To: Hunter R Biden <[REDACTED] PII>, Hunter Biden
<[REDACTED] PII>

Dear Mr. Hunter Biden,

I have the following only one personal request to you.

My pregnant daughter, Dr. Himabindu Jandhyala(38), MD, a US citizen and her husband Mr. Sandeep Reddy Alimineti (38) son of late Home Minister Madhava Reddy, an indian national hailing from an influential political family from AP, India are currently in US.

1. I request you to allow me to bring them over to your office and introduce them to you and

2. I request your good offices in helping them to attend the official reception to PM Modi by procuring the needed invitations.

Both these young people would be of immense help in any of your current or future NGO undertakings. My son in law, I understand, is worth a couple of hundreds of millions \$ worth and needs guidance.

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September 30th at the Department of State.

The details for this event are also listed below:

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.

****Due to security procedures we ask that all guests arrive no later than 12:4**

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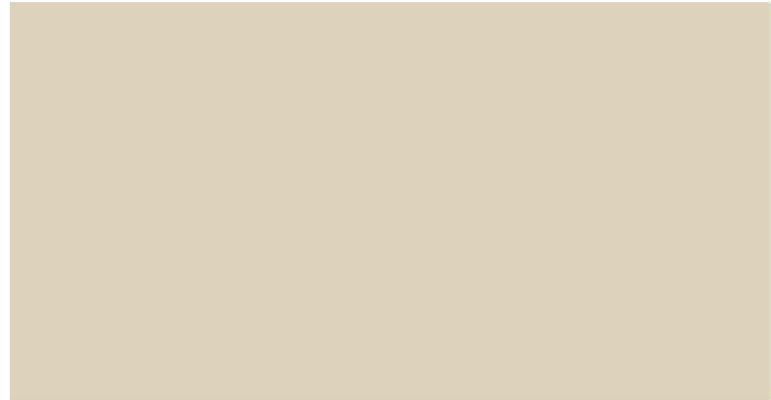
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FOREWORD

CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to author this report about the violence against Christians in India and its direct impact on the interests of the United States. I believe the violence against Indian Christians indicates where India is headed. It is up to us to determine what that means to America's national security and trade interests in that part of the world.

In the 1980s and 1990s, US policies towards China were driven by business interests. When the Tiananmen Square massacre happened, America sided with the business lobby. The US policy then was decidedly pro-Chinese regime with the false hope that China would change one day. America argued that any action to upset the Chinese leaders could hurt the pocketbooks of the American people.

Right about that time, America needed the cooperation of a military regime in Pakistan for its strategic interest in Afghanistan. America was more than willing to ignore the cherished principles to please a dictatorship and stood idly by witnessing the epic slide of Pakistan into becoming a radical state. The radicalization of Pakistan was taking place at the cost of the lives of the Christians, Hindus, and Ahmadis there in broad daylight. In Washington, diplomats and political leaders argued that America was in Pakistan only because of our strategic interests and not to police them or to tell them how to run their country.

As a result, America's long-term security interests, as well as its business interests, have suffered both in China and Pakistan. While Pakistan is permanently lost to being a much-needed American ally, China has become foe #1. In fact, China, flush with American dollars, is threatening the global order and America's primacy.

Now, successive American Administrations are again making a wrong choice in India. America seems to be ignoring India's epic slide into a radical religious state in recent years as Hindu nationalism is gripping the lives of millions of people. Hindu nationalism is taking India down the same path the Islamist parties did in Pakistan to that country during the 80s and 90s.

Instead of raising the alarm, America is now talking about how amenable the Indian nationalist leaders are to America's short-term goals in Asia. Political appointees at the NSC and DoS seem more interested in getting an agreement to sell a weapons system or soybeans rather than focusing on America's long-term interests.

If America is willing to turn a blind eye to India's slide into a religious fundamentalist state, the result will be the creation of another Pakistan or Sri Lanka-like country in South Asia. It will directly threaten America's national security interests in that region.

This 2023 Report shows in the strongest terms why naming India as a Country of Particular Concern is the least America could do in her own interest.

John Prabhudoss
Chairman, FIACONA

PREFACE

PRESIDENT

India's epic slide into becoming a radical Hindutva state must concern the US and other democracies.

A member of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) recently pointed out, as per the law, the President must accept the recommendations made by USCIRF after extensive research. The law also provides the President the authority to waive the mandatory sanctions that follow. But unfortunately, successive US Administrations have interpreted the law to ignore USCIRF recommendations.

The International Religious Freedom Act states

The Title IV: Presidential Actions - Subtitle I: Targeted Responses to Violations of Religious Freedom Abroad - Directs the President, for each foreign country in which the government engages in or tolerates violations of religious freedom (including particularly severe violations), to oppose such violations by taking certain actions and promoting the right to freedom of religion in that country.

(Sec. 402) Requires the President to review annually the status of religious freedom in each foreign country during the preceding 12 months, and to designate countries of particular concern for religious freedom, including agencies, instrumentalities, and officials responsible for particularly severe violations of religious freedom.

(Sec. 403) Directs the President to: (1) consult with the violating foreign government prior to taking any action against it; and (2) report to the Congress.

(Sec. 405) Specifies among the actions the President may take: (1) public condemnation; (2) delay or cancellation of scientific and cultural exchanges; (3) withdrawal, limitation, or suspension of U.S. development assistance and U.S. security assistance; (4) instruction of U.S. executive directors of international financial institutions to vote against loans primarily benefiting the foreign government responsible for such violations; (5) restrictions on the issuance of licenses to export any goods or technology to such foreign government; (6) prohibition against the making, guaranteeing, or insuring of loans, or extension of credit by certain U.S. financial institutions to the violating government; and (7) prohibition of U.S. Government procurement of goods or services from such government. Provides for: (1) commensurate actions in substitution for any of the above presidential actions; and (2) binding agreements with foreign governments obliging them to cease, or take substantial steps to address and phase out, the acts, policies, or practices constituting violations of religious freedom.

(Sec. 407) Authorizes the President to waive the requirements of this Act if certain conditions are met.

However, this law does not authorize the President or the Secretary of State to ignore the findings and recommendations of the Commission. FIACONA hopes that the US Administration will agree with the reasoning made in this report backed by overwhelming data.

One million plus Indian American Christians ask the US State Department to correct its wrong interpretation of the law and accept what the data shows about the extent of violence against Christians and other religious minorities carried out by a political party that is running the government of India by using the government agencies, institutions, and its officials. Failing to do so will amount to repeating America's past mistakes with China and Pakistan.

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President, FIACONA

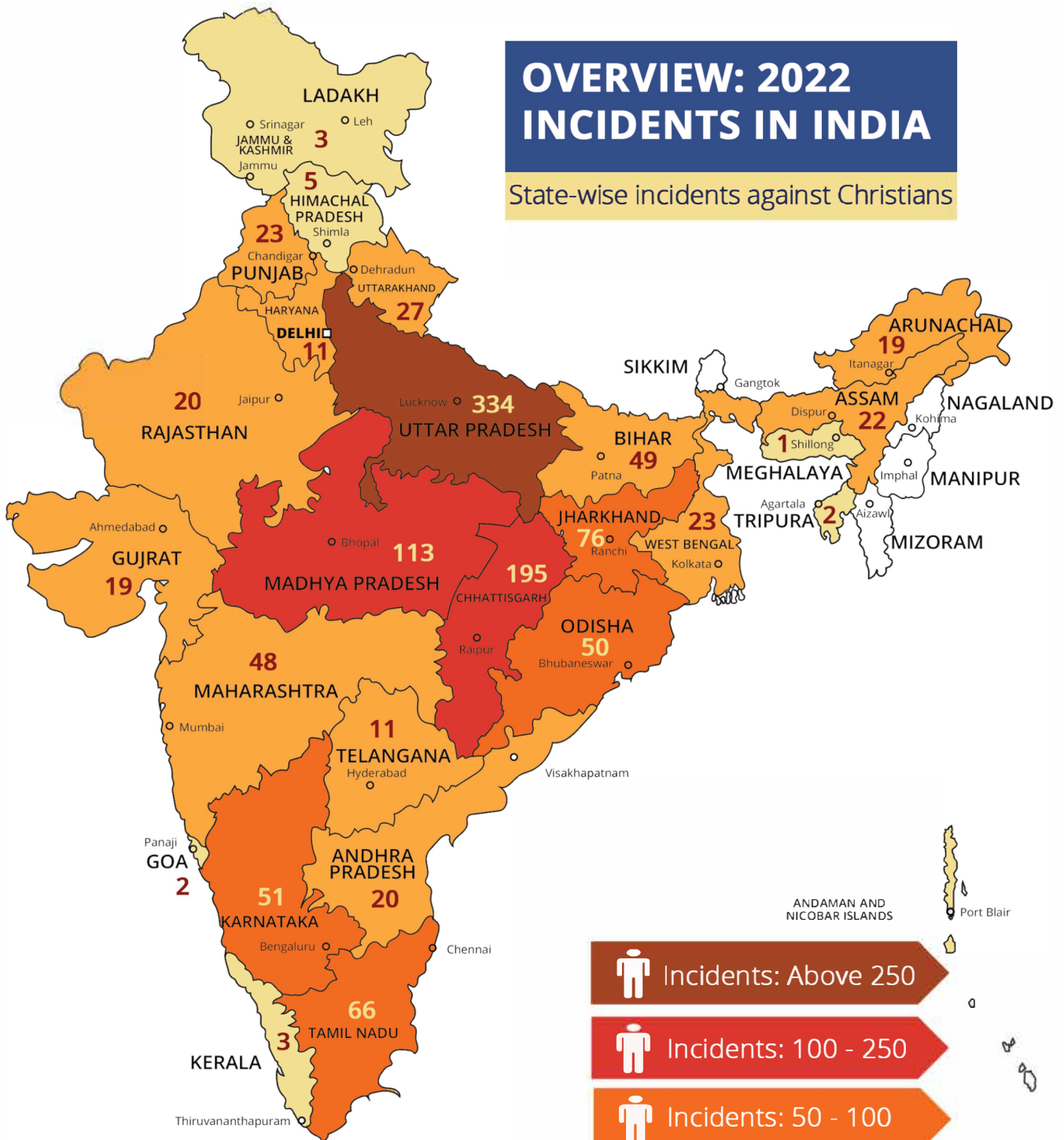
2023 REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

This is the second Annual Report produced by the Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations of North America (FIACONA) exclusively on India, to provide critical information and analysis for Washington policymakers.

- ✓ FIACONA has recorded 1198 cases of verified violence against Christians in India during the calendar year 2022.
- ✓ The data shows that violence against Christians in India is planned and orchestrated by Hindutva nationalist political parties as a part of a larger design to create a Hindus-only state, to the exclusion of the people of Abrahamic faiths.
- ✓ FIACONA urges that human rights-related issues be proactively integrated into US policies uniformly, not selectively.
- ✓ FIACONA believes that India's slide into becoming a Hindu nationalist state will adversely impact America's national security and financial interests.
- ✓ FIACONA urges the US Administration to advise the Union Government of India to collect data on the violence committed against all weaker sections of the society. Making such data public could discourage the fascist tendency from getting stronger in India.
- ✓ The US must require all international and corporate investors in India to incorporate 'Equal Opportunity Disclosure' labels to include religious and linguistic diversity for their hiring process in India.
- ✓ FIACONA asks that the US Congress pass a law that would allow the victims of religious violence to sue the perpetrators, be it a non-state actor or a government official, in the courts under the US jurisdiction for both criminal and civil negligence.
- ✓ FIACONA asks the US Administration to allocate 10,000 Asylum Visas annually for Christian victims of religious violence from India.
- ✓ This report quantifies the cost of ongoing harassment against Christians in US dollars. FIACONA estimates the total loss to be around \$100 million (INR 790 crores).
- ✓ FIACONA implores the Union Government of India to compensate victims for their losses, including lynchings, damages to churches, homes, and properties, jail time, psychological and emotional toll, and legal fees to defend against false charges.
- ✓ FIACONA calls on the Indian government to permit the victims of fake police cases to sue the officials involved for damages.
- ✓ FIACONA demands that the government of India reconstruct all churches and places of worship, including homes that were demolished illegally.
- ✓ There may be an effort to tone down the violence against Christians ahead of the G-20 Summit in September 2023 to avoid international criticism. But FIACONA expects violent attacks to increase following the Summit, based on earlier patterns of behavior by the Hindutva extremists.

OVERVIEW: 2022 INCIDENTS IN INDIA

State-wise incidents against Christians



Total 2022 Incidents Reported: 1198
Unreported: Hundreds



Incidents: Above 250



Incidents: 100 - 250



Incidents: 50 - 100



Incidents: 10 - 50



Incidents: Below 10



Incidents: No reports



INTRODUCTION

FIACONA

The Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations (FIACONA) is a not-for-profit established in 2000. The 2023 Annual Report, prepared and published in Washington, DC, presents authenticated and precisely documented real-time data for 2022. This data shows that attacks against Indian Christians were premeditated, organized, and meticulously planned and executed by India's Hindutva political groups and their network of organizations working closely with law enforcement and other agencies of the Hindu nationalist government.

Last year's 2022 Annual Report was the first of its kind in the Western World and was the beginning of the 'empirical and analytical' study of India's domestic social policy pertaining to Indian Christians.

According to the projections from the latest official census taken in 2011, Indian Christians would constitute over 30 million in 2022. By this count, Christianity is the third-largest religion in India.

This report, is an essential reading and reference material for law enforcement and government officials in countries where large numbers of Indian immigrants live, such as the USA, the UK, and other Western nations. Hindu nationalism and the radicalization of Hindu youth have reached US soil.

This report has documented and verified 1198 cases of attacks against Christians in India during the calendar year 2022. Thousands of attacks are believed to have never been reported.



BACKGROUND CASE STUDIES

In early August 2022, a Christian man, Madhavan, took a day off to visit his family during a wedding in his hometown. He was working in a town nearby. But when he reached his hometown, his children learned that he had recently become a Christian. The family disapproved of his conversion. So, they forced him to denounce his newfound faith. His children took his Bible and burnt it. He was harassed and verbally abused. But he refused to give up his faith.

A few days later, on August 14th, Madhavan's wife and son went looking for him in the town where he was working. They finally found him in a church. After a brief but intense argument, they assaulted Madhavan physically. But the man refused to fight back. The family took him with them to their home. Later Madhavan's charred body was found in the woods near their village.

It is not uncommon in India for people to profess different religious faiths living in the same household. For example, Sikhs and Hindus live together in the same household. Similarly, Christians marrying Hindus also live together. But lately, this is becoming an issue. One of the reasons for this change seems to be the Hindu nationalist party's constant propaganda against Christians.

In another incident on April 25, 2022, the Education Department officials of the state of Karnataka, ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), visited a Christian school in the city of Bengaluru and "investigated" if the school teaches Christian scriptures to students. It was prompted by a complaint from the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti, a religious extremist group affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

The Education Minister of the BJP government in Karnataka falsely claimed that there is no provision for compulsory Bible reading in schools. He promised that his government will take action against the school. According to the principal of the school, Mr. Mathew, their lawyers will answer all the questions raised by the government. However, according to the Indian Express, a local English Daily, alumni of the school have rejected the claims of the Hindu nationalists.

It is just one example of how the elected governments are on a witch hunt against Christian institutions in India under the BJP rule.

India did not experience any such institutional harassment until recently. Since her independence, the Union of India has made impressive progress towards becoming a modern liberal democracy with strong institutions of governance. But as the data in this report shows, such a trend toward becoming a liberal democracy holds true no longer. The data shows that India is becoming an 'autocratic dictatorship' with a substantial percentage of the Hindu population following the political trend set by Hindu nationalists. Society is growing intolerant of Christians and other religious minorities. The Sweden-based V-Dem Institute called India an Electoral Autocracy. FIACONA asserts that holding national and state-level elections alone does not make India a democratic nation.

In the West, India is known as the land of yoga. It is associated with Mahatma Gandhi and nonviolence. But, in reality, India is changing rapidly.

The recent increase in violence against Indian Christians in India is attributed to the rise of Hindu nationalism, popularly known as Hindutva. This ideology follows beliefs akin to Nationalsozialismus (Nazism). Like the SS, the parent organization of Hindutva ideology is known as the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh). In fact, the RSS is modeled after the SS¹.

This Hindu nationalist movement promotes a Hindu Rashtra (Hindu Nation) to the exclusion of non-Hindus. Like the Nazis, the Hindutva groups use propaganda, false accusations, and terror tactics to promote religious hatred among the Hindus. The RSS uses every occasion and every development in the country to define and identify non-Hindus as the "other".

In 1948, Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated by former members of the RSS for refusing to agree with the RSS ideology². Shockingly, the RSS celebrates Gandhi's assassin as a hero of an India they envision³.

The current government of India, run by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is the political arm of the RSS. The data in this report reveals that this is the reason why the violence against Indian Christians, Muslims, Dalits, farmers, manual laborers, dissenting Hindus, and women has increased exponentially in the last decade after the BJP came to power.

This report also argues why Washington must clearly understand the imminent threat from passive Hindu extremism.

¹ <https://www.jstor.org/stable/4408848>

² <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/gandhi-assassinated>

³ <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2022/06/godse-cult-gandhi-assassin-india/661154/>

Brutality against Indian Christians & Anti-Conversion Law

During 2022, FIACONA recorded 1198 incidents of violence against Indian Christians. It is a 157% increase from the 2021 data. The increase in these incidents can be directly attributed to the propaganda by the BJP government officials accusing Indian Christians of large-scale 'forced' conversion. A sustained propaganda campaign for the past ten years or so against Christians has made a lot of people believe it. But the government census data shows that the Christian population has not increased in the last 75 years. According to the census estimates, Indian Christians are still around 2.4% of the population despite 2000 years of existence in Indian territories. The RSS claims that the actual number of Christians is much larger. They have no evidence or government data to back up their claim. However, such arguments should have no place in a secular democracy either. Yet, BJP-run state governments are using the false propaganda of large-scale conversion to impose restrictions on people to change their religious faith.

The anti-conversion laws, or the Freedom of Religion Act as it is known in many Indian states, are written in such a way that providing education or medical assistance to a Hindu can be construed as 'force' - a prosecutable offense for attempted conversions. The law argues providing education or medical assistance to a poor Hindu exploits his or her economic condition and makes the Christian faith attractive to him/her. The law implies that it is a form of force on poor Hindu people and hence is a criminal offense. For all practical purposes, this law is a mirror image of apostasy laws (minus the death penalty) one finds in several Islamic countries.

On August 13, 2022, the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, under the Hindutva BJP rule, became the 11th state to pass the most restrictive and highly punitive draconian version of such laws yet on the books. This law makes it a crime punishable by ten years of imprisonment to convert to the Christian faith. At the same time, the law does not restrict Christians from converting to Hinduism. This law deprives an adult citizen of his fundamental right to choose a faith of his choice. Many of these so-called anti-conversion laws also apply unrealistic and restrictive conditions to grant permits to build a church or even allow prayer meetings in private residential homes.

Our data indicate that these anti-conversion laws are weaponized against Indian Christians. In the states where these laws are enforced, Hindutva militants often barge into Christian homes and churches, claiming to stop the conversion. No evidence or proof is needed for such accusations. The data also shows that police file false charges against Christians using this law.

FIACONA recorded a total of 355 instances where Christians were arrested on false charges of converting Hindus to the Christian faith.

Although no Christian charged under this law has ever been found guilty, it places an unreasonable financial and emotional burden on Christians. Under the BJP rule, anti-conversion laws helped normalize the violence and harassment of Christians. It has made religious hate a politically acceptable behavior.

⁴ <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/shimla/christian-bodies-to-challenge-hps-new-anti-conversion-law/articleshow/93847360.cms>

⁵ <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/himachal-pradesh-assembly-passes-bill-against-forced-mass-conversion-with-voice-vote/article65764893.ece>

Extreme Cases of National Security Laws Against Christians

Intel agencies and law enforcement often resort to charging Christian leaders under national security acts and holding them indefinitely without charging them with any crime. The case of Fr. Stan Swamy is a prime example of it.

Fr. Swamy was a Jesuit priest working among the tribal people. He championed the civil and land rights of the tribal people against the government taking over their lands for mining purposes. So, an irritated government arrested Fr. Swamy and refused to grant bail. The government claimed to have found incriminating evidence in Fr. Swamy's computer. The agencies said he was conspiring to assassinate political leaders and create unrest in the entire country.

The BJP government's case against the Jesuit priest was a fabricated lie, and the evidence was planted by National Intelligence Agency (NIA) on his personal computer. After arresting the 83-year-old priest suffering from the advanced stage of Parkinsons' disease along with a dozen other intellectuals, the Special Judge Dinesh E. Kothalikar of the N.I.A.'s special court said Father Swamy and others "hatched a serious conspiracy to create unrest in the entire country and to overpower the Government, politically and by using muscle power," and rejected their bail application. The priest died in police custody.

On December 13th, 2022, the Washington Post revealed, "Now, an examination of an electronic copy of his computer by Arsenal Consulting, a Massachusetts-based digital forensics firm, concludes that a hacker infiltrated his device and planted evidence, according to a new report by the company. The analysis is more proof that Swamy and his co-defendants were framed in a case that exemplifies the Indian government's crackdown against civil society and prominent critics, the defense team says⁶.

Contribution of Christians to the Development of India

From its early arrival in the first century AD, the Christian faith has enriched and helped shape India's trajectory in more ways than one could imagine. Later, when Christian missionaries began to arrive in the 14th century AD onwards, they focused on education and health care. They established lower and higher levels of educational institutions. Unlike the Hindu system, which expressly prohibited education to non-Brahmins and women, Christian missions focussed on educating women and children of all castes.

It was only during the middle of the 20th Century that many regions managed by locally elected governments under the British Raj began to fund large-scale public education systems. A detailed research paper written by Fr. Kennedy is available to the public on their portal. This report outlines a detailed history of the schools and colleges started by Christian missions from 1540 in India. For your convenience, FIACONA has added select portions of that paper as Appendix #3 here.

It is striking to note that most top-level bureaucrats and businessmen in India have received their education from Christian institutions until recently. It is true even today to a large extent, though, due to capacity limits, the share of the Christian educated population has come down lately.

The BJP's Hindutva nationalist militia denies the contribution of Christian educational institutions to the trajectory of India. India has become an economic powerhouse and a regional power from being an impoverished nation, not by accident. Some from the Hindutva nationalist movement have argued that Christian schools encourage students to convert to the Christian faith by making them study the faith compulsorily. Christian school managements deny such charges.

⁶ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/12/13/stan-swamy-hacked-bhima-koregaon/>



Violence and Destruction of Properties

Hindutva terror groups consider Indian Christians alien to India. Hindu militant vigilantes demolish churches and force Christians to convert to Hinduism. Since the BJP party came to power in 2013, these militant groups have enjoyed the tacit support and protection of the Union (Federal) government and State governments wherever the BJP is in power. Such protection comes in the form of shielding perpetrators from arrests by local police, biased bureaucratic orders, and protection from prosecution.

Non-State Actors and their Network

Non-State actors in India are a group of extremist militant organizations that, at times, function as proxies for the ruling BJP party and, at other times, elected to public offices as members of the BJP party.

Members of Hindutva militant organizations like the Hindu Mahasabha, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)⁷, Bajrang Dal, and Akil Bharatiya Vidyarti Parishad (ABVP) contested and got elected on BJP ticket. For example, Ms. Pragya Singh Thakur, a member of the ABVP and accused of terrorism by a court, was elected to the Indian Parliament as a member of the BJP party⁸. Also, Mr. Vinay Katyar, the founder and president of Bajrang Dal - the other militant organization, has been a Member of the Indian Parliament from the BJP⁹.

Hence, members of militant groups are part of the BJP governments at the state and national levels. They effectively control territories while causing egregious human rights violations of the civilian population based on one's religious affiliation. For all practical purposes, these groups are the trained militia of the current BJP government. It is also important to note that the Annual CIA Report has named VHP and Bajrang Dal as militant organizations. A list of such militant organizations affiliated with the BJP government through its parent organization is listed in **Appendix #1**.

⁷ VHP is listed as a religious militant organization by the Central Intelligence Agency. <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/cia-classifies-vhp-bajrang-dal-as-militant-religious-outfits-1260635-2018-06-14>

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pragya_Singh_Thakur

⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vinay_Katiyar

Duplicity of the Government Response

The current Union Government of India is selective in responding to religious violence in India. Most of the time, the leaders of the BJP government follow a no-comment policy when attacks take place. The Indian public sees their observed silence as the approval of their violence. However, while traveling overseas, top officials such as the Prime Minister, the External Affairs Minister, or other leaders tell the western leaders/audience that they are speaking out and taking action against such violence against Christians. This research data suggests otherwise.

There could be a reason why the BJP government leaders are reluctant to say anything about the attacks. FIACONA's report shows that Hindutva terror groups are the real support base for the BJP party and act as its militia. Hence, the Indian Prime Minister's silence domestically is seen as their tacit approval to attack the Christians and that they want it to continue. But for the consumption of the Western audience, the Indian officials repeat a few talking points without considering their truthfulness or taking any action to support their claims.

When Western governments raise this issue with Indian officials, they respond by saying, 'some isolated incidents of violence are bound to happen in a large country of 1.4 billion'. They argue that these "isolated" attacks on Christians should not be exaggerated. They also effectively argue that the BJP party may have been involved in certain attacks, but the government of India is not. They say the government of India is secular, and the Constitution of India binds the government agencies to be secular. This report presents evidence to show that every attack on Christians in India is neither sporadic nor isolated. They are strategically planned actions by elected and non-elected officials of the BJP party who hold government positions.

To a certain extent, the Indian government and the ruling BJP are able to get away with it because businesses beholden to the ruling BJP are also funding many think tanks and lobby groups in the United States with the sole purpose of protecting the image of India's fascist leaders.

US Long-Term Interests and the People of India

The United States, since its formation, has been committed to protecting religious freedom at home and around the world. It has created creditable non-partisan institutional mechanisms to document human rights and religious freedom violations. These institutions are responsible for producing their annual reports. The State Department's annual report documents violence against religious minority groups around the world. It has also documented serious violations by certain political parties in India. But the US Administration has been unwilling to accept the findings of its own reports. The US Administration also does not apply uniform standards and laws to all countries.

FIACONA believes that the US foreign policy must have a long-term perspective so that the offending nations understand and work out a durable human rights policy. Discriminating policies of the US Administration regarding human rights issues from country to country is ineffective. It has the potential to discredit the whole process. FIACONA believes that the US Administration's current focus on turning a blind eye to religious violence in India for short-term gains will come at the expense of America's long-term interests in the region.

Concurrently India continues to ignore and promote its unabated human rights violations against Christians and other religious minorities besides the native people of India and the lower castes. Genocide Watch, a civil society organization in partnership with the Holocaust Museum of Washington, has predicted that India is moving towards witnessing a large-scale genocide of its religious minorities sooner than later¹⁰.

¹⁰ Genocide Watch: INDIA <https://www.genocidewatch.com/india>

HINDUTVA NATIONALISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Hindus, by and large, enjoy a certain level of goodwill and respect among the American public. This image was built over several decades through the examples of Gandhi, Nehru, and other leaders. This favorable public image provides a convenient cover for several Hindutva militant extremist organizations today to hide behind. These extremist groups are operating in plain sight as Hindu cultural and educational organizations across the United States. It allows them to raise funds as non-profit organizations. Reports show that those funds are then sent to aid a religious terror agenda that hurts the Christian community in many parts of India.

Hindutva extremist sleeper cells operate in the United States as Hindu religious, cultural, and business associations. They promote an extremist ideology among second-generation Indian Americans. FIACONA strongly believes that these organizations must be flagged prominently in public debates in the USA and must be brought to the attention of the Justice Department and local law enforcement officials.

Almost every month, new organizations are registered in one of the states under the guise of a cultural organization, a religious organization, a business/trade promotion network, or some political entities affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican parties. One common interest for all these groups is to raise funds to support the activities of the radical Hindutva nationalist organizations in India or to protect their image in the US.

In most cases, their publicly stated agenda would not make one suspect their motives. These Hindu militant organizations on US soil have names like "Hindu Foundation", "Cultural Foundation", "Trade Council", "Leadership Forum,"...etc. They often talk about education and supporting the Hindu heritage. But their actual programs show the promotion of a radical Hindutva agenda on American soil.

For example, the stated goal of a Hindu Foundation based in Washington, DC, says it aims to educate the public about the Hindu tradition and advocate for issues and policies serving the Hindus and others. But they are actually providing a platform for radical extremist leaders to come to the US in the name of cultural exchange. These organizations become the conduit to raise funds. These organizations facilitate travel and speaking engagements for many radical leaders, including many accused of terror-related charges. Then they also use frivolous lawsuits to silence the voices that try to expose them. Some of these entities are also reported to be holding "workshops" for other extremist organizations on how to use the American legal system and the courts to shut down their critics.

Another Hindu Foundation out of Frisco, TX, held a fundraising gala in the heart of the lone star state in November 2022 to "demolish churches" in India. The invitation also declared that it needed more funds to forcefully convert Christians to Hinduism because, in their mind, Christians in India were once Hindus, and white men illegally converted them, so they should be converted to Hinduism by all means.

These so-called Hindu foundations and organizations play a critical role in exploiting many less informed US-born Hindu students and radicalizing them. A good majority of this immigrant population that came to America in the past 50 years or so were predominantly from a specific upper caste group whose counterparts in India led the campaign to make India a Hindutva-only country to the exclusion of Abrahamic faiths. This particular segment of the population is driving this agenda in the US, and it has found plenty of help from US-based entrepreneurs and companies.

FIACONA acquired information about another non-profit in New Jersey recently. This organization calls itself a service organization. They raised several million dollars in 2022 to support an effort in India called Ekal Vidhyalayas. These Ekal Vidyalayas are a network of one-teacher schools in remote Indian villages.

It is a noble idea to provide education to children in remote villages. But what this charity doesn't tell most donors in America is that these single-teacher schools they fund are run by an RSS-affiliated religious terror network focused on brainwashing the children. Many of these children educated in such schools are believed to have ended up as foot soldiers for terror attacks against Christians under the direction of the RSS.

There are many such organizations sprouting all across the US, operating as Hindu charitable groups. Some openly say what they plan to do, while others hide them from the public. But it is a web of extremist networks that have established a well-funded operation on US soil. Many of them also spend a considerable amount of money on political contributions to both the Democratic and Republican parties. Of course, because these groups are hiding behind the benign image of Hinduism, many lawmakers in Wahington are said to have fallen for the campaign contributions. (FIACONA will issue a report on how many Members of Congress have inadvertently accepted campaign contributions from groups that are connected with radical militant organizations).

Organizations such as the one in Frisco, TX, or New Jersey are not just creating trouble in a foreign country like India. Rather, they are becoming an American problem as these organizations are creating a radical network under the radar in calm and peaceful neighborhoods in America. With over 5 million immigrants from India living in the United States, a good number of them may feel that they are not part of the mainstream and could be very vulnerable to becoming radicalized. These organizations operating on US soil could affect almost every community in all major cities.

NOTE: Many believe Hindus can not be radicalized. It is true. Modern Hinduism is not violent. But Hindu political nationalism, defined as Hindutva, is a violent ideology. It is not Hinduism. It is akin to Buddhism and political Buddhism, like the ones we witness in Myanmar or Sri Lanka. When extremism can flourish within Buddhism, it should not surprise anyone to see that young vulnerable Hindu adults could also be radicalized.

DATA AND ANALYSIS

Improving upon the 2022 data-collection methodology, the 2023 data for this report was collected through self-reporting on dedicated phone numbers, which were shared throughout the Indian Christian community. The 2022 data was collected through a well-planned dedicated phone reporting system, and hence the vetting of incidents in 2023 has also improved. Therefore the data presented in the following consists of those violent incidents reported almost immediately. A number of these incidents were corroborated through secondary sources such as videos, newspaper reports, and in a few cases, access to police documents known as the First Information Report (FIR).

The reported violent atrocities against the Christians by the Hindutva terror groups have substantially increased to a total of 1198 during the calendar year 2022 as opposed to a total of 761 incidents collected in 2021.

The number of assaults where Christians sustained physical injuries stands at 321. In each incident, several people were injured, and the majority required hospitalization. There were 107 incidents of property damage and 35 attacks where church buildings sustained substantial physical damages.

The police have often arrested the Christian victims instead of those who attacked them in 355 incidents. In each such incident, many Christians were arrested, making the number of people arrested much higher. In some cases, police arrested the Christians and held them for several days without charging them before releasing them eventually.

The data also shows that in 248 attacks, charges were filed against the Christian victims, of which 243 cases were filed under the so-called Anti-conversion laws passed by BJP-run states. It means the Hindu militia would first attack either a house-prayer meeting or a church gathering under the pretext that a conversion ceremony is being held. Then call the police. The police arrest the Christians, charging them with “conversions” under the Anti-conversion Laws.

Only in 31 instances have police agreed to file cases against the assailants. It is important to note that in 11 such incidents when the Christian victims of violence asked to file a case against specific leaders of the BJP and its Hindu militia, the police refused.

In one case, the police instructed the medical staff not to report the injuries of the Christian victims. Several Christian victims have also informed us that the police accompanied the Hindu militia at the time of the attacks.

The following is the analysis and key findings of the data. A complete list of violent attacks can be found in **Appendix #4** (*All personal details were removed to protect the identity of the victims, and a concise description was entered for the record*)

Table 1: Violent Atrocities Against Christians in India during the calendar year 2022

Distribution of Violent Events according to salient characteristics:

Total Number of Violent Events:	1198
Christians killed	03
Physical Assault and Injury	321
Burial denied to Christian families	23
Villages that expelled Christians	75
Christians expelled from villages	281
Christians including family members affected	800+
Residential homes damaged	30
Property damaged	107
Churches damaged	35
Worship services disrupted	343
Number of Incidents where Christians were converted to Hinduism under threat	17
Christians converted to Hinduism under threat	35
First Information Reports (FIRs) Christians were permitted to file against perpetrators	32
Number of incidents where FIRs were not accepted by police	11
Incidents where FIRs were filed by extremists against the Christians victims	248
Number of incidents where Christians arrested	355
Total No. of People Directly Affected	11,016
Number of Christians including Family Members Affected	66,293
Christians Terrorized through Violent Crimes by Hindutva militants	30 million

(Note: The total of distribution need not tally with the number of violent events due to multiple categorizations of specific attacks).

Estimated Monetary Loss Due to Violent Attacks on Christians

(The value is calculated at 80 Rupees per 1 US\$):

Christian victims of orchestrated religious violence are left to fend for themselves. These attacks took place as a result of the failure of the state to protect the Christians. Christian victims are forced to bear personal losses besides medical treatment, legal fees, and the cost of rehabilitating or rebuilding their lives.

FIACONA believes the government must provide financial compensation for its failure in its constitutional obligations to protect the victims.

FIACONA has calculated the total loss suffered by the Christian victims from all reported cases in this document. This is the first time such damages were assessed monetarily for the Christian victims. See Table 1 for data. Each type of loss is assigned a monetary value for compensation.

The research team of this report has arrived at a direct financial loss of \$ 17.5 million (Rs.140 crores) to the victims listed in this report. However, the rehabilitation, re-employment, health recovery, and resettlement of displaced people will additionally cost \$18.75 million (Rs. 150 crores).

Besides these direct losses suffered by the victims, an economic estimate of the loss to the national GDP due to this violence and associated civil unrest during 2022 is estimated at \$62.50 million (Rs. 500 crores).

Thus there is a total national loss of **\$98.75 million** (Rs.790 crores) caused by the Hindutva terror attacks on the Christian Community that are confirmed in this report alone. Please note that these estimates do not include similar, much higher losses to the nation caused by terror attacks against other religious communities (Muslims), Dalits, women, and farmers.

FIACONA demands that the Indian government constitute a committee of highly respected unbiased scholars acceptable to Indian Christian leaders to study the extent of the violence and physical property damage, psychological, medical, and legal damages, and estimate accurate financial packages to the affected people, churches, and villages.

Such rehabilitation measures can also be initiated and executed through Christian NGOs and churches that bear the interest of these victims.

FIACONA could assist the US State Department and the USAID with a detailed study, should it be commissioned to assess the financial damage caused by the Hindu terror groups in India.



Punitive Restrictions on Christian Organizations

The BJP government, upon coming to power, made it a priority to shut down financial contributions from overseas Christian organizations to their Indian counterparts. Example: blocking the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA) license to Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity and thousands of other Christian NGOs. At the same time, RSS-affiliated organizations raising monies from US corporations and foundations are sent to Hindutva terror groups operating in India under the protection of the BJP government. Though most Hindutva organizations in the US are covert about their real work in India, a few organizations, like the one in Texas, have been careless in letting the donors or the supporters know what they do in India.

Most RSS-affiliated organizations in the US say that the funds benefit organizations affiliated with the RSS or its programs in India. An average donor would consider the work of these organizations to be benevolent. But only a well-informed donor would be able to ascertain that the funds thus raised are sent to RSS-affiliated organizations that are at the forefront of the violence against Christian institutions and the Christian population.

US-based Hindutva charities are complicit in the violence by making financial contributions to RSS-affiliated organizations. This complicity makes such organizations liable for monetary damages caused by their support to militant organizations in India.

FIACONA demands the US Revenue and Treasury agencies classify these funds as terror funding by US-based organizations.

TABLE 2: State Level Distributions of Incidents Against Christians

Population Figures from Government of India Census 2011

State	Incidents	Total Pop.	Christian Pop.	%
Uttar Pradesh	334	199812341	356448	0.18%
Chhattisgarh	195	25545198	490542	1.92%
Madhya Pradesh	113	72626809	213282	0.29%
Jharkhand	76	32988134	1418608	4.30%
Tamil Nadu	66	72147030	4418331	6.12%
Karnataka	51	61095297	1142647	1.87%
Odisha	50	41974218	1161708	2.77%
Bihar	49	104099452	129247	0.12%
Maharashtra	48	112374333	1080073	0.96%
Telangana & Andhra*	31	84580777	1129784	1.34%
Uttarakhand	27	10086292	37781	0.37%
West Bengal	23	91276115	658618	0.72%
Punjab	23	27743338	348230	1.26%
Haryana	23	25351462	50353	0.20%
Assam	23	31205576	1165867	3.74%
Rajasthan	20	68548437	96430	0.14%
Gujarat	19	60439692	316178	0.52%
Arunachal Pradesh	19	1383727	418732	30.26%
Delhi	11	16787941	146093	0.87%
Himachal Pradesh	05	6864602	12646	0.18%
Kerala	03	33406061	6141269	18.38%
Jammu & Kashmir	03	12541302	35631	0.28%
Tripura	02	3673917	159882	4.35%
Goa	02	1458545	366130	25.10%
Meghalaya	01	2966889	2213027	74.59%
Pondicherry	01	1247953	78550	6.29%
Manipur	00	2855794	1179043	41.29%
Mizoram	00	1097206	956331	87.16%
Nagaland	00	1978502	1739651	87.93%
Sikkim	00	610577	60522	9.91%
TOTAL	1198	1210854977	27819588	2.30%

The state of Uttar Pradesh (UP) has recorded the highest number of attacks against Christians in 2022 with 334 violent recorded incidents (it was 180 in 2021). Other states with relatively large numbers of violent attacks on Christians are Chhattisgarh (195), Madhya Pradesh (113), Jharkhand (76), Karnataka (51), Odisha (50), Bihar (49) and Maharashtra (48).

*2011 Census does not provide separate populations for Telangana & Andhra Pradesh. The number of reported Incidents in Telangana was 11 and Andhra Pradesh was 20.

Telangana & Andhra*	31	84580777	1129784	1.34%
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Premeditated and Targeted

The interesting dynamics in the state of Uttar Pradesh (UP) is that the terror attacks against Christians are highly planned, coordinated, and executed by picking a Christian target, such as a house prayer, church worship, or Christian schools. These attacks are neither inter-religious tensions naturally developing at the village level nor are they sporadic. For example, the state of UP has a population of 200 million, but there are only 356,000 Christians in the entire state. Christians are less than 0.2 percent of the state population. Hence it is impossible for inter-religious social tensions to develop organically. However, 334 violent attacks were reported from this state in 2022 alone. Further analysis revealed that most of these attacks happened in small to larger towns and not in villages. All these attacks targeted Christian institutions or small prayer meetings with a handful of Christians scattered around the town. These Christians become the unprotected soft targets for local BJP leaders looking to consolidate their Hindu support in urban areas.

Given this kind of geography and demography, violent attacks against the Christians in the state of UP can happen only when they are targeted. The RSS groups also receive official support from the police and local administration. Local BJP leaders always lead these attacks. And at all times, the police arrest the Christian victims and charge them with attempted conversion under the state's anti-conversion laws instead of arresting the attackers. Hence, it clearly indicates premeditated attacks on Christians by the Hindutva terror groups.

As per the media and police records, the major militant organizations, namely Bajrang Dal, VHP, and Hindu Mahasabha, are the perpetrators of violence. It is carried out with the tacit support of the local police and political patronage in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Killing and Mutilation

The first killing of a Christian pastor in 2022 happened in the Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh on March 17. According to Police sources, Pastor Yallam Shankar was stabbed to death by a mob of 50 masked men when the pastor was having his supper at his home.

The attack took place while the Hindu festival of Holika Dahan (a celebration of good over evil) was being celebrated in the Angampalli village where Pastor Shankar lives.

Before he became a pastor in his village, Yallam served as the head of the village. During that time, he was vocal in expressing his support to the rights of Christians. After he retired, he received several threats to his life because he continued to be a vocal supporter of the Christian community there. Hindu nationalist leaders had demanded that he abandon his Christian faith and stop supporting Christians.

The RSS-affiliated Hindu nationalists had a clear motive. The day after Pastor Yallam was murdered, local police concluded that he was killed by the Maoist insurgents. The police said Maoists suspected him of being a police informant. Police even released a handwritten note supposedly left by the killers giving their reasons for killing the Pastor. It is a very convincing argument except for a few contradicting details and total negation of the actual threat he faced from the Hindu nationalist leaders.

Maoist connection always works when police run out of reasons to turn a story in their favor. In this case, the question is, why would Maoist insurgents stab the Pastor if they wanted to kill him? Maoist carry more guns and rifles than the local police, and they always shoot and kill their targets. They don't have a history of stabbing anyone. The Maoists also do not leave handwritten notes. Besides, there was no threat from any Maoist outfits to his life at any time.

The family and local pastors who know Pastor Yallam say he was killed by a group of Hindu nationalists who were upset about his continued support for Christians in the area.

This incident, as well as the murder of Madhavan, as discussed in the introduction, is the result of society becoming radicalized.

In another instance, on October 23rd, Pastor Adam Digal was killed in the Kandhamal district of Odisha state. But the police wanted to close the case quickly by saying it was a road accident. They did not want to say that Pastor Digal was killed for his faith by Hindu nationalists. Such a statement has the potential to create widespread unrest in that area, as that district witnessed widespread rioting in 2007 after a radical Hindu leader was assassinated. So, according to police, a tree fell on him while he was riding a motorcycle. The problem was there were no fallen trees. The pastor's family disputed the official narrative. The authorities refused to undertake even a mandatory postmortem of the deceased in this case.

Denying Burials Rites to Christians

Denying the Christian community the right to bury their dead is one of the special tactics adopted by Hindutva forces in the State of Chhattisgarh. More than three-fourths of the reported 26 denials were from the state of Chhattisgarh. Villagers refused even a two-month-old dead infant burial rite on the pretext that her parents were Christians.

Expulsion from Villages

Chhattisgarh is also becoming a specialist of sorts in ostracizing and expelling a large number of Christian citizens from their villages. Our data indicate that more than 700 families across 75 villages have been expelled from their villages. The total number of people expelled from these villages, including women and children, would exceed 3500. They were forced to leave their homes and villages unless they renounced their Christian faith. This internally displaced population was never even acknowledged by the respective governments in India nor by any international agencies.

Note that all these incidents are 'targeted' attacks. They were planned and executed by local BJP leaders. These conflicts and expulsions do not develop without external political pressure.

Police Collusion with Militia

The data shows that state governments ruled by the BJP party have shown a high number of police cases against Christian victims. It also shows that the BJP leaders protect their militia, who carry out these attacks, through official and non-official interventions. The police under BJP governments have refused to file cases against Hindutva militias in at least 11 instances. In contrast, the police filed three cases against Hindutva militants for attacking Christians in states that were not governed by the BJP party.

The data also shows that the Hindutva militia disrupted 416 prayer meetings/ worship sessions. In more than 289 such cases, the victims have reported that the Hindutva militia was accompanied by the local police. It indicates that the police were not only acting as an extension of the Hindutva militia, but a large number of attacks were pre-planned to arrest Christians during the Sunday service. Without the state government's approval, the police could not have taken the side of the Hindutva militia against the Christians. The law and order responsibility rests with the state governments in India, which directly control the police under the Indian system.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Though India has one of the best Constitutions a country could wish for, often, the police, judiciary, and other officials do not follow due process under the law. Often the courts decide cases based on political pressure and public opinion by setting aside Constitutional guidelines.
- The Union government of India refuses to collect data and therefore claims to have no data on matters that will embarrass them. When private citizen groups and NGOs produce data, the government dismisses it by questioning its credibility. FIACONA will not be surprised if the Union government of India calls the data published in this report to be unreliable or worse.
- The US must prevail upon the Union government of India to make financial compensation to the victims of religious violence through reputed agencies that are acceptable to the Christian community.
- The US must let India know that it has to reconstruct all churches and places of worship and homes demolished.
- The US Administration must take the violence against different sections of the people in India seriously and include it as a part of the negotiations while dealing with investment, trade, and military cooperation with India.
- All international investment and business contracts must incorporate 'Equal Opportunity Disclosure' labels to include religious and linguistic diversity across the nation, the States, and corporate deals and negotiations.
- The US Congress must pass a law that enables the victims of religious violence to sue, in the US, not only the perpetrators but also those officials and leaders who motivate, patronize, order, or shield perpetrators of egregious human rights violations in other countries.
- The State and the Treasury Departments must use tools like the Global Magnitsky Act to impose travel sanctions against any official or unofficial leaders who are involved in leading, aiding or abetting terror campaigns against Christians, other religious minorities, women, Dalits, farmers, indigenous people, and other affected groups.
- The US Administration must set aside at least a token number of 10,000 visas for Indian Christian asylum seekers each year as long as the Hindutva nationalist government refuses to turn away from its current course.

APPENDIX #1

An organization called Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), which started in the 1920s, is considered to be the originator of all Hindutva groups. RSS is a militant paramilitary organization that identifies itself only as a "Hindu Cultural organization". Its agendas are executed through a number of militant groups.

The following are some of an estimated 130 shadow organizations created, inspired or assisted by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), compiled by Dr. Shamsul Islam, a Professor of Political Science at the University of Delhi. (Many of these organizations in India have their presence in the US through their sister organizations, often registered as charities)

[1] Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (student)

[2] Vidya Bharati (education)

[3] Bharatiya Janata Party (political)

[4] Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal, Durga Vahini, Dharam Sansad or Religious Parliament (anti-minority). The RSS insists that Dharm Sansad is the highest supreme body of Hindutva. This book tells us that "VHP established Dharam Sansad in 1984." Clearly, Dharam Sansad or the Religious Parliament is a puppet in the hands of the VHP.

[5] Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (tribal)

[6] Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh (working class)

[7] Bhartiya Kisan Sangh (peasants)

[8] Rashtriya Sevika Samiti (national women's committee)

[9] Seva Bharati and Tatsam (social service). SV has taken over governmental welfare programmes in slums and poor areas even in cities like Delhi even under non-BJP governments. It is alleged that these organizations are basically fronts to divert government welfare funds to the RSS. recently got a license for sending adopted kids to foreign countries.

[10] Vishva Vibhag (foreign affairs)

[11] Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shikshak Mahasangh (teachers)

[12] Bhartiya Shiksha Mandal (education)

[13] Rashtriya Sikh Sangat (for propagating Hindutva among Sikhs)

[14] Swadeshi Jagaran Manch (propaganda, gets crores of rupees from government departments to run its activities)

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- [15] Deen Dayal Shodh Sansthan (research)
 - [16] Bharat Vikas Parishad (developmental activities)
 - [17] Bhartiya Itihas Sankalan Yojna (history)
 - [18] Sanskrit Bharati (Sanskrit language-favorite of UGC these days)
 - [19] Sanskar Bharati (for imposing Hindutva culture]
 - [20] Akhil Bhartiya Adhivakta Parishad (lawyers)
 - [21] Hindu Jagaran Manch (against minorities]. The terrible attacks on Christians and Muslims in Gujarat and other parts of the country were mounted and ORGANIZED by it.
 - [22] Samajik Samrasta Manch (anti-reservation front)
 - [23] Akhil Bhartiya Sahitya Parishad (history)
 - [24] Pragya Bharati (religious)
 - [25] Vigyan Bharati (science)
 - [26] Laghu Udyog Bharati (small scale industry]. Has had huge government grants under the current government.
 - [27] Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat (consumers)
 - [28] Sehkar Bharati (co-operative).Also gets huge government grants under the current government.Enjoys huge government funds..
 - [29] Poorva Sainik Sewa Parishad (ex-servicemen)
 - [30] Bharat Prakashan (produces publications like the Organizer)
 - [31] Suruchi Prakashan, Delhi
 - [32] Lokhit Prakashan, Lucknow
 - [33] Gyan Ganga Prakashan, Jaipur
 - [34] Archana Prakashan, Bhopal
 - [35] Akashvani Prakashan, Jullundur
 - [36] Bhartiya Vichar Sadhana, Nagpur
 - [37] Sadhana Prakashan, Gujarat

According to the Economic Times, the most aggressive organizations of the RSS are:

Dharam Jagaran Samanvay Samiti: It is the 'conversion' wing of RSS. Its Ghar Wapsi initiative made it to headlines after Modi government came to power. This outfit was led by Rajeshwar Singh. Its main task is to convert Christians, Muslims and Tribals to Hindutva. They allege that the Christians are offering education and medical treatment that induces people to convert. (If so, the question is: what prevents Hindutva organizations, since they claim to represent the vast majority of Indians, and has access to many times the funds and resources of Indian Christian organizations, to provide better education and medical facilities?).

Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha: One of the oldest Hindutva organizations in India. They honor its most famous member Nathuram Godse, the assassin of Mahatma Gandhi.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad: It is one of the groups connected to the RSS. VHP is most active and even has overseas branches. They compete with other RSS outfits to show they can force more Christians to convert to Hindutva than their sister organizations.

National Hindu Movement: The group has held demonstrations in various places in Goa and Maharashtra, urging all Hindu parents not to "deprive" their children of Hindutva culture.

Rashtriya Hindu Andolan: This Maharashtra-based umbrella organization of many Hindutva groups has been protesting for years for removal of the word 'secular' from the Indian constitution. They want India to stop aspiring to be a secular country. **Rashtrawadi Shiv Sena:** One of its demands is that Indians must boycott all Pakistani products.

Shiv Sena Hindustan: The group in May 2015 defaced and blackened signages of roads named after Muslim kings Akbar and Firoze Shah in New Delhi.

Hindu Janajagruti Samiti: The group offers crash courses on "how to protect Hindu girls from Muslims" and "how to perform Ghar Wapsi" and has also accused PM Modi of being not harsh enough on religious minorities.

Hindu Dharma Sena: The group was accused of vandalizing a church in Jabalpur in March 2015 and five of its members were arrested..

Hindu Makkal Katchi: An extreme rightwing group in the southern state of Tamil Nadu that came to public attention for opposing writer Perumal Murugan's book, 'Maathorubagan', the group continued its protests even after the writer announced that he has given up writing, citing pressure from fundamentalists.

Hindu Rashtra Sena: The group was accused of distributing provocative pamphlets in Pune which led to unrest in the city, as well as to the murder of a 28-year-old technical expert.

APPENDIX #2

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USCIRF Outraged by Omission of Nigeria and India from State Department's List of Countries of Particular Concern

Washington, DC – The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) finds it inexplicable that the U.S. Department of State did not include Nigeria or India in its latest designations of “Countries of Particular Concern” (CPCs) under the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA), turning a blind eye to both countries’ particularly severe religious freedom violations.

“There is no justification for the State Department’s failure to recognize Nigeria or India as egregious violators of religious freedom, as they each clearly meet the legal standards for designation as CPCs. USCIRF is tremendously disappointed that the Secretary of State did not implement our recommendations and recognize the severity of the religious freedom violations that both USCIRF and the State Department have documented in those countries,” said USCIRF Chair Nury Turkel. “The State Department’s own reporting includes numerous examples of particularly severe religious freedom violations in Nigeria and India.”

Pursuant to IRFA, the State Department re-designated 10 countries as CPCs—Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. The State Department also added Cuba and Nicaragua to its CPC list, both of which previously had been on the Department’s SWL. In its 2022 Annual Report in April, USCIRF recommended re-designation of the 10 CPC countries, and also recommended CPC designation for Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, Syria, and Vietnam. At that time USCIRF recommended SWL placement for Cuba and Nicaragua based on conditions in those countries in 2021, but the situation in both has deteriorated in 2022.

The State Department placed on its SWL Algeria, the Central African Republic (CAR), Comoros, and Vietnam. USCIRF recommended in its 2022 Annual Report that Algeria and CAR be placed on the SWL, but also that Azerbaijan, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Turkey, and Uzbekistan be included as well.

“USCIRF welcomes the State Department’s recognition of the worsening situations in both Cuba and Nicaragua this year. We also appreciate the State Department’s inclusion this year of CAR and Vietnam on its Special Watch List. While we believe conditions in Vietnam meet the CPC standard, we hope the State Department’s SWL designation will encourage the Vietnamese government to take concrete steps to address long standing religious freedom concerns,” said USCIRF Vice Chair Abraham Cooper. “USCIRF is disappointed that the State Department did not include Afghanistan as a CPC this year. While it did re-designate the Taliban as an ‘entity of particular concern,’ or EPC, that does not reflect the reality that the group is the de facto government of the country.”

The State Department also designated nine EPCs, which are non-state actors that engage in systematic, ongoing, and egregious violations of religious freedom pursuant to IRFA. USCIRF recommended the redesignation of seven of these actors in its 2022 Annual Report: al-Shabaab, Boko Haram, Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), the Houthis, Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS), Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) (also referred to as ISIS-West Africa), and Jamaat Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM).

Since the issuance of its 2022 Annual Report, USCIRF has consistently shared its recommendations with the U.S. Department of State and Congress. USCIRF’s recent publications include updated reports on Religious Freedom Conditions in India, Blasphemy Laws in Nigeria, Violence and Religious Freedom in Nigeria, Religious Freedom in Afghanistan, Religious Freedom in Nicaragua, and Constitutional Reform and Religious Freedom in Cuba. During 2022, USCIRF held hearings on Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Nicaragua.

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APPENDIX #3

The excerpts of a paper by Dr. Kennedy published in a journal Vol.17 No.6 January-March 2018 is publicly available and quoted here:

The Santa Fe School in Goa, founded in 1540 by the Franciscans, was the first formal Christian educational enterprise anywhere outside Europe. In 1542 it was taken over by St. Francis Xavier and in 1548 it was raised to the status of a college and renamed as St. Paul's College.

Soon more missionary schools appeared in other parts of India — at Bassein (1546), in Cochin (1549), at Punnaicayil in Tamil Nadu (1567), in Madurai (1595), in Pondicherry (1713), a High School in Tamil at Ellacurichi in Tamil Nadu (1731) and a Sanskrit School at Mannanam in Kerala (1846)

He further notes: The period 1813 — 1833 can be termed as, the period of Elementary Schools wherein the focus was on elementary schools and primarily teaching was done through the medium of vernacular language. By 1818 the Serampore Missionaries established more than 100 schools with about 10,000 boys. However, in the period 1833 — 1857, the emphasis was shifted to secondary schools and colleges imparted through the medium of English language. It was during this period that some of the outstanding Christian colleges came into the forefront in India — St. Xavier's College in Kolkatta (1835), the Madras Christian College (1837), Robert T. Noble at Masulipatnam (which later was named as Noble College) (1843), Hislop College at Nagpur (1844), and St. John's College in Agra (1853)¹³ are highly reputed to this day. Till the beginning of the twentieth century Christian educational institutions had played a dominant role in the education of young Indians.

Other well known Christian colleges, established during this period were Scottish Church College (Kolkatta, 1830), Wilson College (Mumbai 1832), Madras Christian College (Chennai 1857), St. Joseph's College (Tiruchirappalli 1844), St. John's College (Agra, 1850), Christ College (Kanpur, 1866), St. Xavier's College (Mumbai 1869), Baring Union Christian College (Batala, 1874), St. John's College (Palayamkottai, 1878), St. Alosius College (Mangalore 1880), St. Stephen's College (New Delhi, 1881), and The American College (Madurai, 1881), and St. Joseph's College (Bangalore 1882). Some of the early colleges were started in big cities - Calcutta, Madras, Delhi and Bombay – but many early founders tended to prefer rural areas. Colleges were started in small towns like Agra, Kanpur, and Madurai, and remote places like Palayamkottai, Machilipattinam, Batala, Guntur, Indore and Nagercoil. They reflected the missionary determination to reach out to the ordinary people of India and not simply favor the urban high-caste elites.

Christians have been pioneering educational initiatives from pre independence time onwards and now has some 25000+ schools, colleges and universities even in very remote and rural areas, imparting quality education to all

The missionaries were the first to promote women's education in India. Women's education led to the enlightenment of Indian women of all religions, castes, and regions in modern times. The first ever Girl's school in India was opened by the missionaries at Kottayam in 1819. The CMS missionaries Mary Anne Cooke, and Mrs. Wilson started female education in Calcutta in 1820. Serampore Mission took the lead in organizing female schools in the Serampore area in 1821. With the progress made through Zenana visitation, a number of mission societies have established special societies such as the Zenana Mission and the Bible Medical Mission and the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society (1881)¹⁹. The first attempts towards the education of women in North East India were made at the turn of the twentieth century. The inception of women's education was a major breakthrough in the transformation of society at large.

Clearly Indian Christian Higher education has made women's education a priority. The first women's college, Isabella Thoburn College, was established in Uttar Pradesh State in 1886 with the noble goal of sharing with women the love of the Lord through higher education. Quite aptly the motto of the college is "We Receive to Give." This was followed by the establishment of the second college exclusively for women, Sarah Tucker College (1895), in Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu, a highly conservative and underdeveloped area. In 1947, the year of independence, out of the seventy-two Christian Colleges in India, sixteen were exclusively for women. Quite interestingly, all four Christian colleges started in 1948, the first year of independence, were for women. Historically, the importance of providing education to women among Christians is well documented. In the co-educational Christian colleges, 56% are girls.

APPENDIX #4 (List of Incidents - 2022)

State	Date	Incident Details (for confidentiality, names changed where mentioned)
Odisha	1-Jan	Several Christians in Deogarh, Odisha state, were assaulted, harassed, and thrown out of their village by the supporters of a Hindu nationalist group.
Bihar	1-Jan	Pastor Kumar (name changed) and Christians from a church in Patna, in the state of Bihar state, were harassed and assaulted by the village supporters of a Hindu nationalist group.
Jharkhand	2-Jan	A Christian man in Ranchi, Jharkhand state, was prevented from using his land for farming because he became a Christian. The man's relatives have assaulted him and threatened to take the land from him if he does not renounce his faith in Christ.
Jharkhand	2-Jan	Pastor Joseph (name changed) in Palamu district, Jharkhand state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his church when a few Hindu nationalist groups barged in, disrupted their prayer service, and threatened them. The Christians were told not to hold prayer events in their village. The police have not responded to the incident.
Chhattisgarh	2-Jan	Two pastors from Durg, Chhattisgarh state, were conducting a prayer meeting with a large gathering. A few Hindu nationalist groups barged in, disrupted their service, and assaulted the worshipers. Mob complained to the police that they were forcefully converting the Hindus. Police arrested the pastor and three other Christians, took them to the police station, and charged them.
Haryana	2-Jan	A pastor and his congregation from Rohtak, Haryana state, were targeted for their faith by some Hindu nationalists. They came with a team of police officials who arrested the Christians and charged them with anti-conversion laws.
Bihar	3-Jan	Pastor Mathew (name changed) in Arwal, in the state of Bihar state, was assaulted and locked in a room by Hindu extremists. He was later taken to the police and questioned regarding preaching the Gospel and is being asked to vacate his rented house and move out.
Chhattisgarh	3-Jan	Hindu extremists disrupted a funeral service of a Christian woman who died in an accident in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh state, and beat up her husband during the funeral service because they had become Christians.
Odisha	3-Jan	A pastor and family, along with Christians, were beaten in the Ganjam district of Odisha state. Some of the injured have been admitted to the hospital for head injuries.
Karnataka	3-Jan	St. Paul School in Bagalkot, Karnataka state, was shut down by Hindu nationalist groups, alleging that students and parents were being converted to Christianity.
Madhya Pradesh	4-Jan	Hindu nationalists barged into a house church in Mandla district, Madhya Pradesh state, and attacked the pastor, Christians, and women.
Maharashtra	5-Jan	The local Buddhist community harassed and assaulted Pastor Raj (name changed) and congregation members from the Nanded district in Maharashtra for conducting a church service even on the pastor's personal private property.
Chhattisgarh	9-Jan	A prayer meeting was disrupted by the local radical Hindutva group and assaulted the pastor in Kondagaon district, in the state of Chhattisgarh.
Jharkhand	11-Jan	A Christian man Sinha (name changed) in Ranchi, Jharkhand state, was assaulted by his relatives for following the Christian faith. They drove him out of the house.
Haryana	11-Jan	A Christian prayer meeting was disrupted in Kaithal district, Haryana; the groups of Hindutva radicals threatened the church members to not hold any meetings, or they would conduct the Hindu rituals.
Odisha	12-Jan	Four families were excommunicated from a village in Odisha for following the Christian faith and are now hiding in the woods away from the village.
Tamil Nadu	12-Jan	A group of Hindutva extremists is opposing the construction of a church in the land of a tribal woman in Tiruvannamalai in the state of Tamil Nadu. The extremists called the regional administrative officer to stop the construction work.
Tamil Nadu	12-Jan	A group of Hindu nationalists came and stopped the pastor while he was preaching, blocked him from leaving the village, and later called the Police. It happened in Tuticorin district, Tamil Nadu. Police came and took the pastor to the station and pressurised him to give in writing that he would stop his ministry work and would not promote enmity between religions.

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Madhya Pradesh	12-Jan	Four pastors in Sehore district, Madhya Pradesh state, were on their way to a prayer meeting when the police stopped them and later arrested all four pastors under sec 3,5 of the Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act for religious conversion.
Bihar	12-Jan	Christian evangelists from Begusarai district, Bihar state, went to a nearby village to conduct house prayer at a Church member. While returning, a few Hindu nationalists came and threatened them not to visit the village in the future for prayer meetings.
Tamil Nadu	12-Jan	A group of Hindutva extremists opposed a church renovation in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu. They are not allowing engineers to enter the premises. Since the situation is very tense in the area, the church has asked for police protection.
Madhya Pradesh	13-Jan	A pastor in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh state, went for a prayer meeting at one of his church member's houses. A group of Hindu nationalists called the police and complained that the pastor was converting the people. Police came and arrested the pastor.
Madhya Pradesh	14-Jan	A pastor in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh state, was brutally attacked with an axe by a group of Hindutva leaders, causing a serious head injury. He was immediately admitted to the hospital. He received 16 stitches on his head. The police filed a n FIR against the Hindutva leaders and released the culprits. Then the Hindutva leaders filed an FIR against the injured pastor.
Madhya Pradesh	14-Jan	A pastor in Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting, and a group of Hindu nationalists suddenly barged in and disrupted the meeting, and assaulted the pastor and other members. The pastor was severely injured and admitted to the Barwani hospital. But a case was filed by the police against the victim of this assault under the MP Freedom of Religious Act.
Chhattisgarh	15-Jan	A Church elder in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, was thrashed by Hindu nationalist party leaders. They asked him to say that he renounces his faith in Christ.
Chhattisgarh	16-Jan	A Hindu nationalist group attacked a Church. They harassed a girl from the church.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Jan	Police disrupted Sunday worship in Fatehpur, in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh (UP), and arrested the pastor on a false complaint of religious conversion under UP's anti-conversion law.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Jan	Police disrupted Sunday worship in Deoria district, in the state of Uttar Pradesh and arrested the pastor on a false complaint of religious conversion under the state anti-conversion law, as alleged by Hindutva nationalists.
Madhya Pradesh	16-Jan	Hindutva nationalists barged into a house in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh state. During the prayer meeting, they assaulted the pastor and locked the church members inside the house. Police arrived much later and dispersed the rioting mob.
Karnataka	17-Jan	A group of Hindutva nationalists barged into the house of a Christian family in Shivamogga district, Karnataka state, where their pastor was having dinner. They called the police on an unlawful religious conversion complaint and arrested the pastor and his wife.
Chhattisgarh	20-Jan	22 members of 7 families have been driven away from their village in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh state, by Hindu nationalists for the third time since December 2021. Every time they return, they are threatened and chased away. Another church currently shelters them.
Maharashtra	21-Jan	A pastor and around 50 Christians were harassed and intimidated by Hindu nationalists forcing this group of Christians to close the church on Sunday Worship.
Telangana	21-Jan	Christians were attacked in Mahbubnagar district, Telangana state, and many were admitted to hospital with serious injuries.
Maharashtra	21-Jan	A believer from Thane, Maharashtra state, informed about the closure of their house church where more than 25 used to gather. Opposition from local Hindu nationalists halted the Sunday Worship.
Odisha	21-Jan	Around 10 Christians, including children, have been ostracized from a village in Sundargarh district in Odisha state.

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Madhya Pradesh	22-Jan	A Christian believer was arrested from a village in the Dindori district of Madhya Pradesh state under Sec 153A of the Indian Penal Code & Anti Conversion Laws.
Tamil Nadu	22-Jan	A nun in the state of Tamil Nadu was arrested on allegations of forceful conversion after a girl student at the convent school committed suicide for unrelated reasons. The Hindu nationalist groups tried to make this a religious issue by falsely claiming that the nuns forcing her to convert led her to take life. (After an official inquiry, the charges were dropped against the nun). https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/trichy/conversion-bid-cops-probing-nun-cited-by-17-year-old-girl-who-died-by-suicide/articleshow/89048685.cms
Central	22-Jan	The hymn 'Abide with me,' symbolizing the end of the war, was dropped from Republic Day Beating the Retreat Parade. It was one of Mahatma Gandhi's favorite hymns. The Hindu nationalists think playing that hymn is too Christian for their taste. https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/abide-with-me-government-drops-gandhis-favoured-hymn-calls-india-gate-colonial-past-2723552
Tamil Nadu	22-Jan	Three Christian women accused of forceful conversion in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu state, were arrested due to political pressure from Hindu nationalist groups but were released later.
Andhra Pradesh	22-Jan	A pastor in Andhra Pradesh state was accused of forceful conversion by Hindu nationalist groups. He was asked to vacate the building where they hold church meetings.
Karnataka	23-Jan	A group of Hindu nationalists kidnapped a pastor and his wife in the Shimoga district in Karnataka state. They were assaulted and then dropped off at the police station.
Madhya Pradesh	23-Jan	A man in Madhya Pradesh state was severely beaten for his Christian faith; his hand was broken, and he sustained head injuries.
Madhya Pradesh	23-Jan	A woman is facing harassment from her family in Madhya Pradesh state because of her faith in Christ. The family asked her to leave the house.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Jan	A group of Hindutva militants barged in and disrupted the prayer meeting in Ambedkar Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh state. They called the police on a false complaint of religious conversion. Subsequently, police arrived and arrested two pastors and a church member. http://janawaaznewschhattisgarh.blogspot.com/2022/01/blog-post_22.html
Tamil Nadu	23-Jan	A statue of St. Augustine on the campus of a church in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu state, was vandalized by unidentified people in the night. The priest called the police, and an FIR was charged against the unknown people.
Uttar Pradesh	24-Jan	A man from Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh state, is receiving threatening calls from Hindu nationalist groups. They are accusing him of converting people by distributing free calendars with Bible verses printed on them.
Chhattisgarh	24-Jan	Two Christian families were threatened by a mob of about 50 people from Hindu extremists in a village in Chhattisgarh state.
Chhattisgarh	26-Jan	Five Christian men in Kabirdham district, Chhattisgarh state, were arrested under Section 153 A and Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act Sec 3/5. They were accused of converting because they held a meeting to pray for the healing of the sick.
Assam	27-Jan	A Christian woman is harassed by her husband and her younger son, trying to throw her out of the house in Assam state.
Odisha	26-Jan	A family in Kandhamal district, Odisha state, was forced by a group of Hindu nationalists to renounce their Christian faith.
Madhya Pradesh	26-Jan	A police complaint for unlawful religious conversion was filed against three government teachers when they visited an indigenous people group family in Datia district of Madhya Pradesh state.
Madhya Pradesh	27-Jan	A pastor and his church members from Madhya Pradesh state were on a picnic when the Hindu nationalists came and accused them of conversion, and they were later taken to the police station.

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Chhattisgarh	27-Jan	A believer's house in Kanker-Narayanpur border, Chhattisgarh state was burnt down by Hindu nationalist groups. All belongings, including their identity cards (Aadhaar, ration, bank) are destroyed.
Madhya Pradesh	27-Jan	A group of Hindutva nationalists barged in and disrupted a celebration at a Christian family's house from Datia, Madhya Pradesh state, and called the police on a false complaint of religious conversion. Police came and, on not finding the person against whom the complaint was filed, arrested his brother at the police station and later released after an inquiry.
Madhya Pradesh	28-Jan	A believer from a village in Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh state, was attacked when he was on his way to attend a worship service. He was assaulted, and his leg was broken.
Madhya Pradesh	28-Jan	A pastor in Datia, Madhya Pradesh state, was falsely accused of converting a Hindu and booked under IPC 295 A. He wasn't arrested then, but now police started harassing him to give them money to avoid arrest.
Assam	29-Jan	Nelson (name changed) and his wife from Dhemaji in Assam state were asked to vacate the house because they were Christians. It is learned that the police forced the landlord to evict the couple.
Karnataka	28-Jan	A Christian family in Uttara Kannada district, Karnataka state, was harassed by a group of Hindutva nationalists for accepting faith and not allowing them to cut the sugarcane crop from their field. They are threatening either to change their faith or leave the village.
Tamil Nadu	29-Jan	Worship was disrupted in an AG Church in Madurai, Tamil Nadu state. The church was attacked by Hindu nationalists who also assaulted the pastor.
Assam	30-Jan	A pastor in Udalguri, Assam state, and two new Christians were beaten and tortured for believing in Christ.
Jharkhand	29-Jan	A Christian from Lohardaga, Jharkhand state, was threatened by his relatives and Hindu nationalist groups to convert to Hinduism, or he won't be allowed to use his farmland, an ancestral property. Currently, the fields are in the custody of his relatives, and they are not allowing him to enter the land.
Chhattisgarh	29-Jan	A Christian woman died in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, and the Hindu nationalist groups were not allowing her family to do the funeral in their common graveyard and forced them to bury the body according to the tribal rituals.
Madhya Pradesh	30-Jan	Some Hindu nationalists are harassing a woman believer and a few new Christians in Madhya Pradesh. They are being threatened by the Hindus, saying that they will call the police and get them arrested.
Tamil Nadu	30-Jan	Almost a hundred men gathered and stopped the construction of an Assemblies of God church in Vilupuram, Tamil Nadu state, preventing worship service from being conducted there. They have also asked the pastor and family to move away from their town.
Haryana	30-Jan	During a house family prayer in Ambala City in Haryana state, a few Hindu nationalists burnt the Bibles after physically thrashing the Pastor and other Christians.
Tamil Nadu	30-Jan	A pastor in Madurai, Tamil Nadu state, was conducting a prayer when his neighbor, along with police, barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting and threatened the pastor to not conduct any prayer meeting in his premises without prior permission from the concerned authorities.
Tamil Nadu	30-Jan	A Christian in Dindigul district, Tamil Nadu state, who recently came to faith is the only Christian family in his village. The residents of the village are harassing and threatening his family for their faith.
Assam	1-Feb	Eight Christians in Udalguri, Assam state are harassed and given an ultimatum to renounce their Christian faith or leave their town.
Jharkhand	31-Jan	A Christian from Latehar, Jharkhand state, was socially ostracised by the Hindu nationalist party leaders for his faith who did not allow him to cultivate or construct on his land or use water from the well.
Assam	2-Feb	Stephen (name changed) from a church in Assam state, along with his pastor and other Christians, were arrested on charges of preaching and proselytizing. They were taken to the police station for questioning.

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Assam	2-Feb	Some indigenous people (Adivasis) and their leader were beaten and thrashed by Hindu nationalists for becoming Christians in Barrangajuli in Udalguri district, Pradesh state.
Madhya Pradesh	1-Feb	A pastor was beaten, booked under Anti-Conversion Law, and sent to jail in Madhya Pradesh state.
Maharashtra	1-Feb	A pastor in Pune, Maharashtra state, was stopped while preaching during a worship service by a crowd of Hindu nationalists. The pastor was taken to the police station and later released with a warning not to conduct any more Christian prayer meetings.
Tamil Nadu	2-Feb	A pastor in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu state, was holding a prayer meeting when Hindu nationalists disrupted the meeting. Police gave a notice issued by the district court. The pastor filed a Writ petition at Madras High Court against the notice. He received one month stay order on the notice, and the pastor continued his prayer service till December 2021.
Assam	3-Feb	A 21-year-old believer from the Assam state has called to say that he is being harassed for his Christian faith and fearing for his life.
Assam	3-Feb	A Christian family from Assam state has been asked to pay the village court a penalty of Rs 50,000. They were only asked to pay the penalty because the family followed the Christian faith. After paying the money, they want to stay anonymous without attracting much attention.
Tamil Nadu	2-Feb	Christian members in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu state worshiped in a church for many years. But a group of Hindu nationalists filed a notice to prevent the use of the place for worship. They argued that the pastor does not have prior permission from the local Administrative officer. Currently, there is a writ petition order restricting the Church from conducting any religious ritual and worship without prior approval of the district court.
Uttar Pradesh	2-Feb	A prayer meeting was disrupted in Rae Bareilly district, Uttar Pradesh state, where a group of Hindutva militants and police barged in and arrested the pastors.
Jharkhand	3-Feb	Members of the Hindu extremists opposed the construction of a church in Giridih, Jharkhand state, though the pastor of the church has approvals from the local administration.
Odisha	3-Feb	Six Christians, including a pastor in Kandhamal district of Odisha state, are harassed for their Christian faith.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Feb	A pastor in Siddharth Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state, had started constructing the boundary wall around the church property for the safety of their church members. But police stopped the construction under the orders of the Commissioner after the interruption of Hindu nationalist groups.
Maharashtra	3-Feb	A pastor in Dombivli East, Mumbai, Maharashtra state, who runs a house church at his home, is being harassed by the people in the vicinity to stop his Christian religious work.
Karnataka	3-Feb	A pastor in a local mission organization in Chikkaballapura, Karnataka state, was threatened by 3 Hindu Nationalists who came and enquired about the Church with the pastor's son. They falsely accused the pastor of religious conversion and assaulted his son before leaving.
Odisha	4-Feb	27 members of 4 families from Kandhamal district, Odisha state have been excommunicated from their village and are struggling for their necessities and houses to live in.
Tamil Nadu	4-Feb	Hindu nationalists attacked a prayer meeting in a church in the Tuticorin district in Tamil Nadu state. Three people were injured and had to be hospitalized.
West Bengal	4-Feb	Hindu nationalists thrashed two believers while showing the film 'Jesus' in Santal, West Bengal state. The Projector, Speakers, Pendrive, etc., were all confiscated by the Hindu nationalists.
Chhattisgarh	4-Feb	A few days ago, in Sukma district, Chhattisgarh state, Christians from the village built a hut for the church prayer service. The Hindu nationalist groups protested, and they burnt the church in the presence of the local administrative officer, and they elected head of the village council.

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Chhattisgarh	4-Feb	A pastor in Sukma district, Chhattisgarh state, was conducting a prayer meeting when suddenly a group of Hindu nationalists barged in, disrupted the prayer meeting, and assaulted the pastor.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Feb	Edward (name changed) was conducting Sunday worship in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh state, when Hindu nationalists disrupted the meeting.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Feb	Hindu nationalists came to a woman believer's house in Madhya Pradesh state and threatened dire consequences if she continued to follow her Christian faith.
Bihar	5-Feb	Six families (more than 35 people including children) from Pradesh state, have been ostracized from their village and are staying 40 Kilometers away. All of them were born in that village. The entry to the houses are blocked, and they have been threatened to face death if they return.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Feb	A pastor was conducting a prayer meeting in Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh state, when Hindu nationalists disrupted the meeting and beat the members. Three Christians were taken to the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	5-Feb	A church worship was stopped by the police in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh state, and the pastor was asked to present himself at the police station.
Odisha	5-Feb	Around 27 members of 4 families from Kandhamal district of Odisha state have been ex-communicated from their village and are struggling for basic necessities and houses to live in.
Uttar Pradesh	5-Feb	Hindu nationalists are not allowing pastor George (name changed) to conduct worship service in a village in the Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh state.
Chhattisgarh	6-Feb	A Christian man named Kumar [name changed] from Kunna village, Sukma district, Chhattisgarh state, informed that six family members were assaulted due to their faith by a group of Hindu nationalists. The mob also assaulted the family members and molested a woman and her two daughters. The mob also robbed their phones and money.
Jharkhand	6-Feb	Hindu nationalists attacked a pastor in the Jharkhand state. He has deep wounds on his head, chest, and hand.
Karnataka	6-Feb	Pastor Kumar ([name changed] from Jesus Christ Ministries Bommankante, Shimoga district, of the Karnataka state, while conducting a prayer meeting, was disrupted by a group of 50 to 100 Hindu nationalists who threatened and accused the pastor of converting people. They took the pastor to the police station and forced the police to file a false case against the pastor. Subsequently, he was arrested and sent to judicial custody. https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=923826
Uttar Pradesh	6-Feb	A pastor was conducting a prayer meeting in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in, disrupted their prayer meeting and assaulted the pastor and the church members. Later, they called the police, who came and arrested this another pastor along with three other women from the church.
Madhya Pradesh	6-Feb	A prayer meeting was disrupted by the police at Ratlam district, Madhya Pradesh state, and arrested two pastors.
Uttar Pradesh	6-Feb	While a pastor in Pandepurwa, Hardi, Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting at his house along with 60 to 70 Christians, two policemen from Hardi police station barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting and warned them to stop it. The next day, the Police summoned the pastor to the Police Station for inquiry.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Feb	A pastor and his brother have been arrested under 3/5 (1) of the Anti-Conversion Law and sent to jail in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, after the Lower Court of Azamgarh rejected their bail application.
Chhattisgarh	7-Feb	Hindu nationalists burned Bibles and other Christian literature in a village in Chhattisgarh state.
Chhattisgarh	8-Feb	Rani [name changed], a government teacher, has been arrested under IPC (Indian Penal Code) 295 in Chhattisgarh state for following her Christian faith, and her bail plea has been rejected.

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Karnataka	8-Feb	A case was filed against pastor in Shimoga district, Karnataka state, by Hindu nationalist activists based on a complaint by a neighbor. He was arrested, his church vandalized and released on bail after two days of imprisonment.
Madhya Pradesh	13-Feb	Two pastors were taken to the police station in Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh state.
Chhattisgarh	14-Feb	Kumar and his family are persecuted for their faith in Christ in Kanker, Chhattisgarh state. Their house was burned down, and they lost all their personal belongings.
Karnataka	14-Feb	The statue of Jesus was demolished in Kolar, Karnataka state. Christian leaders say the matter is pending before the High Court when the state government decided to act and tear down the statute. https://mattersindia.com/2022/02/karnataka-bishops-condemn-demolition-of-jesus-statue/
Uttar Pradesh	14-Feb	Hindu extremists forcefully tried to break the wall of the church campus of the Divine Faith Fellowship Church, Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh state and threatened the Vicar General.
Chhattisgarh	14-Feb	A Christian man from Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh state, along with his family, was threatened and harassed by the Hindu nationalist party leaders for their faith. They destroyed their house and socially ostracized the family from the village, and threatened them to either leave their faith or will be forced out of the village. Hindu nationalist party leaders accused the family of Sorcery work and filed a false complaint against the whole family.
West Bengal	16-Feb	Several Christian families in Dantan, West Bengal state, were attacked by Hindu nationalist groups and were arrested by Dantan police.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Feb	A Police case was filed against a few Christians in Bikapur, Ayodhya district, Uttar Pradesh state, under articles 269, 270, and 505.
Jharkhand	18-Feb	A Hindu woman in Garhwa, Jharkhand state, was threatened by her husband and family after she accepted Christianity. Many times, they forcefully labeled her as "Dayan." She took baptism and wanted to stay firm in the faith. She was beaten and threatened by her husband. Fearing for her life, she left her house with her three-year-old son.
Tamil Nadu	18-Feb	A pastor from Pondicherry has been conducting worship in a small church in Villupuram, Tamil Rajasthan state, for more than eight years in a temporary shelter. When they started building the Church, a group of Hindu nationalists came with Police, and officials threatened and stopped the construction. The pastor wanted to construct a worship hall on his land by removing the temporary structure.
Chhattisgarh	18-Feb	A Christian from Burelpal village in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, along with three other Christians and their pastor, were assaulted by the Hindu nationalist party leaders and Hindu nationalist leaders. They disrupted the prayer meeting. The pastor called the police. Police came and filed a case against both parties.
Chhattisgarh	18-Feb	A pastor called to inform us that his 36-year-old family member died in Dobiguda village in the Bastar district of Chhattisgarh due to illness. But the village leaders refused to let them bury the woman according to Christian rituals.
Karnataka	18-Feb	A pastor in Chamarajanagara, Karnataka state, was holding a prayer meeting at his house when a group of Hindu nationalists, along with police, barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting. The police arrested the pastor and his wife and took them to Hannur police station. An FIR has been registered against them U/S 295A and 298 of IPC.
Gujarat	19-Feb	A pastor in Narmada district, Gujarat state, was arrested by police and was allegedly tortured for 16 days on charges of forceful religious conversion. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ozft7e-Dro
Madhya Pradesh	19-Feb	A pastor and his wife went to minister in a church in Besdai Village (Madhya Pradesh state border) on Saturday. While they were at a Christian's place for thanksgiving prayer, they, along with a pastor in Betul, were arrested and taken to the police station.
Maharashtra	19-Feb	At the Methodist Church in Gandhi Nagar, Maharashtra state, Hindu nationalists disrupted a meeting based on false allegations of conversion.

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Madhya Pradesh	19-Feb	Three pastors and Christians were arrested and taken to the police station in Betul district, Madhya Pradesh state, after Hindu nationalists disrupted their prayer meeting.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Feb	A church in Bijnor district, Uttar Pradesh state, has been closed down by Hindu nationalists after the number of people joining for prayer increased.
Chhattisgarh	19-Feb	Hindu nationalists persecuted a believer and his family in Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh state. Forty Hindu extremists disrupted the prayer meeting held in their own house.
Gujarat	19-Feb	A pastor in a Methodist Church in Gandhinagar, Gujarat state, while conducting a worship prayer in his church, was disrupted by a group of Hindu nationalists who barged in and threatened and accused the pastor of religious conversion. Police were called by the extremist group who came and dispersed the crowd. Later both parties were called to the police station. https://youtu.be/ajjorlZeNPo
Uttar Pradesh	20-Feb	A pastor in Noida Sector no. 66, Uttar Pradesh state, while conducting a prayer meeting, was disrupted by police who came on the false complaint by a religious extremist group of religious conversion through allurement by the pastor and arrested a pastor and four other members to Sec 71, Noida police station.
Madhya Pradesh	20-Feb	A pastor, his wife, and six others were arrested, and FIR was registered (Act 298) against them. They are in jail in Betul district, Madhya Pradesh state.
Madhya Pradesh	20-Feb	A pastor in Betul district, Madhya Pradesh state, visited his friend whose daughter's marriage reception was arranged there. During the prayer, a few Hindu extremists barged in and accused the pastor of religious conversion by alluring them through lunch. Extremists called the police, then the police filed a false complaint against the pastor and arrested him for religious conversion.
Karnataka	20-Feb	A prayer service at a pastor's house in Madhugiri, Tumkur, Karnataka state, was disrupted by a group of Hindu nationalists who barged in, assaulted the pastor, and accused him of religious conversion. The religious extremist called the police and arrested the pastor and five other Church members.
Telangana	20-Feb	A pastor in Injapur, Hayathnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana, was conducting a prayer service when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and disrupted the prayer meeting, and threatened the victims. The perpetrators also filed a complaint against the victims at the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	20-Feb	A prayer meeting was disrupted by the police, who came on the false complaint by the Hind Nationalist group on allegations of religious conversion through allurement by the pastor. They arrested the pastor and four other church members and took them to the Noida police station in India's National Capital Region (NCR).
Maharashtra	23-Feb	A pastor in a village in Palghar district, Maharashtra state, was beaten when he was about to distribute food to the village people.
Chhattisgarh	23-Feb	The local village administration in Bhakhara, Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh state, ordered Urmila Bhai to leave the village because of her faith.
Assam	24-Feb	An elderly couple from Kamlabary, Baksa district, Assam state, was attacked by a Hindu nationalist group. They were assaulted, forced to move out of their village, and now living with their relatives. The police were helpless in controlling the group of Hindu nationalists from conducting the attack and eviction.
Maharashtra	23-Feb	Pastor Mahesh [name changed], from a village in Nasik, Maharashtra state, informed PR Helpline that an attempt was made to falsely implicate him in an ATM robbery case.
Chhattisgarh	23-Feb	An aged Christian woman in Bastar, Chhattisgarh state, died,. A few Hindu nationalist activists disrupted their funeral service and assaulted their relatives, including her grandson. The dead body was buried using a bulldozer according to tribal rituals due to pressure from the village members. The dead woman's family and other Christians were prohibited from attending the funeral. The next day, a few extremists visited their house and forced the family members to convert to Hinduism, and on denying it, they assaulted the three members of the family.

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Chhattisgarh	24-Feb	2 Christians were charged under Section 295A IPC and sent to jail in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state.
Jharkhand	24-Feb	Anny (name changed) and her husband from Koderma, Jharkhand state, have been forced to leave the house because of their faith in Jesus. The locals pressurize the family members to force them out, though the house and property are in Anny's name.
Gujarat	24-Feb	Sister Grace (name changed) ministers in Balundra village, Banaskantha district, Gujarat state. The Christian families are being threatened by the Hindu nationalists as well as their unbelieving family members that their Bibles would be burnt. For safety, they collected their Bibles and kept them in sister Grace's house. Also, the fellowship service has been discontinued in the village. The Christians are afraid and, due to fear, are on the verge of leaving the village.
Andhra Pradesh	24-Feb	A pastor in Prakasam district, Singarayakonda, Andhra Pradesh state, said that Hindu nationalists attacked a lady in his church who is from the tribal community. They pressurized her to say slogans of another faith. After her refusal, the Hindu nationalists attacked her while praying in her land. Then pastor called the police, and the police rescued her. The lady is now staying in the pastor's house.
Jharkhand	24-Feb	When a pastor in West Singhbhum district, Jharkhand state, was on his way to drop a member of his church at his home in Ragursai village, he was stopped by a few Hindu nationalists. They barricaded the road, enquired about the purpose of the visit, and did not allow him to return to his house. The pastor informed the incident to the nearby Manjhgaon police station. But the police did not take any action on his complaint.
Delhi	25-Feb	Delhi Police took four days to file a first information report (FIR) against unknown attackers of a tribal Christian pastor who was manhandled and forced to chant "Jai Shri Ram." The incident occurred on 25th February in South Delhi Fatehpuri Berri area. A 35-year-old pastor in Jharkhand state was shaken by the incident and approached police with a written complaint on 27 February. https://twitter.com/i/status/1499032361564274689 https://maktoobmedia.com/2022/03/04/hindu-mob-attacks-tribal-christian-pastor-in-delhi-police-slow-to-act/
Delhi	26-Feb	A believer from Asola, Delhi, went to meet a friend. While returning, three religious extremists came near his bike and enquired about his purpose of visit. They called one more person by phone who came and accused him of religious conversion, and four of them together assaulted him badly. They tied him on the divider of the road, and assaulted him badly suggesting others do the same for alleged religious conversion. The victim untangled himself and escaped. https://scroll.in/latest/1018560/christian-pastor-alleges-assault-by-delhi-mob-claiming-he-was-involved-in-religious-conversions
Chhattisgarh	27-Feb	A Christian man from village Badbattar, post-Banskot, police station Bishrampuri, Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh state, died due to illness, and while his family was preparing for the burial, a few Hindu nationalist party leaders disrupted their service and did not allow the burial in their village.
Madhya Pradesh	27-Feb	A pastor in Village-Sour Rewa, Madhya Pradesh state, while conducting a prayer meeting at his house, was disrupted by a group of religious extremists who barged in and threatened the pastor to stop his Prayer meeting or else they would come again and attack in the night. The pastor called on 100 and informed the police.
Chhattisgarh	27-Feb	A Christian woman from the Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh state, died due to illness. Hindu nationalists disrupted their service and did not allow the burial of her body in their village graveyard because of their faith. The victim's family informed the incident to the police.

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Tamil Nadu	27-Feb	A Christian from a church in Coimbatore, Tamil Rajasthan state, informed that renovation work was taking place in the Church when a religious extremist group barged in and abused the members verbally and stopped their work. Police were informed by the church members, who then came and disrupted the crowd to calm the situation. The next morning, the church's pastor was advised to file a complaint against the perpetrators.
Telangana	27-Feb	A pastor in , Kushaiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana, is a pastor of a 25 years old Church. While he was conducting a prayer service in his church, a few Hindu nationalists and local leaders threatened to remove the Church from the colony and filed a false complaint against the pastor.
Bihar	28-Feb	A pastor working with a Mission organization from vill- Darbhanga Dist- Aurangabad, Bihar state, was at his house when a few Hindu nationalists came and asked him to come out of the house. As the pastor and his wife came out, the extremist attacked his wife with an iron rod and ran away. Later, the pastor took his wife to the hospital for treatment and gave a written complaint to the police, but no action was taken on his complaint.
Uttar Pradesh	27-Feb	Two Hindu Nationalists barged into a pastor's house in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh state, where they enquired his wife about the number of members attending the Church. They accused the pastor and wife of religious conversion and threatened to stop the church.
Jharkhand	28-Feb	A pastor in East Singhbhum district, Jharkhand state, was conducting a prayer service when a Hindu nationalist group barged in, disrupted the prayer service, damaged the property, and assaulted the members. Police were called by the church members who came and dispersed the crowd to calm the situation. Police took both parties to the police station. The victim was admitted to Jamshedpur Tata hospital. The victim has filed a complaint against the perpetrators, and FIR has been registered against the perpetrators and, unfortunately, against the victim. https://jharkhandvarta.com/टिक्प्लेटसंत-रविदास-पर-धर/
Chhattisgarh	28-Feb	Two brothers from Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh state, were accused by Hindu nationalists and Hindu nationalist party leaders from Karkapal village, Jagdalpur district, Chhattisgarh state, of conversion. They filed a false complaint at Bhaanpuri police station against the brothers alleging that the accused were converting Hindu nationalist party leaders. Police arrested both the victims and charged an FIR u/s 295(A) IPC. The police also seized their bike during the arrest.
Tamil Nadu	1-Mar	Bethel Fellowship Church in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu state, was stopped from conducting the service, and Hindu nationalists raised a complaint with the police. They now need permission from the district administrative officer to run the church.
Chhattisgarh	3-Mar	Christian families from Janjgir-Champa district, Chhattisgarh state, were assaulted by an inebriated group of Hindu nationalists. They were verbally abused and forced to perform religious customs. Worship in their church building has been banned now. The families have taken refuge in another village.
Odisha	3-Mar	A Christian and her husband from Rourkela, Odisha state, are harassed by some locals as they serve in the local church. The police station has called them for questioning.
West Bengal	3-Mar	A pastor in Asansol, Bardhaman district, West Bengal state, is allegedly accused of forceful religious conversions by a group of Hindu extremists. He was summoned by the local police, where he was physically and verbally abused.
Telangana	3-Mar	A Worship was disrupted at a church in Yadagirigutta, Yadadri Bhongir district, Telangana state, by a group of Hindu nationalists. The pastor and his family have faced extreme opposition to their Christian faith for the past few years.
Andhra Pradesh	3-Mar	A new woman Christian from pastor Surya's (name changed) church in Singarayakonda of Prakasam district, AP, was compelled by the Hindu nationalists to give up her faith. Police registered a case against the woman.

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Chhattisgarh	4-Mar	Christians from village Mutanpal, Kodenar police station, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh were called by the Hindu nationalist party leaders in a meeting held in the village. They threatened to either leave their faith or be arrested for the false allegation, or will be killed by them.
Gujarat	5-Mar	The village head of Ranipur village, Nalanda district, Gujarat state, had previously given his consent to build a church in his village, but now he has joined with anti-Christian groups and changed his word. They filed a false case against the church, and now the court has ordered demolishing the church in Ranipur village. https://youtu.be/AyBTVV-tvyE
Madhya Pradesh	5-Mar	An idol was smashed in Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh state, where Christians are being blamed for the crime. A few families were called to the police station to be questioned and let go.
Gujarat	6-Mar	The church building in Ranipur village, Narmada district, Gujarat state, was demolished as per a court order. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ozft7e-Dro
Chhattisgarh	6-Mar	Three Christian families from Chidpal village, Sukma district, Chhattisgarh state, were not allowed to take ration from the Government ration shop due to their faith.
Punjab	6-Mar	A pastor in Rupnagar, Punjab state, held a prayer meeting at his house. It was disrupted by his neighbors, with whom the pastor is already having a land dispute. Neighbors falsely accused him of religious conversion and filed a complaint at the police station. An FIR was filed the next day against the pastor, following which two Police constables from Chamkaur Sahib Police station arrested this pastor and another. https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=382190546676667&id=100001535670406&sfnsn=wiwspwa
Karnataka	6-Mar	A prayer meeting conducted by a pastor in Kodagu district, Karnataka state, was disrupted by a group of Hindu nationalists who came with the police, forcefully stopped their prayer service, and accused the pastor of religious conversion.
Jharkhand	7-Mar	A pastor in Palamu district, Jharkhand state, was called by a person to pray for him. While Basant was praying, a few Hindu nationalists barged in and accused the pastor of forced religious conversion. They called the police; the police arrested the pastor.
Jharkhand	7-Mar	Robert (pseudonym) from Latehar, Jharkhand state, was threatened by a group of Hindu nationalists to perform a "puja" prayer according to Hindu rituals on the birth of a newborn baby at his house. Extremists and Hindu nationalist party leaders called a meeting where Robert was insulted, slapped, and forced to perform puja and eat the offering to the idol "prasad."
Uttar Pradesh	8-Mar	A prayer meeting was disrupted by a mob in Farrukhabad district, Uttar Pradesh state, while a local pastor was ministering. The police later dispersed the mob.
Odisha	8-Mar	Local religious leaders and the village head severely persecute Christians from the Keonjhar district in Odisha state. They took the Bible, musical instruments, mats, etc., from the prayer house.
Jharkhand	8-Mar	A lone Christian woman in Dumka district, Jharkhand state, came to faith through a pastor. Her family opposed her faith and arranged a village meeting in which the pastor had been called.
Chhattisgarh	9-Mar	Ajit (name changed) of Jeevan Jyoti Public School in Durg district, Chhattisgarh state, and a pastor have been allegedly accused of forceful religious conversion and are threatened by the religious Hindu nationalists with dire consequences.
Tamil Nadu	10-Mar	Christians in Sankarankovil, Tenkasi district, Tamil Nadu state, do not have a burial land to bury their loved ones. They have given an application for a piece of land to the district, the district administrative officer. However, Hindu nationalists have been opposing the move, threatening the people, and even preventing them from burying their dead.

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Jharkhand	10-Mar	Pastor David Thomas (name changed) in Ranchi, Jharkhand state, informed that a group of Hindu nationalists has threatened several Christian families in the village and forced them to convert to Hinduism, or they say they will be thrown out of the village.
Chhattisgarh	11-Mar	Siva (name changed) from Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh state, built a boundary wall in his ancestral land for an upcoming church building, but the local village Hindu nationalists forcefully removed the boundary and made it a Panchayat Bhawan.
West Bengal	11-Mar	The church members of pastor Rajan (name changed) in Kolkata, West Bengal state, are harassed by the local Hindu nationalists, who threatened to burn down the house where they gather every Sunday Church for worship.
Madhya Pradesh	12-Mar	A church in Betul district, Madhya Pradesh state, was attacked. The Hindu nationalists later reported forceful religious conversion to the police, and 15 people, including women, were taken to the police station, of which three women were pregnant. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3foupl9QQs
Uttar Pradesh	12-Mar	Pastor Biju (name changed) and Kulkarni (name changed) were taken to the Sadar Police station in Hapur district, Uttar Pradesh state, after religious Hindu nationalists reported forceful religious conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Mar	A woman and her four kids in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh state, were excommunicated by her family for following the Christian faith. A local pastor has given shelter to them.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Mar	A woman was forced to leave her Christian faith in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Mar	A pastor, his wife, his mother, and another person from Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh state, have been arrested and charged under forceful conversion charges.
Chhattisgarh	12-Mar	A worship service was disrupted at a church in Raipur, Chhattisgarh state, by Hindu nationalists. The congregation was warned not to hold worship services anymore, and they were threatened with consequences if they did so.
Jharkhand	12-Mar	An advocate informed that a Christian in Gumla district, Jharkhand state, was threatened by a group of Hindu nationalists to not conduct any Sunday prayer service or organize any prayer meeting in the area or else they will face the consequences.
West Bengal	13-Mar	Four Christian families from Purulia, West Bengal state, face severe persecution from Hindu nationalist groups. They were attacked and severely injured with bamboo sticks. They have been threatened with death if they do not return to their prior faith.
Tamil Nadu	14-Mar	A pastor in Ramanathapuram district, Tamil Nadu state, received a notice from the police to seal their church since he has not taken permission from the district administrative officer to conduct the prayer service in the church. Earlier in 2020, the pastor challenged the objection of police and Hindu nationalists to not conduct worship at his place. Subsequently, the court directed the pastor to seek the district administrative officer's permission and conduct prayers. Later he applied to the district court for permission but has not received any response on the matter for more than eight months.
Karnataka	14-Mar	A pastor informed that his church member in Chikballapura, Karnataka state, along with his wife and a small daughter, died in a bike accident, and the family members wanted to bury them according to the Christian tradition, but the Hindu nationalist party leaders did not allow burial because of their faith.
West Bengal	15-Mar	A Christian and his wife were boycotted from a village in Bankura district, West Bengal state, and were denied buying anything from the village. Two families from the same village have forsaken their faith in Christ since they could not bear severe persecution.
Uttar Pradesh	15-Mar	Local Hindu nationalists stopped a church construction work in Lakhimpur Kheri district, Uttar Pradesh state, threatening to demolish the whole structure. The local administration did not provide any support.
Karnataka	15-Mar	A Christian invited a physically challenged pastor for prayer in Kamalapura village, Chikballapur district, Karnataka state, where a few Hindu nationalists beat him. The pastor reported the incident to the police, and a case was registered against the miscreants, but they absconded.

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Chhattisgarh	15-Mar	While going home after conducting his prayer service, a pastor in Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh state, was stopped by a group of Hindu nationalists and the village administrator. They warned the pastor that he must shut down the worship place or face consequences. They are continuously monitoring church activities. The pastor visited the police station to complain, but the police asked him to shut down the church.
Chhattisgarh	17-Mar	Pastor Yalam Shanker was murdered by masked men in Maddad village in the Bhopalpattanam area in the Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh state. https://youtu.be/Hi05B87XSy8 , https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2022/mar/19/chhattisgarh-pastor-killed-by-naxals-on-suspicion-of-being-police-informer-in-bijapur-2431929.html https://www.csw.org.uk/2022/03/25/press/5656/article.htm
Uttar Pradesh	17-Mar	A pastor and three others were arrested at a prayer meeting in Basti district, the state of Uttar Pradesh state, on a false complaint of unlawful religious conversion.
Chhattisgarh	18-Mar	Eight families (32 members) from Bijapur, Chhattisgarh state, had to leave their village since they were persecuted for their faith in Christ. They are now in another village, unable to meet their basic needs.
Karnataka	18-Mar	A group of Hindutva activists assaulted a youth for allegedly distributing booklets related to Christianity on a college campus in Hassan, Karnataka. https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/youth-assaulted-in-hassan-for-distributing-booklets-on-christianity/article65236856.ece?homepage=true
Odisha	18-Mar	Two Christians from a family in the Jajpur district, Odisha state, are harassed and persecuted by a villager and his neighbor. They were expelled from their house by a group of Hindu nationalists and, despite complaining, received no help from the police. All of them, along with their pastor, are at the police station.
Chhattisgarh	18-Mar	Missionaries and pastors in Dokada village, Kansabel, Chhattisgarh state, face opposition from Hindu extremists.
Bihar	19-Mar	A Christian woman in Begusarai district, Pradesh state, was beaten by her neighbors because she attends church and plays Christian music at her home. She was taken to the hospital and was discharged later. She has three children, and her husband works outstation.
Haryana	19-Mar	A worship service was disrupted in a church at Yamuna Nagar, Haryana state, by religious Hindu nationalists. The police arrested the pastor, assaulted him, took him by his collar, tore his clothes, and then took him to the police station. Police threatened him not to file a complaint.
Odisha	19-Mar	Two brothers from Koraput, Odisha state, were beaten by a group of Hindu nationalists for their Christian faith. They have sustained deep head injuries and are in hospital.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Mar	A Christian from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh state, has been facing persecution for his Christian faith by his community people.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Mar	Church in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh state, is continually being disrupted every week. This Sunday, they were threatened with an attack.
Rajasthan	20-Mar	A Christmas event was disrupted and forced to cancel by the Hindutva militant party members in Jind district, Rajasthan state.
Madhya Pradesh	20-Mar	Sikal Singh and his daughter Rajanti Bai in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh state, were attacked and beaten by Hindu nationalists.
Jharkhand	20-Mar	A Father (priest) in Ramgarh district, Jharkhand state, was praying in his house when Hindu nationalists barged in, disrupted the prayer meeting, assaulted the pastor, and accused him of forceful conversion. Subsequently, police were informed who came and arrested the pastor.

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Telangana	21-Mar	A pastor's wife in Nirmal district, Telangana, died due to a heart attack. When the pastor was preparing for her funeral, Hindu nationalists disturbed the funeral service. The pastor, in haste, tried to bury the body in the church's backyard, but the Hindu nationalists objected and forcefully exhumed the body on behalf of the administration. Pastor's continued effort to bury the body in the village became vain, and subsequently, the pastor had to take the body to his village, which was 130 kilometers away from his house. https://youtu.be/53KV0ScuFzY
Odisha	23-Mar	Mansing Munda, a Christian, was excommunicated from Kankana village, Odisha state, and he is now staying at Kamalpur village.
Odisha	23-Mar	A family from Kankana village, Keonjhar district, Odisha was forced leave the village & currently staying in Srirampur village because of atrocities against them for their Faith in Jesus.
Chhattisgarh	24-Mar	A Pastor in Bhopalpatinam Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state was abused by Nationalists and was threatened with death if he is seen in the village.
Telangana	25-Mar	Church members who went on a gospel mission to Boregaon village, Telangana state, were abused, attacked and beaten by a group of Hindu nationalists who demanded them to worship the local deity and leave.
Uttar Pradesh	27-Mar	Police arrested a pastor in Azamgarh, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, following a complaint by the local Hindutva militants, who had one day barged in during a prayer meeting and recorded the church service, and gave it to police.
Haryana	27-Mar	A pastor in Bhiwani, Haryana state, while praying at his church member's house, was disrupted by his neighbors who came and argued and assaulted him & on a false complaint; the police came and arrested the pastor. https://publicapp.co.in/video/sp_rfbuvgy7bt4cl?share=true https://www.jagran.com/haryana/bhiwani-protest-over-religious-conversion-case-22573695.html
Madhya Pradesh	28-Mar	Ganesh Singh Maravi, Fandelal Dhurve, Rashilal Kol, Dauram Kol, and Sameer Vanshkar were arrested under Sec 3 and 5 of the Madhya Pradesh Religious Freedom Act 2021 in Shahdol district on a false complaint lodged by Hindu nationalists to police accusing them of trying to convert tribals.
Chhattisgarh	28-Mar	Christopher Tirki and Jyoti Prakash Toppo were booked under IPC Sections 295A/34 and Section 4 of the Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act & arrested from Jashpur, Chhattisgarh .
Maharashtra	28-Mar	Hindu nationalists crashed a Christian worship service in Alibag, Maharashtra state, and they were forced to bow down to Hindu gods. A committee has been formed to ensure all Christians denounce their faith to follow the Hindu faith and rituals.
Chhattisgarh	28-Mar	A pastor in Sukma district, Chhattisgarh state was attacked and assaulted on his way to minister at a nearby village. His bike, mobile phone and some cash was taken from him.
Uttarakhand	28-Mar	Sushma a Christian from Dehradun district, Uttarakhand state runs a school and she is facing a lot of opposition from Hindutva extremists
Tamil Nadu	28-Mar	Pastor Carmel and his wife from Tanjore, Tamil Nadu state, were harassed and verbally abused by Hindu Nationalists for two hours in the presence of local police while on their way to the house of a fellow Christian for prayer. https://youtu.be/i_OD9jmYK74
Bihar	28-Mar	A Christian homeopath doctor and his wife were brutally attcked by Hindu nationalists after they were returing from visiting a believer in village Bhimpur, Supaul, Bihar. The extremists molested his wife and, at gunpoint, snatched all valuables. They recorded a video, forcing them to admit to conducting fraudulent religious conversions.

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Jharkhand	28-Mar	A pastor went to Singhbhum district, Jharkhand state, for a prayer meeting where he was held hostage by the Hindu nationalist party leaders for his faith for an hour. Police intervened to help reach a compromise on the matter between the two parties. https://lagatar.in/manoharpur-preacher-held-hostage-on-church-construction-in-bachmagutu/
Uttar Pradesh	28-Mar	A pastor in Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh was conducting a prayer meeting at his church members' house along with 10 to 12 church members when a media person came and he took some photos and informed Hindu nationalists group, who came with the police and accused pastor for religious conversion. Police arrested the pastor and 2 other members.
Uttar Pradesh	29-Mar	Three Christians have been arrested and sent to jail on charges of conversion in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh state. There was a complaint of alleged conversion happening in the house of a Dalit. An FIR has been registered against these three people who have been arrested and also another Christians. https://hindi.news18.com/news/uttar-pradesh/etawah-christian-conversion-of-dalit-hindus-in-etawah-three-arrested-nodelsp-4158651a.html
Uttar Pradesh	29-Mar	Two Christians were taken to the police station in Sultanpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, during a prayer meeting in a house.
Haryana	29-Mar	A case has been registered under IPC Sec 295A/298 against pastor Morris P Lal and his wife, Sosan Lal, from Karnal, Haryana state, for allegedly hurting the religious sentiments of the majority party. A group of Hindu nationalists created a furor over their Christian faith and registered a false complaint.
Uttar Pradesh	29-Mar	Pastor Ram Naresh & Pastor Sumer from Khaga, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh state, have been booked under IPC Sections 188, 295A, 504, 506, 3/5 (1).
Rajasthan	30-Mar	Those who worked as sweepers & garbage lifters in Municipality that attended a church in Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan state, were threatened and intimidated by a few officials. Some were dismissed from their job because of their faith in Jesus.
Chhattisgarh	30-Mar	Christians in a church fellowship in Semra village, Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh state, stopped attending the fellowship due to increased harassment from the local religious Hindu nationalists. They threatened the remaining members with dire consequences if they gathered for worship.
Kerala	30-Mar	A few Hindu nationalists broke into St. Jacob's chapel in Cochin, Kerala state, and desecrated the sacred hosts. The church authorities view this incident as part of hate activities spreading in Kerala.
Madhya Pradesh	30-Mar	Christian workers Dinesh Chauhan, pastor Kiran Badaule, Suresh, Rohan Daumini, Ittu Chauhan, and Sister Bhuri Chauhan were arrested and taken to a police station in Dewas district, Madhya Pradesh. An FIR has been filed against them on charges of forceful conversion.
Tamil Nadu	31-Mar	Mr. Antony kumar (name changed), belonging to the missions partners with Anna Nagar Methodist church in Chennai, was ministering in Trichy, Tamil Nadu went to outreach in a village and was harassed by a group of Hindu nationalists who called the police and accused them of religious conversion. Police arrested and released him late at night on the same day.
Uttar Pradesh	31-Mar	A pastor in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh state, was arrested when he visited a house of a believer & He was falsely accused of religious conversion.
Tamil Nadu	1-Apr	Rev. Emmanuel Angelo and Prof. Dr. Beulah Emmanuel are the pastors of the Elshaddai Christian Assembly in Vellore, Tamil Nadu state. They were threatened by Hindu nationalists and were warned not to conduct worship services.
Madhya Pradesh	1-Apr	Monthly prayer meetings are conducted in a village in Dewas district, Madhya Pradesh state. Hindu nationalists have threatened to disrupt these meetings.
Himachal Pradesh	1-Apr	A pastor and church members were getting threat calls from a religious extremist group for their faith and were warned by the extremists to stop going to Sunday worship service. Church members are fearful of a physical attack.

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Madhya Pradesh	1-Apr	The police disrupted 6 Christians from Bagli, Dewas, and Madhya Pradesh state during a prayer service. The police entered the church and arrested them. They said they received complaints from Hindu nationalists of religious conversion by the victims. Police arrested them and filed an FIR.
Odisha	2-Apr	Six Christian families are excommunicated from their village in Nabarangpur district, Odisha state, because of their faith. They struggle to even get water, having to travel almost 3 kilometers.
Tamil Nadu	3-Apr	A pastor Kumar (name changed) from Madurai, Tamil Nadu state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his house; police barged in and disrupted the prayer meeting and pressurized the pastor to give in writing that he would not conduct any prayer meeting in the house hereafter with people outside his family. Police did not serve any notice and sat in the house for 4 hours.
Tamil Nadu	3-Apr	Nine Christians, including four women, were gheraoed from leaving the village for hours and accused of forceful conversions by Hindu nationalists in Kalladi, Trichy, Tamil Nadu. The extremists were insisting to file an FIR against the Gospel Team. Later, police told the victims to give in writing that they would not distribute tracts or do ministry in the village.
Chhattisgarh	3-Apr	A Christian man died in Tudenar village, Nagarnar, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh. When the deceased's family was preparing for the funeral, a few Hindu nationalists came and threatened the family to bury him according to the Hindu rituals or else Hindu nationalists wouldn't allow the burial either in the village graveyard or on his land.
Odisha	3-Apr	2 Christians went to pray in a village near Hanspal Square, Bhubaneswar, Khorda district., Odisha where a group of Hindu nationalists. Police manhandled them and took four people, including the victims, to Hanspal police station due to the immense pressure from the Hindu nationalist group.
Jharkhand	4-Apr	Christian man Raj (name changed) in Latehar district, Jharkhand state, along with nine other Christians, were threatened by a group of Hindu nationalists to convert to Hinduism or leave the village. Victims tried to file a complaint at the Police station, But the police refused to file it.
Jharkhand	4-Apr	Pastor Raj (name changed) in Gumla district, Jharkhand state, along with kumar (name changed) and other Christians from the church, were threatened by a group of Hindu nationalists to convert to Hinduism.
Chhattisgarh	4-Apr	Pastor Singh (name changed) in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh state, was stopped and threatened, saying that he and his people are not allowed to enter their village or hold any prayer meetings. He was on his way there to hold a prayer meeting in the house of a fellow Christian family.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Apr	Pastor Aashavan from Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh state, is falsely accused of forceful conversion by religious nationalists from his community.
Tamil Nadu	5-Apr	Two pastors from Kobichetti Palayam, Tamil Nadu state, were attacked by Hindu nationalists opposing their Christian ministry work.
Maharashtra	5-Apr	Christians in Sangharsh Nagar, Mumbai, Maharashtra state, received threats from Hindu nationalists for holding worship services in their area.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Apr	Tribal Christians in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh state, are harassed by Hindu nationalists who have been protesting, demanding that these Christians be removed from the Scheduled Tribe list of the government.
Uttar Pradesh	5-Apr	A worship service led by pastor Ajay Kumar in Bhurbaral, Meerut district, Uttar Pradesh state, was disrupted when police arrived upon alleged forceful religious conversion reported by the local Hindu nationalists.
Odisha	5-Apr	Two Christians, Takuru from Jodipada village and Bortho from Sosang village, Odisha state, are facing opposition from their relatives for following the Christian faith.
Karnataka	5-Apr	Pastor Roy (name changed) and his wife from Koppal district, Karnataka state, were questioned by police because there were complaints about them from the Hindu nationalists.

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Chhattisgarh	5-Apr	Twenty-six families are excommunicated from Bagdehi, Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh state, for following their Christian faith. They submitted their grievances to the district administrative officer, seeking action.
Jharkhand	5-Apr	A church with an attendance of over 500 people was threatened with a physical attack on the congregation on Sunday by Hindu Nationalist party supporters in Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
Chhattisgarh	5-Apr	Christopher and Jeevan Deep Toppo from Dokda village, Chhattisgarh state, were attacked by Hindu nationalists, who made false allegations of conversion. Later they were arrested under non-bailable offenses and disallowed to file a counter FIR.
Punjab	7-Apr	Christians Mary (name changed), her husband John (name changed), and their three children, from Ludhiana, Punjab state, are facing persecution from their family and village. They are being threatened with ex-communication from their village for following their Christian faith.
Madhya Pradesh	7-Apr	Seetha and Champa are the only Christians in their family from Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh state. They face persecution from their family and are asked to leave the house.
Maharashtra	7-Apr	A Pastor called to inform us that 7 Christian families from Jalgaon district, Maharashtra state, were harassed by the local villager due to their faith and were threatened with being thrown out of the village if they won't convert to Hinduism.
Kerala	8-Apr	The locals oppose a Christian prayer hall construction in Alleppey, Kerala state. They don't want the prayer hall to be built in their community.
Maharashtra	8-Apr	Pastor Augastin Sekar from Palghar district, Maharashtra state, is threatened and not allowed to move around freely since Hindu nationalists are watching him.
Haryana	10-Apr	Pastor Roy's family (name changed) in Bhiwani district, Haryana state, and Sam Singh's family (name changed), including ten members, were attacked and threatened by the local Hindu nationalists. Hindu nationalist party leaders have socially ostracized the families and not allowed them to buy groceries and other necessary things from the village. They have been told either to convert to Hinduism or leave the village.
Chhattisgarh	10-Apr	Jay Singh (name changed) informed that pastor Koshy (name changed) from Shivpuri village in Jamul of Durg district, Chhattisgarh state, was conducting a prayer meeting at the home of a member of his church. At that time, a group of Hindu nationalists headed by Jyoti Sharma barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting. They abused and threatened the victim and accused them of religious conversion. Subsequently, they called the police, who came and arrested the pastor and kept him at a police station nearby.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Apr	Pastor Keshav Jaiswal and Omkar were sent to judicial custody after being arrested during a house prayer in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh state. The local Hindu nationalist leaders reported to the police about the prayer meeting. They have been charged under Sec 3/5 (1) of the Uttar Pradesh Freedom of Religious Act. https://www.bhaskar.com/local/uttar-pradesh/gorakhpur/news/coming-from-jammu-and-kashmir-and-pathankot-they-were-doing-conversion-for-3-months-they-were-giving-greed-for-ash-and-cash-two-accused-arrested-129644232.html
Karnataka	11-Apr	Pastor Madhu was arrested in Bommanakatte, Karnataka state when he was praying for healing for a child from a Hindu family with a rare disease. The locals reported to police that the pastor was trying to convert the Hindu family on the pretext of healing from disease.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Apr	A 25-year-old church in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh state, is demanded to be shut down by the village head and a group of Hindu nationalists. The church members are feeling intimidated by this sudden demand from the community
Assam	12-Apr	Sambat Sarkari, from Sonitpur, Assam state, had his land taken away by the locals after blaming him for following the Christian religion.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Apr	The house of a Christian in a slum in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh state, where the Christians met for prayer, was vandalized by religious Hindu nationalists.

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Gujarat	12-Apr	pastor Pramod and two Christians Suraj and Manmohan were beaten by a group of people for alleged forceful religious conversion in Vapi, Gujarat state.
Chhattisgarh	12-Apr	Raj (name changed) and 17 Christian families from Kokhameta village in the Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh are harassed and threatened by a Hindu nationalist group. They have warned the families to either convert to Hinduism, be thrown out of the village, or even be killed. Hindu nationalist party leaders have given all the families a time limit of four days.
Uttar Pradesh	13-Apr	Police disrupted a family prayer in Hathiyawa village of Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh state. The family has been following the Christian faith for over 20 years now. The police searched his house without a warrant, threatened him not to pray again, and asked him to report to the police station the next day.
Andhra Pradesh	13-Apr	Pastor Manickam (name changed) from Tada Mandalam, Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer service in his church when a group of Hindu nationalists, along with a local administration official, barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting. They were asked to get the district administration officer's permission to continue the church prayer.
Uttar Pradesh	14-Apr	The Thursday service of ECI Church in Hariharganj, Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, was disrupted. Religious Hindu nationalists and police arrested the congregations under the Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance 2020 Section 3 and 5(1). https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/26-held-for-unlawful-religious-conversion-in-fatehpur-cops-7871493/
Maharashtra	14-Apr	Samson (name changed) from Kalyan, Maharashtra state, received threatening calls from Hindu nationalist group leaders who allege that he has been forcefully converting people to the Christian faith.
Jharkhand	14-Apr	Pastor Mathew (name changed) in Lohardaga, Jharkhand state, was summoned by a group of Hindu nationalists. They threatened him to convert to Hinduism or face ex-communication. When he declined, his properties encroached. He made a complaint to the local administration officials, but instead, he was served a notice by the official.
Madhya Pradesh	15-Apr	The police summoned Pastor Pankaj (name changed) from Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh state, as some Hindu nationalists had complained about him, saying he was converting people.
Maharashtra	15-Apr	Jesson from Mulund, Mumbai, Maharashtra state was stopped from street evangelism. A group Hindu nationalists came and stopped him from giving gospel booklets to people and verbally abused him.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Apr	For seven years, a pastor living in rental accommodation in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh state, was questioned by police under the false complaint by Hindu party leaders that he was converting the landlord to Christianity. The police have issued an arrest warrant against the pastor.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Apr	Ramesh Kumar (name changed) in Andakhor village of Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, was attending a prayer meeting when a few local Hindu nationalist party leaders barged in, disrupted their prayer meeting, and accused them of religious conversion. Police arrested Ramesh Kumar's son and daughter-in-law, another man and his wife (names hidden) from Tehbarpur, and another couple under section 151 of CrPc.
Chhattisgarh	16-Apr	Mainuram Salam died in Sulangi, thana Koilibeda area of Kanker district in Chhattisgarh. When his family was preparing the body for burial, the Hindu nationalist leaders disrupted their service and did not allow them to bury it according to their faith.
Madhya Pradesh	17-Apr	Pastor Philemon from Madhya Pradesh state was accused of forceful religious conversion while he was invited to a dinner at one of his Christian friends. A few people, along with police officials, came and started questioning the pastor about the purpose of his visit to the man's Christian house.
Odisha	17-Apr	Local Hindu nationalist leaders attacked three families, and their houses were destroyed in Malkangiri, Odisha state. The families were told to renounce their Christian faith and threatened them with dire consequences.

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Uttar Pradesh	17-Apr	Four Christians Rakesh Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Sis Geeta and Sis Reena were arrested on their way to a prayer meeting in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, from a junction where they were waiting for a commute to reach the prayer meet. Police informed news daily that someone informed them about people's whereabouts, alleging they were headed for a religious conversion event. They have been booked for forceful conversion. https://sabsetejnews.com/news.php?news=12626
Uttar Pradesh	17-Apr	A pastor in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh state, was leading a prayer meeting with more than 100 members at his house when Hindutva militants disrupted the prayer and called the police who arrested the pastor and charged him under 151 CrPC (Code of Criminal Procedure).
Madhya Pradesh	18-Apr	Christians Prabhakar, Kishore, and Amar Singh were arrested and sent to jail on alleged charges of forceful conversions by making false promises like a heavenly reward in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh state.
Jharkhand	19-Apr	Susan (name changed) visited her paternal family in Latehar, Jharkhand state, along with her husband for her brother's wedding, where a group of Hindu nationalists assaulted her and her family for marrying outside her religion to a Christian man and threatened them not to visit the village again or else they have to pay the fine of Rs. 50,000. She was pregnant at the time of the incident.
West Bengal	20-Apr	A Christian couple from Howrah, West Bengal state, was beaten by a group of Hindu nationalists after their family members instigated the group of Hindu nationalists to beat them. The family doesn't approve of their newfound Christian faith.
Chhattisgarh	20-Apr	Hament (name changed) from Badezarkatta village of Pakanjur area, Kanker district in Chhattisgarh state, was harassed and threatened by the local Hindu nationalist party leaders because of his Christian faith and warned him to either leave his faith or be thrown out of the village.
Andhra Pradesh	21-Apr	Hindu nationalists abused Christian from Krishnamsetty village in Guntakal, Ananthapur district, Andhra Pradesh state. They snatched his bag and gospel literature accusing him of propagating his faith to others.
Maharashtra	21-Apr	A Christian from Chandivilli, Powai, Maharashtra state, was beaten by Hindu nationalists and was admitted to the hospital
Maharashtra	21-Apr	Pastor John (name changed) in Mumbai, Maharashtra state, and other members were praying in his makeshift Church building when a local builder from the area barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting and forcefully vacated all of them and also assaulted the pastor. The local pastor's group applied for police protection, but no protection has been given by the police yet.
Tamil Nadu	21-Apr	Pastor Carmel from Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu state, and his wife went to a village for ministry work where the local Hindu party leaders stopped the couple, accused them of religious conversion, and did not allow them to leave the village. They were abused verbally. Later they called the police, who came and took the pastor and his wife to the police station and forced them to write that they would not do any ministry work in the village, but the pastor refused to give in writing.
Chhattisgarh	21-Apr	Henry (name changed) from Burungpal village of Thana Kodenar, Bastar district in Chhattisgarh state, was threatened by Hindu nationalist party leaders who gathered around his house to convert him to Hinduism forcefully.
Andhra Pradesh	22-Apr	Mr. Rajarathnam from Krishnamsetty village of Ananthapur district, Andhra Pradesh state, was attacked by a group of Hindu nationalists who snatched and threw away Mr. Rajaratnam's bag with new testament books. Since that incident, Mr. Rajaratnam has been missing. There is a search effort underway.
Andhra Pradesh	22-Apr	Hindu nationalists party abused and attacked a group of Christians who were handing out Christian literature to those interested in Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh state.

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Uttar Pradesh	22-Apr	Two pastors in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh were arrested by the police on false charges of religious conversion. Both were brutally beaten and forced to chant the names of Hindu deities. Failure to comply only made the beatings worse. The victims were taken to the local hospital by the police for medical care, but doctors attending them were instructed to not report victims injuries.
Uttar Pradesh	22-Apr	Pastor Bablu from Village-Madwaliki, Jhanda wali, Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting prayer in his house when a few Hindu nationalists barged in, disrupted their prayer meeting, and accused the pastor of religious conversion. Later, police were called who came and arrested the pastor under the UP FORA act.
Karnataka	23-Apr	A prayer meeting was disrupted by a large group of people in Dharwad, Karnataka state causing panic among the Christians. So, many are afraid to attending prayer fellowship now.
Odisha	23-Apr	Prabhata Digal from Baliguda, Kandhamal, Odisha state, has been arrested for following the Christian faith and conducting prayer fellowships in the village.
Chhattisgarh	23-Apr	A Christian man, Manoj Poyami, from the Barsur area of Dantewada, Chhattisgarh state, was at his house when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and threatened and harassed his family due to his faith. They also damaged and vandalized the house.
Madhya Pradesh	24-Apr	A group of Hindu nationalists of Bijori in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh state, have lodged a complaint accusing the village head of motivating and forcefully converting the village people to the Christian faith. https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/chhindwara/news/the-village-administrative-officer-along-with-the-a-group-of-Hindu-nationalists-of-bijori-of-sangakheda-complained-to-the-police-the-police-is-investigating-129709223.html?_branch_match_id=1026155091d90678095&utm_campaign=129709223&utm_medium=sharing&_branch_referrer=H4sIAAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXT0nMzMvM1k3Sy8zTDy5xc8oPcKwqKUGCAJPORdgrfAAAA
Uttar Pradesh	24-Apr	Pastor Joby Thomas from the Dhanghata area, Sant Kabir Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer service at his church along with other church members when the police came in and disrupted their prayer meeting and arrested a few members, namely Chandrakala, Ravi, Siddhartha and some other people at the police station.
Chhattisgarh	24-Apr	Pastor Manohar (name changed) in village Kopra of Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh state, along with a Christian, John (name changed), visited a Christian Koshi (name changed), who is a nurse by profession. She had kept a prayer meeting at her government-provided house. While they were praying, a group of Hindu nationalists barged in, disrupted their prayer, accused them of religious conversion, and filed a complaint at the police station. Subsequently, police called the pastor to the police station for inquiry and threatened not to continue with their prayer meetings.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Apr	A Father in Baghpat district, Uttar Pradesh state, has been arrested under POCSO. He was taken into custody after calling him to the police station ostensibly to 'discuss some important matter.' However, as the priest reached the police station, he was told about a complaint against him filed by a woman accusing him of sexual assault on her minor daughter, and he was arrested. https://www.indiancurrents.org/article-arrest-of-priest-on-false-charges-says-meerut-diocese-ic-correspondent-1d58.php
Madhya Pradesh	25-Apr	Pastor in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh state, is not allowed to start his church by the locals. He was arrested on an allegation of forceful religious conversion and then released on bail.
Madhya Pradesh	25-Apr	Pastors and Christians of a church in Junnardeo, Madhya Pradesh state, are facing increased persecution from the local religious Hindu nationalists, who do not allow Christians to gather and pray.

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Karnataka	25-Apr	Karnataka Education Department officials visited a school in Bengaluru, Karnataka state, after a religious group alleged that the school was "imposing" the Bible on students. https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/bengaluru-school-row-asking-parents-allow-kids-bring-bible-school-163239?amp
Karnataka	25-Apr	A Christian woman in Mandya district, Karnataka state, was praying at her house when a group of 6 Hindu nationalists barged in and disrupted her prayer, threatening her not to conduct any prayer meetings at her house.
Uttar Pradesh	26-Apr	A church in Pilkhuwa, Hapur district, Uttar Pradesh state, with 150 Christians, is being threatened to stop the worship service held at a Christian's house.
Maharashtra	26-Apr	Christians from Chandrapur, Maharashtra state, are persecuted for their faith by local Hindu nationalists. They are stopped and threatened not to gather for the prayer meeting.
Bihar	27-Apr	False reports and testimonies of religious conversions are raised against Christians in the state of Bihar. Pastors and Christians have complained about the false report. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V9JlNsEd-Y
Tamil Nadu	26-Apr	Christians in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu state are abused, harassed and poured ink over on their T-shirts which had Bible verses printed them. The Christians were visiting a pastor and were drinking tea in local tea shop when the Hindu nationalists began arguing with them.
Delhi	26-Apr	The Supreme Court of India states, "There's No Urgency, Heavens Don't Fall," on request for a fixed date for a plea to prevent attacks against Christians. https://www.livelaw.in/top-stories/supreme-court-plea-to-prevent-attacks-against-christians-197601
Chhattisgarh	26-Apr	A person from village Korlapalli, PS Pharsegad, district Bijapur, Chhattisgarh state, and other families were assaulted by a group of Hindu nationalists due to their faith.
Bihar	30-Apr	A house construction of a pastor in Panipat, Bihar state, has been stopped again by locals claiming that they are building a church, not a house. The house was partially destroyed.
Bihar	30-Apr	A worship service was disrupted in Siwan, Bihar state, and they were asked not to meet anymore in the hall that they used to rent out for worship. The pastor and his wife were taken to the police station for questioning and later released.
Bihar	30-Apr	A person from Jamui, Bihar state, has been facing persecution and even threats to his life for the sake of his faith.
Assam	30-Apr	A Christian, Nidhi (name changed), from Assam state, and her three children have been sent out of their home by her husband for following the Christian faith.
Uttar Pradesh	29-Apr	The bail of two pastors has been rejected by the Sessions Court in Gorakhpur district, Uttar Pradesh state. Both pastors have been in jail since April 11th, 2022. They plan to move to Allahabad High Court.
Uttar Pradesh	29-Apr	A pastor in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh state, who runs an independent church and conducts a Church service in his home every Friday, was arrested by police on a complaint filed by the pastor's father against him for religious conversion of poor people by allurements.
Uttar Pradesh	30-Apr	Along with three other members, a pastor in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh state, was returning after their morning worship in a village on their motorcycle; on their way, they were stopped by police at a check post where police checked the vehicles. On finding the Bible and Christian literature in their bag, they immediately seized the bag and motorcycle, arrested the victims, and took them to the Sultanpur Dehat Kotwali.
Madhya Pradesh	30-Apr	Three Christian families in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh state, are being persecuted for their faith; their electricity lines have been cut, they are not allowed to draw water from the well, and they are being threatened that they will be thrown out of the village.
Uttar Pradesh	1-May	A Pastor and a Christian in Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, was arrested by the local police on the information given by a group of Hindutva nationalists of unlawful religious conversion. They were booked u/s 151,107,116 CrPc (Criminal Procedure Code)

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Karnataka	2-May	A church under construction in South Canara, Karnataka state, was vandalized. The pastor and the Christians of the church fear for their life.
Chhattisgarh	2-May	A Christian woman in Bastar, Chhattisgarh state, and her son was assaulted by a group of Hindutva nationalists due to their faith.
Chhattisgarh	2-May	Two Christians in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, were severely assaulted by Hindu nationalist party leaders due to their Christian faith. Later other Christians from the area admitted them to the hospital.
Chhattisgarh	3-May	A Christian's Cow shed/ house was burned in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state, and forced to convert or excommunicate from the village with death threats,
Uttar Pradesh	3-May	A pastor and his two sons in Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state, were conducting a prayer meeting in the Church when a group of Hindutva nationalists barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting and accused the pastor of religious conversion. They informed the Police, who came and arrested a pastor and his two sons under the UP FORA act (Freedom of Religion Act).
Chhattisgarh	3-May	Hindu extremists filed a complaint against two Christians in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, for religious conversion. Police arrested them on false allegations.
Madhya Pradesh	3-May	Two women in Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh state, were conducting a prayer meeting in an open place where 400 people had gathered. While they were praying, a man from the religious extremist group, along with other people, accused them of religious conversion by alluring them the money. Later they called the police, who arrested both women under the Madhya Pradesh (Freedom of Religion Act) FORA.
Uttar Pradesh	4-May	A pastor was taken to the police station in Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh state after a religious fanatic complained to the police that the pastor was involved in forceful religious conversion.
Madhya Pradesh	4-May	An FIR was filed under the religious freedom act against two teachers in a school in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh state. They were alleged to be involved in conversion in the school. A protest was held, and an application was submitted to the Punasa police station demanding action. https://public.app/video/sp_d2thhmd6kbaja
Madhya Pradesh	4-May	A complaint based on forceful conversions turned out to be false in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh state. After the incident, the church was threatened not to meet or face consequences.
Madhya Pradesh	4-May	A prayer held in a Christian's house in Umrikhurd, Madhya Pradesh state, was interrupted by a group of people who started abusing and falsely accused them of conversion. Both parties were called to the police station, where they submitted their grievances.
Uttar Pradesh	5-May	Hindutva nationalists in Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, barged in and disrupted a prayer meeting and filed a complaint in the police station of unlawful religious conversion. The missionary and other Christians anticipating an arrest ran away from the incident. Police filed 290 CrPc (Criminal Procedure Code), fined 700 rupees, and arrested them at PS.
Tamil Nadu	7-May	Christian men and women in Tamil Nadu state were met with opposition as they were sharing gospel tracts. The opposers asked them to leave the place. The protesters claimed to have raised a complaint with the police. https://www.facebook.com/hindumunnani.org/videos/%E0%AE%AE%E0%AE%A4%E0%AE%AE%E0%AE%BE%E0%AE%B1%E0%AF%8D%E0%AE%B1-%E0%AE%9A%E0%AE%A4%E0%AE%BF-%E0%AE%AE%E0%AF%81%E0%AE%B1%E0%AE%BF%E0%AE%AF%E0%AE%9F%E0%AE%BF%E0%AE%AA%E0%AF%8D%E0%AE%AA%E0%AF%81/691243142088307/
Madhya Pradesh	7-May	A pastor in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh state, is facing continuous persecution from a group of Hindu nationalists for his Christian faith.
Bihar	9-May	Christians from Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh state, are being threatened and harassed for professing their faith.

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Jharkhand	7-May	The Hindutva nationalists opposed and stopped the house repair of a Christian man in Ranchi district, Jharkhand state, due to his faith. They threatened the family to vacate the place. Earlier in 2021, Hindu nationalist party leaders stopped the water and electricity supply of the house due to their faith.
Punjab	9-May	A Christian apostle from Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab state, has been receiving abusive calls for following Christ and stopped sharing the gospel.
Uttar Pradesh	9-May	A pastor ministering in Ghurbaksh Ganj, Uttar Pradesh state, is facing persecution from a group of Hindu nationalists for professing and preaching his Christian faith.
Chhattisgarh	9-May	Christians in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state, have been boycotted from the village and won't get any water, ration, or the panchayat labor benefits. They aren't even allowed to enter the Police Station to file complaints.
Haryana	9-May	A Christian family from Jhajjar district, Haryana state, was threatened by a group of Hindutva nationalists to stop their prayer meetings and were socially ostracised by the Hindu nationalist party leaders for their faith.
Chhattisgarh	10-May	A Christian woman from Korba district, Chhattisgarh state, was expelled from home by her own family for her faith. She stands firm in her faith.
Maharashtra	10-May	Christian men and women were harassed while distributing Bibles in Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra state.
Gujarat	10-May	A man Dahod district, Gujarat state, collapsed after a prayer meeting conducted by a pastor. The family has now filed a case against the pastor, alleging him to have prayed for the man's death.
Uttar Pradesh	11-May	Pastors from Basti, Uttar Pradesh state, went to Sub-divisional Magistrate (SDM) the head administrative official, to ask for the district administrations permission to conduct prayer meetings in a rented building. They proposed to give written document to the administration that they will not do any religious conversion.
Karnataka	11-May	The anti-conversion bill, called the Karnataka Right to Freedom of Religion Bill 2021, was introduced in the state legislature in December 2021 and has not been tabled in the state legislative council yet, even after passage by the Assembly. So, the ruling state political government has decided to take the ordinance route to introduce the contentious anti-conversion law in the state. https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/bangalore/karnataka-ordinance-anti-conversion-law-7914166/lite/#aoh=16523676482510&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com&_tf=From%20%251%24s
Uttar Pradesh	11-May	The district Administrator and CO (Circle Officer of police) in Basti district, Uttar Pradesh state, called for a meeting with more than four pastors, and asked them to stop all the prayer meetings with immediate effect throughout the district. Later, the officials got a signed a letter from all the pastors in the meeting stating that they would not do any religious conversion and would not conduct a home church or prayer anywhere. They are required to take permission before conducting prayer meetings.
Madhya Pradesh	12-May	Two Christian women from Barwaha, in Madhya Pradesh state, have been booked and arrested under Anti conversion Law 3/5.
Uttar Pradesh	12-May	One of the private schools run by a missionary from the CSI Church in Uttar Pradesh state was not allowed to operate. They allege that the students are taught about Christianity.
Haryana	12-May	A Christian from Hisar district, Haryana state, is facing resistance from a few a group of Hindu nationalists. They have threatened to stop the meetings being held in his home.
Tamil Nadu	12-May	A pastor in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu state, informed that a group of people came and threatened him to stop conducting worship in his church. He has filed a police complaint. He had been previously attacked in 2014 and sustained serious injuries, and he suffers from the aftereffects, with blood clots in his brain causing him a lot of pain.

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Madhya Pradesh	14-May	A pastor had been taken to the police station in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh state. He had just finished the Sunday worship, and police came and took him to take his statement as a complaint of conversion had been made against him, and he was later released.
Odisha	14-May	Two of those who accepted the new Christian faith in Gajapati district, Odisha state, have been asked to leave the village because of their faith.
Tamil Nadu	14-May	A pastor in Virudhunagar district, Tamil Nadu state, has been charged with false charges.
Madhya Pradesh	14-May	A professing Christian from Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh state, has been asked to forsake their faith in Christ or leave their village,
Madhya Pradesh	14-May	6 professing Christians from Seoni Malwa, Madhya Pradesh state, who had earlier been imprisoned for six days and had been fighting court cases, still face persecution for following their Christian faith.
Chhattisgarh	14-May	A pastor's wife and father-in-law got beaten when he was not at home by religious Hindu nationalists in Surguja district, Chhattisgarh state. It as an outrage against the pastor and his work.
Tamil Nadu	14-May	A man in Thirupattur district, Tamil Nadu state, has filed a case against a pastor at Madras High Court and the district Court that his church should be demolished as it is unauthorized. The High Court instructed district Court to look into the matter.
Odisha	14-May	A Christian couple and a woman in Koraput district, Odisha state, were conducting a prayer meeting when a group of Hindutva nationalists barged in, disrupted their prayer meeting, and threatened and assaulted them for conducting the prayer meeting.
Chhattisgarh	15-May	A paryer meeting at a pastor's home was disrupted by the police who barged in and enquired about the number of people praying and threatened them not to continue with the prayer meetings at home. Later, police arrested the pastor and his wife.
Jharkhand	15-May	A Christian in Lohardaga district, Jharkhand state, was conducting prayer in his home when a group of Hindutva nationalists barged in and disrupted his prayer and warned them not to continue with the prayer meetings.
Jharkhand	16-May	A pastor in Gumla, Jharkhand state, was returning home after worship on Sunday, and he was attacked by a large crowd of people who beat him up with sticks, laying him upside down.
Odisha	16-May	A church was attacked in Dhadrak, Odisha state during worship, the pastor was thrown out of the village and was unable to return.
Chhattisgarh	16-May	A pastor and his wife from Surguja district, Chhattisgarh state, have been summoned by the court today to hear a case on the stay order on their house church. A few months ago, the house church had been issued a stay order preventing further construction or meetings. The Pastor had opened the place for cleaning, and a group of Hindu nationalists, protested, injuring the pastor, wife, and father-in-law in the process.
Karnataka	16-May	A complaint has been filed against four pastors distributing school bags to students in Karwar district, Karnataka. One has been arrested, and the rest three have absconded.
Karnataka	17-May	Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot has consented to implement the anti-conversion law in the state. The bill has been a bone of contention in Karnataka for a very long. The Government in Karnataka had taken an ordinance to pass this bill. The bill proposes to put a restriction on inter-faith marriages. https://www.timesnownews.com/videos/mirror-now/politics/karnataka-governor-gives-consent-to-anti-conversion-law-mirror-now-news-latest-news-video-91622438
Karnataka	18-May	A pastor and his wife, ministering in Kodagu, Karnataka state, were brutally beaten and then arrested while returning from visiting a church member.
Jharkhand	18-May	Jeevan Baghwar from Gumla, Jharkhand state, was returning home after worship on Sunday, and he was attacked by a large crowd of people who beat him up with sticks, laying him upside down.
Odisha	20-May	Two Christians who run a hostel for needy children in Khariyar, Odisha state, were taken to the police station on false complaints of forceful religious conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	20-May	A church in Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, is denied permission to conduct regular Sunday worship. They threaten that such a gathering/event would result in violence.

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Chhattisgarh	20-May	A Christian family from Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh state, was socially ostracized by the Hindu nationalist party leaders for their faith. The victims live in a remote Naxalite-affected area where they are not allowed to buy ration, use the water from the borewell, or use the common road. They were not even allowed to enter their land. The victim complained the same to the village council, but they did not respond to it.
Uttar Pradesh	21-May	Two pastors in Kheri district, Uttar Pradesh state, were taken to the police station in Jamuniya under false charges of forceful conversion.
Tamil Nadu	21-May	A pastor in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu state, was conducting a Vacation Bible School for children in his church when 2 Hindutva nationalists barged in, disrupted their meeting, threatened the children and women, and called the police, who came and stopped the meeting. Earlier, the pastor had informed the Police of the VBS, and the police said to go ahead verbally.
Uttar Pradesh	22-May	Two Christians from Punjab who were in Uttar Pradesh have been allegedly booked under laws that protect the indigenous people in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state.
Punjab	22-May	A pastor in Mohali district, Punjab state, was attacked by a large group of people, and the meeting in his church was forcefully stopped.
Tamil Nadu	22-May	A Sunday worship was disrupted in Theni district, Tamil Nadu state. The same evening, the pastor was summoned to the police station later that day to be interrogated.
Uttar Pradesh	22-May	A pastor in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his house when a person started making a video of the prayer meeting and informed the Hindutva nationalists group who came with the police and disrupted their prayer meeting and accused pastor for religious conversion and took three Christians including a minor to the police station. Later an FIR was filed in Azamgarh under IPC section 3/5 (1), 3(1) SC/ST. Two Christians have been framed in the FIR.
Uttar Pradesh	22-May	Two Christians in Lakhimpur district, Uttar Pradesh were conducting a prayer meeting in their church when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and disrupted their prayer and informed police who came and arrested the pastors and 6 other Christians to Phoolbaharh police station.
Karnataka	22-May	A pastor in Chikkamagalur district, Karnataka state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his house when a group of Hindutva nationalists, along with the pastor's elder brother barged in and disrupted his prayer meeting and accused him for religious conversion and filed a complaint in the police station.
Tamil Nadu	22-May	A pastor in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu state, was conducting a prayer service in a rented place when a Police came and told them to stop the service and threatened the pastor and Christians and asked for permission letter to worship in this place. Then a local sub Inspector told him he would not let them pray hereafter. They have threatened the house owner to let the premises for prayer.
Uttar Pradesh	22-May	A pastor in Baharaich district, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his prayer hall when three policemen disrupted their prayer meeting and called the pastor to the police station and also recorded the video of the prayer meeting.
Uttar Pradesh	22-May	A pastor in Hardoi district, Uttar Pradesh state, was harassed by media persons by demanding a ransom amount from him, and because the pastor denied paying it, the media person accused the pastor falsely for the religious conversion and filed a complaint to the police station. Later, three Police came to the pastor's Church and took photos and videos.
Uttar Pradesh	23-May	A church was disrupted in Siswa Bazaar, Uttar Pradesh state, by religious extremists under alleged forceful conversion when the Hindutva extremist group identified a few new members from Nagaland state. The new church members are students studying in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. They accused the pastor of unlawful religious conversion and threatened him not to continue the church services.
Chhattisgarh	23-May	A Christian in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state, has been assaulted by a group of Hindu nationalists who broke his arm. The police are not supporting the victim or filing a complaint against the culprits.

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Jharkhand	23-May	A Christian widow from Ranchi, Jharkhand state is harassed and threatened by her brother-in-law due to her Christian faith.
Uttar Pradesh	24-May	A pastor and a few others from his church were taken to police station in Ambedkar Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh state, under alleged charges of forceful religious conversion.
Rajasthan	24-May	pastor and his wife were arrested in Jodhpur, Rajasthan state, for alleged forceful religious conversion https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fnsLa_fFeE
Madhya Pradesh	24-May	Four Christians have been arrested in Hoshangabad district, Madhya Pradesh state. https://narmadanchal.com/big-breaking/case-registered-against-three-people-on-the-complaint-of-converting-religion/
Uttar Pradesh	24-May	Church worship service was disrupted on Sunday in the Kannauj district, Uttar Pradesh state, by a group of people from the neighborhood, who alleged that forceful religious conversions were happening.
Odisha	25-May	The gates of a church in Odisha state's Bhadrak district were sealed on Wednesday following complaints of religious conversion. The administration also imposed prohibitory order under section 144 of CrPC (A law prohibiting gathering more than three people in a public place). https://www.hindustantimes-com.cdn.ampproject.org/v/s/www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/odisha-district-seals-off-church-over-allegations-of-religious-conversion-101653500489411-amp.html?amp_js_v=a6&amp_gsa=1&usqp=mq331AQKKAQArABIIACAw%3D%3D#aoh=16535456038833&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com&amp_tf=From%20%251%24s&ampshare=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hindustantimes.com%2Findia-news%2Fodisha-district-seals-off-church-over-allegations-of-religious-conversion-101653500489411.html
Uttar Pradesh	25-May	A pastor visiting from Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, went to pray at the Christian house in a village. During the prayer, the neighbor called the police for complaints of religious conversion. Police arrived and took both to the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	25-May	A Christian from Bhiwani, was walking in the village when one of his Hindu fellow villagers wished him 'Ram - Ram' and in response, he replied with 'Namaste,' which later created an issue among the local Hindu nationalist party leaders and all the Panchayat members and religious leaders from other faith forcefully conducted Havan(a Hindu ceremony/ritual) in his house.
Uttar Pradesh	25-May	A pastor in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting when a group of Hindu nationalists filed a false complaint against the pastor of religious conversion by alluring the poor people. Police came to his home and enquired from his family.
Madhya Pradesh	26-May	A Christian was being rounded up by a group of people in Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh state, for his faith.
Uttar Pradesh	26-May	A pastor in Pratapgarh district, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a Bible school with 70 students when their worship was disrupted and forcefully stopped.
Bihar	26-May	A pastor in Nalanda, Bihar state, was at their newly constructed church building to be inaugurated on 31st May 2022, along with other church members. Suddenly a group of people led by Hindutva nationalists came and threatened them with death. They pledged to not conduct the inauguration of the church or face consequences.
Bihar	27-May	A pastor and church members in Saran, Bihar state, were constructing a Church on their land when Hindu nationalists disrupted their construction work and threatened them not to continue. Extremists took pictures of the construction and posted them on social media. The pastor, anticipating arrest, filed a complaint against the police officer.
Uttar Pradesh	26-May	A pastor's wife went to pray in a village in Maharajganj district, Uttar Pradesh state, where some people protested and called the police, and she was taken to the police station.

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Goa	26-May	A pastor in North Goa, Goa state, was at his house when police came to arrest the pastor on a false complaint filed by Hindu nationalists regarding religious conversion. They filed an FIR u/s 153, 295, 295(A) IPC. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/court-grants-siolim-pastor-conditional-bail/articleshow/91843323.cms
Chhattisgarh	26-May	A Christian from Sukma, Chhattisgarh state, went to the village head office for issuance of the caste certificate for education purposes, but the Head, Administrator, and the Land officer from the area office denied the certificate because he is a Christian.
Uttar Pradesh	28-May	A pastor in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh state, was in his house when two women came along with a group of Hindu nationalists and accused the pastor of forceful religious conversion by alluring them.
West Bengal	28-May	A pastor in Burdwan, West Bengal state, was conducting a prayer meeting at a Christian's house with 20 Christians when the police arrested the pastor based on a complaint filed by an unknown person.
Uttar Pradesh	29-May	A Christian man was taken to the police station in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, right when a prayer meeting was being conducted at his house.
Uttar Pradesh	29-May	A village church service in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh state, was disrupted and questioned by the local police. https://youtu.be/nFU-k0LQRDU
Uttar Pradesh	29-May	A pastor was arrested during a church service in his village in Uttar Pradesh state. A First Information Report (FIR) has been registered under anti-conversion law.
Bihar	29-May	Hindu activists forced and intimidated members of a church in Chapra, Bihar state, to accept their Hindu beliefs. They have arranged a religious ceremony called 'Homecoming' to celebrate this.
West Bengal	29-May	A pastor in Purba Bardhaman district, West Bengal state, was taken to the police station during a fasting prayer at his rented residence. The house owner has asked pastor to vacate the house immediately, under pressure from the locals.
Karnataka	29-May	A church in Chikmagalur district in Karnataka state has informed that the Sunday service was disrupted, and police have arrested the pastor.
Bihar	29-May	A pastor in Saran, Bihar state, was conducting prayer at his house when a group of religious extremists forcefully entered the house and threatened to kill them if they continued praying. They also vandalized the Church area.
Chhattisgarh	29-May	Worship was disrupted in a church in Durg, Chhattisgarh state. The activists demanded that there be no worship services henceforth.
Rajasthan	29-May	A pastor and his wife in Jodhpur, Rajasthan state, were threatened that next Sunday, their worship service would be disrupted. https://www.tv9hindi.com/state/rajasthan/hindu-organisations-protest-allegations-of-conversion-in-jodhpur-rajasthan-chant-hanuman-chalisa-in-police-station-au275-1248659.html
Uttar Pradesh	29-May	A Christian from a disadvantaged community in Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh state, is facing much opposition for following the Christian faith.
Uttar Pradesh	29-May	A pastor in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his house when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in, disrupted the prayer meeting, and called the police who came and arrested the pastor and charged him under IPC sections 504, 506 and 3/5(1) UP PUCRA. https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/uttar-pradesh/azamgarh/conversion-is-not-stopping-in-azamgarh-trying-to-convert-100-people-accused-arrested/articleshow/91869531.cms
Uttar Pradesh	29-May	A pastor in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, was celebrating his child's birthday and conducting a prayer meeting at his house when some religious extremists filed a complaint against him, alleging that the pastor was converting people to Christianity, based on which the police arrested him and charged him u/s 151, 107, 116 CrPc

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Uttar Pradesh	29-May	A pastor in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting at his house when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in along with the police and accused him of religious conversion. They took him to the police station and booked him. No arrest has been made yet.
Karnataka	29-May	A pastor in Belagavi, Karnataka state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his house when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and assaulted the pastor. He sustained injuries and is scared and unwilling to file a complaint.
Karnataka	29-May	A pastor in Haveri, Karnataka state, was threatened by the local Hindu nationalist party leaders in a panchayat meeting. He was told to either leave his faith or be socially ostracized by the Hindu nationalist party leaders and would have to give up his special government benefits.
Chhattisgarh	30-May	A pastor in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh state, was accused by a woman of forceful religious conversion by alluring her. The woman was supported by a group of Hindutva nationalists. https://youtu.be/p1Gt3caqsvI
Uttar Pradesh	31-May	Two Christians were arrested and taken to the police station in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, following allegations of forced religious conversions.
Madhya Pradesh	31-May	A Christian from Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh state, was beaten with glass bottles and suffered deep wounds on his head by anti-Christian activists.
Uttar Pradesh	31-May	A pastor in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh state, and a Christian was conducting a prayer meeting when the police barged in. They were arrested and registered under the religious conversion act section 3,5 UP Freedom of Religion Act due to an allegation against them of forced conversion by alluring.
Uttar Pradesh	31-May	A pastor in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting when the village administrator and the Hindu nationalist party leaders barged in. They assaulted him. Police arrested him and charged him u/s 295 A IPC.
Odisha	31-May	A pastor in Nuapada district, Odisha state, was conducting a prayer meeting in an open ground when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting and threatened them to not continue with their prayers in this area or face consequences. https://public.app/s/po6tE
Karnataka	31-May	A pastor in Davanagere, Karnataka state, used the restroom in the backyard at night when an unknown person attacked him with a piece of log. Pastor suffered leg injuries, fractures of his hands and ribs, and needed 33 sutures on his head. He was hospitalized for 12 days and later discharged from the hospital. Pastor and his son were also attacked in 2008 when he fought the case for six years and won. Nevertheless, the extremists continue to harass him.
Uttar Pradesh	1-Jun	A pastor's video was recorded by an attendee in Laxmipur, Uttar Pradesh state, during a house prayer meeting. When questioned, there was a scuffle between this attendee and church members. He injured himself but lodged a false complaint of forced conversion against the pastor.
Chhattisgarh	1-Jun	A church built on grasslands in Ranga Kathera, Chhattisgarh state, had its church service disrupted, and government action was demanded against the church management, alleging illegal occupation of the grassland.
Uttar Pradesh	1-Jun	A pastor was charged under Section 295A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which is Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh state. https://cgtimes24.com/2022/05/30/353/
Karnataka	1-Jun	A stranger beat a pastor in Vijayanagara district in Karnataka state at midnight, which left him with grievous injuries on his head and hand.
Bihar	1-Jun	A pastor in Bihar was at his Church when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and vandalized their Church and damaged the property of the Church.
Uttar Pradesh	1-Jun	A pastor in Bareilly, charged under Sec 3&5 (1) of Uttar Pradesh state Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021.

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Karnataka	1-Jun	A Christian aged 25 years In Chikballapur district of Karnataka died where the Hindu nationalist party leaders were opposing the burial of the dead body at their burial place due to their Christian customs.
Gujarat	1-Jun	A prayer hall built by Tamil missionaries in Ahmedabad, Gujarat was demolished by the Municipal Corporation, Ahmedabad.
Karnataka	3-Jun	A Christian woman and her family in Vijayapura district in Karnataka state are facing persecution from her neighborhood.
Maharashtra	3-Jun	In a church in Mumbai, Maharashtra state, someone illegally occupied a portion of the church, hindering the church from conducting Sunday school services.
Chhattisgarh	3-Jun	A Christian died in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, and the Hindu nationalist party leaders did not allow the family to bury the dead body but forced them to cremate it according to Hindu rituals. Police reached the area and ensured the body was buried the next day.
Jharkhand	3-Jun	A Pastor informed us that a Christian from his congregation was praying in his own house in Gumla, Jharkhand state, and a group of Hindu nationalists attacked them and beat them for their faith. The nationalists gave a written complaint to the police.
Bihar	5-Jun	A few people disrupted a prayer meeting in Siwan, Bihar state, threatening them with dire consequences if they continued to meet.
Uttar Pradesh	5-Jun	A pastor in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a Children's program and teaching them health and hygiene, a few people from the village called the Police to complain that fraudulent religious conversions were taking in the program. Subsequently, the police came and took the pastor into police custody.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Jun	Two Christians from the Katni district in Madhya Pradesh were charged with forceful religious conversion following a complaint by their neighbor.
Uttar Pradesh	5-Jun	A Christian was taken to the police station in Siddharth Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state, during a Sunday worship service at his residence.
Tripura	5-Jun	A house church in Tripura state was disrupted, and the congregants were threatened with a 15-day notice to end Christian service.
Jharkhand	5-Jun	The administration of Khunti district in Jharkhand has begun a probe into the allegations that the Roman Catholic church has converted 12 members of the Munda tribe community into Christians.
Uttar Pradesh	5-Jun	A pastor in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting at his house when the police came in, stopped the worship and took the pastor to the police station.
Chhattisgarh	6-Jun	A pastor in Bastar, Chhattisgarh state, along with his wife, were in their house when a group of Hindu nationalists came and threatened them to leave their faith or they will be thrown out of the village.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Jun	A hospital employee in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh state, was surrounded by about 100 religious nationalists at the workplace due to allegations by another employee of doing religious conversions after which the employee was sent home; police interrogated the employee at the police station.
Chhattisgarh	7-Jun	Christians in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, were attacked at home and brutally assaulted by Hindu nationalists due to their Christian faith.
Chhattisgarh	7-Jun	A woman from Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, was assaulted due to her Christian faith. Her husband kicked her out of their home; she was harassed and threatened by her in-laws and other Hindu nationalist party leaders for giving birth to four girls.
Odisha	9-Jun	Eight members of a family left their village in Jharsuguda, Odisha state.
West Bengal	9-Jun	Christian evangelists graciously received land for a church 16 years back in East Midnapur, West Bengal state, but the church has not been registered. The Hindu nationalists point out that it is unregistered and calls for government action.
Jharkhand	9-Jun	A student from Latehar district in Jharkhand state has been thrown out of his house for following Christian beliefs. He has no place to go.

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Gujarat	9-Jun	A pastor's church service was disrupted in Vapi, Gujarat state; he continually gets threatening calls from Hindu activists for conducting prayer meetings.
Chhattisgarh	9-Jun	A pastor was expelled from Jampali village in Chhattisgarh state, and his belongings were destroyed. He now lives with a friend.
Assam	10-Jun	A Christian woman and family from Amtola, Assam state, were given an ultimatum by the village authorities to give up their faith or face the consequences within three months. Then they were summoned for a meeting with the whole village.
Tamil Nadu	9-Jun	A group of Christian men was arrested and taken to the police station while distributing gospel tracts in Viluppuram district in Tamil Nadu state.
Uttar Pradesh	9-Jun	A Christian from Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh state is being threatened with being expelled by his village and community for following his Christian faith.
Himachal Pradesh	10-Jun	A pastor in the state of Himachal Pradesh was beaten by a group of Hindu nationalists during a house prayer meeting. He was denied medical aid and was called to the police station for interrogation.
Uttarakhand	11-Jun	A pastor in Nainital district, Uttarakhand state, was beaten for his faith while sitting with others in a Christian's house.
Chhattisgarh	11-Jun	Ten Families from the Kanker district in Chhattisgarh state have been boycotted, harassed, and tortured by the radical nationalist party supporters to forsake their Christian faith.
Rajasthan	11-Jun	A Christian brother from Banswara district, Rajasthan state, was restricted by a group of Hindu nationalists when he was going to conduct a prayer meeting in that village. Nevertheless, the meeting was conducted, and there were more than 40 attendees.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Jun	A pastor in Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh state, faces opposition for conducting a church. The nationalist party supporters from the neighborhood continually harass the pastor and church members.
Madhya Pradesh	12-Jun	A pastor in Betul, Madhya Pradesh state, has been called by the police for two cases of forceful religious conversion lodged against him.
Maharashtra	12-Jun	A Christian's house was completely vandalized by the nationalist party supporters in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra state.
Himachal Pradesh	12-Jun	A pastor in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh state, was asked to vacate his rental house by the owner because he conducted prayer meetings in the house.
Kerala	12-Jun	A Christian from Kattanam, Kayamkulam, in Kerala state, was prevented from building a Church hall on his property by the Panchayat members and others.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Jun	A pastor in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting Sunday worship when an unknown person informed the police that religious conversions were taking place in the meeting, and subsequently, the police took the pastor to the police station.
Uttarakhand	13-Jun	An FIR was filed against seven pastors and Christians in Nainital in Uttarakhand state under IPC Sec 153-A, 298, 323, 506 & 508
Jharkhand	13-Jun	Six people were excommunicated from their village in Chhattarpur, Jharkhand state, for their Christian faith.
Karnataka	13-Jun	A few Christians from Kodagu district, Karnataka state, were praying in their house when a group of Hindu nationalists disrupted the prayer. Subsequently, extremists called the police and took the victims to the police station.
Jharkhand	13-Jun	A Christian was building a house in Jharkhand state, Hindu nationalists came and stopped the construction work and accused the victim of building a church in the name of the house.
Jharkhand	14-Jun	A prayer meeting at Palamu district in Jharkhand state disrupted by Hindu Nationalists, A false case of forceful conversion was registered against 50 people.
Odisha	14-Jun	2 Christian workers and their families have received threats for their work among the oppressed in Odisha.
Uttarakhand	14-Jun	A falsely lodged a complaint against Pastor in Haldwani, Uttarakhand state, that she was lured with money and land to accept the Christian faith.

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Madhya Pradesh	14-Jun	Hindu Nationalists beat up a Christian for conducting worship service in Rampayali, Madhya Pradesh state, and was hospitalized
Tamil Nadu	14-Jun	A pastor in Madurai, Tamil Nadu received a notice to stop conducting the prayers at his place. The A pastor challenged the notice in the High court and Permission was denied by Court for the next 7 years
Chhattisgarh	15-Jun	a Family at Bhilai, Durg district, Chhattisgarh assaulted by a group of Hindu nationalists for their faith. https://youtu.be/wiEfM3YpHi4
Punjab	16-Jun	The National Minority Commission wrote to the Punjab state government seeking a report on conversion by Missoneries. https://theprint.in/india/minorities-panel-seeks-report-from-punjab-govt-on-conversions-of-sikhs-to-christianity/982471/
Uttar Pradesh	16-Jun	False allegations of conversion against A Pastor at Govind Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state. The Hindu Nationalists protested against conducting worship Service.
Rajasthan	16-Jun	In Jodhpur district, Rajasthan state, district officials made a false complaint on Missionaries about forceful conversions to district Administrator.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Jun	Amethi district of Uttar Pradesh a Pastor & few believers were taken to Musafir Khana Kotwali Police Station for questioning.
Punjab	16-Jun	In Jalandhar, Punjab state, a female Pastor & her family was harassed by Hindu nationalist for preaching about Christ. The Hindu nationalists threatened her family.
Madhya Pradesh	16-Jun	In Hoshangabad district Madhya Pradesh state, a pastor was harassed & threatened by Hindu Nationalists and worship service was disrupted.
Uttar Pradesh	17-Jun	In Bhadohi city of Uttar Pradesh state, two Christian youth were harassed and threatened by the local Hindu nationalist activists. https://uttarpradesh.publicvibe.com/video/pratapgarh/pratapagadh-dharm-parivartan-karane-ke-aarop-me-yuvak-ko-dabocha-jamakar-huaa-hangama/1655439773420199918
Uttarakhand	18-Jun	Dehradun of Uttarakhand a church was attacked. Two church members were taken to police station for questioning and later released.
Madhya Pradesh	18-Jun	In Madhya Pradesh state, a Christian was assaulted and injured by a local Hindu nationalist group for his faith in Jesus.
Bihar	20-Jun	In Darauli Police Station limits, Hindu nationalists barged in and disrupted Gospel Film show at a house in Siwan district, Bihar.
Rajasthan	18-Jun	In Jaipur, Rajasthan state, a Christian was assaulted for following his faith.
Uttar Pradesh	18-Jun	In Amethi city of Uttar Pradesh state, a Christian was threatened & excommunicated from their community for his faith in Jesus.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Jun	A Pastor in Noida city, Uttar Pradesh state, while conducting VBS Hindu nationalists disrupted the program & vandalized the area.
West Bengal	20-Jun	A Pastor in 24 Parganas district West Bengal while conducting a prayer meeting in his house church, Hindu nationalists barged in, disrupted the prayer meeting, and assaulted them.
Uttarakhand	21-Jun	In Nainital district, Uttarakhand state, local Christians were forced to follow Hindu religious rituals by Hindu nationalists. A meeting was called to forcibly convert to Hinduism. Fellow Christians were threatened with dire consequences.
Chhattisgarh	21-Jun	In the Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh state, Hindu Nationalists broke into a pastor's house and burned Bibles and his belongings.
Jharkhand	21-Jun	In a village in Gadwa, Jharkhand state, a Christian family was excommunicated for their faith in Jesus.
Chhattisgarh	21-Jun	In Dhurali in Chhattisgarh state, Hindu nationalists broke into a church, attacked the pastor & destroyed church property on the allegations of forceful conversions.
Telangana	21-Jun	In Telangana state, Hindu nationalist groups attacked a church multiple times & destroyed church property, and threatened not to conduct church services.

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Uttar Pradesh	21-Jun	A pastor in Kushinagar district, Uttar Pradesh state, was arrested on a false complaint of forceful conversion made by the village head.
Chhattisgarh	21-Jun	In the Dantewada district, Chhattisgarh state, a youth meeting a group of Hindu nationalists along with local Hindu nationalist activists barged in and assaulted and vandalized the property. The next day on 22nd June 2022, the pastor's son somehow managed to come out of the house and file the complaint with SP and the district administrative offices.
Madhya Pradesh	22-Jun	In the Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh state, a Pastor was arrested and charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code.
Madhya Pradesh	23-Jun	In the Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh state, a Pastor was assaulted with an ax by his neighbor over a land area dispute. https://masihnnetwork.com/hindu-neighbors-attacked-a-pastor-in-jabalpur/
Punjab	23-Jun	A Pastor in Amritsar district, Punjab state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his church. Hindu nationalists barged in, disrupted the prayer meeting, and warned not to continue worship services.
Chhattisgarh	25-Jun	In the Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh state, more than 20 Christians were expelled from their homes by Hindu nationalists who attacked and threatened to kill them. The Christians' lives were saved by police who arrived to protect them.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Jun	In Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, 2 Pastors were arrested on a false complaint under Section 3&5 (1) of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Religion Act 2021, IPC Sec 295A, 188, 504.
Chhattisgarh	25-Jun	In Bilaspur city of Chhattisgarh state, a Christian couple was excommunicated from their village for their faith in Jesus.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Jun	A pastor was conducting a prayer at his house in Behraich district, Uttar Pradesh; on the false complaint on conversion, the police arrested under 151Crpc took Nanpara police station.
Chhattisgarh	25-Jun	Christians in Kodenar, Chhattisgarh state, were called by the village office and threatened to leave their faith or else they had to leave the village. The village head gave victims a time limit of one week.
Punjab	25-Jun	A pastor and his wife were called to a dinner by a church attendee in Indira Nagari, Gali no 2, Abohor area, Fazilka district, Punjab. After dinner, when the couple left, they found their car punctured and damaged. The perpetrators accused the pastor of religious conversion, threatened to rape his wife, and even forced him to bow down to an idol and chant its name.
Chhattisgarh	26-Jun	In a village in the state of Chhattisgarh state, local Hindu nationalist groups denied the burial of a 75-year-old Christian woman's body. The body was left at the doorsteps of the village head till a decision was made.
West Bengal	26-Jun	In the city of Asansol, West Bengal state, a Christian is unable to worship in his own home because neighbors are harassing him for following his faith.
West Bengal	27-Jun	In the Bardhaman district of the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, local Hindu nationalist groups stopped the funeral procession of a 56-year-old Christian, stating that low-caste Christians could not use the main road.
Chhattisgarh	27-Jun	In Jagdalpur, the state of Chhattisgarh state, protests continue over Christian conversion, and police forces are deployed to control the crowds. https://www.hindusthansamachar.in/Encyc/2022/6/27/Religion-Special-Prayer-Meeting-Controversy.php
Uttar Pradesh	27-Jun	In Gautambudh Nagar, in the city of Noida in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, local Hindu nationalist groups interrupted a children's party at a Christian's home and accused the homeowners of conducting forced religious conversions.
Madhya Pradesh	27-Jun	In the Chhindwara district of the state of Madhya Pradesh state, 15 Christian families were excommunicated from their village and were deprived of basic amenities such as a village water source. The church pastor, pastor Vijay Anand, was asked to come to the police station twice.

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Gujarat	29-Jun	In Nadiad, Gujarat state, a Catholic priest was harassed by local Hindu nationalist groups when they became aware that ailing Christians were being healed through the power of prayer. Police arrived at the church following their complaints. These groups forced the priest to apologize for no fault of his.
Jharkhand	29-Jun	In Jharkhand state, local Hindu nationalist groups threatened Christians from gathering together at a house church.
Karnataka	30-Jun	In Chitradurga district, Karnataka state, 4 Hindutva men broke into the home of a Christian family and set a Bible on fire. https://maktoobmedia.com/2022/06/30/hindutva-men-barge-into-christian-familys-house-burn-bible-in-karnataka/
Gujarat	2-Jul	In the Panchmahal district, Gujarat state, a group of Christians was summoned for inquiry by the police after locals filed a complaint falsely alleging that the Christians were causing religious disharmony.
Jharkhand	2-Jul	In Koderma, Jharkhand state, a church faces opposition from the locals, and the church members are told they can not gather for Sunday worship.
Chhattisgarh	2-Jul	Hindu nationalists broke statues of Jesus and Mother Mary at a church in Calvary hill, Rajnandgaon dist., Chhattisgarh
Karnataka	2-Jul	A pastor and his two sons in Bangalore, Karnataka state, were attacked by 50 Hindu extremists and sustained grievous injuries. The extremists damaged their car that was parked outside.
Odisha	3-Jul	In Keonjhar district, Odisha state, a Christian evangelist was kidnapped by a group of people, beaten on his hands and back with cricket stumps (baseball bats), and later released. As a result, he was admitted to the hospital with severe physical injuries.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Jul	In Bhadohi district, Uttar Pradesh state, Sunday worship service was interrupted by police, and the pastor was taken to the police station for questioning.
Karnataka	3-Jul	In the city of Bangalore, Karnataka state, a pastor and a group of children were attacked near Chikkajala police station.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Jul	In Azamgarh, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was summoned by police for questioning regarding his faith and his worship gatherings.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Jul	In Fatehpur, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor and two other Christians were taken into police custody during a prayer meeting and charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), such as the Freedom of Religious Act, Sec 3&5 (1) and IPC section 295A, 188, 504.
Telangana	3-Jul	In Medak district, Telangana state, an evangelist was interrupted by the local leaders during a worship service. The leaders had harassed the congregation in the past about holding such religious meetings.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Jul	A pastor in Gonda, Uttar Pradesh, was conducting a prayer meeting at his house with 15 to 20 Christians when the police disrupted their prayer and took a pastor and 14 Christians into custody on the false charge of forced religious conversions. Subsequently, five believers and the pastor were arrested and sent to Gonda Jail. All members were released from the police station except for the pastor.
Chhattisgarh	3-Jul	A group of Hindu extremists disrupted a burial service and did not allow the burial of the dead body in the village.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Jul	A pastor was conducting a prayer meeting at his home in Sumbhi, Jahanaganj, Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh, and worshipping with 30 to 40 Christians when two police came from the Jahanaganj police station took photos and videos of the place. Subsequently, the police asked the pastor to visit the police station after finishing the prayer
Jharkhand	3-Jul	A Christian family from village Dhadu, Balumath, Latehar dist, Jharkhand was threatened by their Hindu relatives for their faith and were not allowed to use their agricultural land.
Jharkhand	4-Jul	Two Christians from a village in Jharkhand have been expelled for following Christianity.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Jul	In the Mirzapur district of the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was arrested and taken to Adalat Chunar Police Station on charges of religious conversion.

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Odisha	4-Jul	In Sambalpur district, Odisha state, a pastor was stopped from holding worship service by a local group of Hindu nationalists. He was taken to the local police station with a complaint filed against him. He was later released after being warned not to continue with worship activities.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Jul	In Pratapgarh of the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was asked to stop conducting Sunday worship services after a group of Hindu nationalists accused him of forceful religious conversions.
Chhattisgarh	4-Jul	In a village in the state of Chhattisgarh state, a Christian believer's body was initially denied burial. After many protests, he was finally allowed to be buried on his land.
Assam	5-Jul	In Karimganj district, Assam state, Christians distributing informational tracts were questioned by the local Hindu nationalist groups.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Jul	Christians were harassed during a prayer meeting where three others had come from another village. The Hindu nationalists called the police and falsely accused the outsiders of forcefully converting people from the village. https://suchinews.com/attempt-to-convert-dalits-to-christianity-by-giving-bible-3-arrested-including-woman-suchi-news/ https://twitter.com/i/status/1543833165705334784
Jharkhand	4-Jul	Two families have been boycotted from their village for leaving their faith and accepting the Christian faith. A group of Hindu nationalists have excommunicated them and locked their homes. https://hindi.news18.com/news/jharkhand/gumla-two-families-adopted-christianity-in-gumla-a-group-of-hindu-nationalists-did-social-boycott-locked-the-houses-nodaa-4366252.html
Haryana	4-Jul	A pastor and his wife in Thaska, Yamunanagar, Haryana went, for a prayer meeting disrupted by a mob of around 100 people who took them, hostage for some time. Culprits assaulted the pastor, who has some scars and bruises on his body. The pastor and his wife were so afraid that they were not even ready to file a complaint against the perpetrators.
Chhattisgarh	5-Jul	In Rajnandgaon district, Chhattisgarh state, a Catholic Church's artifacts and idols were vandalized.
Tamil Nadu	6-Jul	In Dharmapuri district, Tamil Nadu state, a pastor was attacked by local Hindu nationalist groups during a prayer meeting at his church. He was admitted to the hospital due to the severity of his injuries. The attackers filed a complaint accusing him of forceful religious conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	6-Jul	In Pratapgarh district in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor and a few other Christians were taken to the police station.
Tamil Nadu	6-Jul	In Thiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu state, a group of Christian women visiting a home for prayer was harassed, verbally abused, and chased away by local Hindu nationalists. https://youtu.be/rYFQAdgAp7A
Uttar Pradesh	7-Jul	In Aligarh, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, after a Friday prayer meeting, a pastor and 15 of his church members were taken into custody by police on allegations of forceful religious conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Jul	In Ayodhya, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a Christian family has been accused of forceful religious conversion, and a complaint has been filed against them.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Jul	In Mau, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor and his family were brought to the local police station and imprisoned. During the time they were imprisoned, their home and shop were vandalized by the perpetrators.
Rajasthan	7-Jul	In Banswara, Rajasthan state, a church under construction was destroyed by local Hindu nationalists. Additionally, their weekly worship gathering was due to extreme opposition by these groups.

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Chhattisgarh	7-Jul	A pastor in Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh state, and his family face problems due to their faith. Earlier on 28th May 2022, Hindu extremists warned him to leave his faith and return to Hinduism, or they will have to face problems. This family is now socially boycotted by the village, and their land is forcefully taken from them.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Jul	A Christian from Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh state, was taken forcefully by a group of Hindu extremists along with police and assaulted and warned not to continue with the prayer meetings.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Jul	A pastor in Jahani Khera, Mainganj, Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting at his church when the police came in and took him into custody at the police station and told him not to conduct any services until he got written permission from the appropriate authorities. The police also asked the pastor to come to the police station on Sunday, and the victim was terrified.
Odisha	8-Jul	In Odisha state, 6 Christians were assaulted by a group of Hindu nationalists demanding a transfer of property ownership to them.
Haryana	8-Jul	In Ambala, in the state of Haryana state, a pastor was assaulted by local Hindu nationalists while reading from the Bible during a birthday celebration. https://www.amarujala.com/haryana/yamuna-nagar/read-religious-texts-while-cutting-cake-at-birthday-party-beat-up-two-people-on-suspicion-of-conversion-yamuna-nagar-news-knl1d3700720
Uttar Pradesh	8-Jul	A pastor in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh state, was having the Friday prayer meeting when police arrived based on a complaint to the police by someone from the Hindu community alleging forced religious conversions of Hindus by the pastor. The police took the pastor into custody at the Delhi Gate Police Station.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Jul	In Varanasi, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was arrested and accused of forceful religious conversion.
West Bengal	10-Jul	In South 24 Parganas, in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, a Christian was attacked and severely beaten by local Hindu nationalists based on a complaint from one of his relatives. The local village administration has warned him against conducting any worship services.
Madhya Pradesh	10-Jul	In the Shahdol district of the state of Madhya Pradesh state, a pastor and Christians were questioned by the police.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Jul	In Varanasi, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, during a worship service in a home, two outsiders trespassed and started filming the activities without prior permission from the homeowner, who protested. The outsiders left after the homeowner complained.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Jul	A pastor in Kachari, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, was conducting the Sunday prayer meeting when the police arrived and took the pastor into custody at the police station based on a complaint made by someone from the neighborhood.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Jul	During the Sunday Prayer meeting in Lambhua, Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh state, the local police came to the spot and took the pastor in custody, and arrested him at the local police station.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Jul	A pastor in Magadi Taluk was conducting the Sunday prayer meeting when the police came in and took him into custody at the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Jul	A Church elder was conducting a Sunday prayer meeting in Rae Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh when a religious extremist group reached the spot and informed the police. They alleged that Christians are involved in fraudulent religious conversion. The police arrested five church members based on their allegation under 151 CrPC and confiscated some incriminating material and religious literature from the spot.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Jul	In Phool Behar district, Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was arrested and charged under Indian Penal Code 151 (assembly of 5 or more people that causes communal disturbance-to to be charged with six-month jail and fine).
Bihar	12-Jul	In West Champaran, in the eastern Indian state of Bihar state, a Christian was arrested by the police and charged with forceful religious conversion.

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Tamil Nadu	11-Jul	In Chennai, Tamil Nadu state, local Hindu nationalists interrupted a worship service led by a pastor's widow.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Jul	Six Christians were arrested in Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh from a prayer meeting under the Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act 2021 https://amritvihar.com/rae-bareilly-allegations-of-conversion-on-the-pretext-of-prayer-meeting-fir-registered-against-five-people/
Uttar Pradesh	11-Jul	A pastor was visiting a family from his church in the village Phool Behar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh when the police arrived and arrested the pastor.
Odisha	12-Jul	In Sundargarh, Odisha state, upon the death of a family member, a Christian family has been facing severe harassment and persecution by a local group of Hindu nationalists.
Bihar	12-Jul	A church elder from village Jharharwa, Distt. West Champaran, Bihar state, was conducting prayer in Teamli Parsa when some Hindu nationalist party leaders reported to the police about the prayer meeting. The police then reached the spot, took the elder and others into custody at 7 pm, and arrested them at Prasa Police Station. He was sent to Bettiah jail at 10 pm.
Madhya Pradesh	12-Jul	In Chhindwara, in the state of Madhya Pradesh state, a Christian is facing severe persecution by local Hindu nationalist groups due to his faith. He has been falsely charged with theft.
West Bengal	12-Jul	In 4 villages in Hooghly district, West Bengal state, the local church was forced to close down. Also, a house church was prevented from meeting, and they were issued death threats.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Jul	In Umaria Pan, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor and his son were severely persecuted and attacked for their faith. Consequently, the son was admitted to the hospital.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Jul	A Church elder from Balia, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting the Sunday prayer when the police came in and started recording the service based on a complaint filed by Hindu extremists against him. The police found no offenses and asked them to continue the prayer meetings at that time but eventually, due to pressure from the extremist group, the police came again and asked them to stop holding the prayer services.
Uttar Pradesh	13-Jul	In Chandauli, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code. The pastor has been released.
Uttar Pradesh	13-Jul	In Kushi Nagar, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was arrested on charges of forceful religious conversion.
West Bengal	13-Jul	In Hooghly district, West Bengal state, violence against Christians is increasing, with church goers being issued death threats.
Maharashtra	13-Jul	In Bhiwandi, Maharashtra state, a Christian was forced from his home and excommunicated from his neighborhood. He and his family are now forced to live in tents amid unhealthy conditions.
Uttar Pradesh	13-Jul	In Lakhimpur Kheri district, Uttar Pradesh state, a Christian is harassed and persecuted by his community members. They threaten to excommunicate him if he attempts to attend any church.
Madhya Pradesh	13-Jul	In Khargone, Madhya Pradesh state, a rally was held to try to re-convert Christians from tribal communities https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/khargone/news/maharally-will-take-out-the-converted-tribe-from-the-reservation-list-130045747.html
Jharkhand	13-Jul	Hindu nationalists reported prayer at a Christian's house in the area to the police, who came and took the Christians into custody at the police station.
Jharkhand	14-Jul	In Hazaribagh district, Jharkhand state, three youths were arrested and charged with forceful religious conversion. They were accused of allegedly converting the group of Hindu nationalists to the Christian faith under the pretext of gathering them for a prayer meeting. https://www.hindusthansamachar.in/Encyc/2022/7/14/Jail-for-three-who-are-converting-on-the-pretext-of-satsang.php

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Uttar Pradesh	14-Jul	A pastor in Chandauli district, Uttar Pradesh state, was arrested by the police at the police station in response to a complaint made by Hindu extremists alleging forced religious conversions. The police then booked him under CrPC sections 151, 107, and 116.
Tamil Nadu	15-Jul	In Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu state, a group of pastors and Christians was conducting village ministry when they were verbally abused and physically threatened by a group of local Hindu nationalists. They were taken to the police station, and a complaint was lodged against them. https://youtu.be/TlxMXKTxi0Y
Bihar	16-Jul	Christians from Distt. Gaya, Bihar state, were resting in their house when some Hindu extremists forcibly entered the house, abused and beat them up severely, and even locked those people in their houses.
Uttar Pradesh	15-Jul	In Kushinagar, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was arrested on charges of forceful religious conversion.
Madhya Pradesh	15-Jul	In Jabalpur, in the state of Madhya Pradesh state, a pastor's son was assaulted by a mob of local Hindu nationalist groups alleging forceful religious conversion.
Chhattisgarh	15-Jul	In Bijapur district, in the state of Chhattisgarh state, 4 Christian families were forced to attend a religious reconversion ceremony, where they were forced to return to their previous faith.
Karnataka	17-Jul	In Bangalore, Karnataka state, 2 children of a pastor were brutally assaulted and beaten by local Hindu nationalist groups, suffering fractures on their hands and legs.
Uttar Pradesh	17-Jul	In Ghaziabad, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was arrested on charges of forceful religious conversion.
Tamil Nadu	17-Jul	In Kambam, Tamil Nadu state, a pastor and his congregation were attacked by local Hindu nationalist groups during worship services. The church was vandalized, and the pastor was assaulted. A police complaint was filed. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJ8Y-5nsXLw
Chhattisgarh	17-Jul	A pastor in Raipur, Chhattisgarh state, along with the church Christians, were beaten while they were in prayer and were then taken into custody by the police instead of the Hindu extremists.
Maharashtra	17-Jul	A pastor in Buldana, Maharashtra state, had a complaint filed against him alleging fraudulent conversions by the Hindu nationalist. Later they also reached where the prayer was going on, and two people (male and female) were pushed and beaten by the culprit after a series of charges between both parties. The police arrested the pastor and filed an FIR against the pastor.
Himachal Pradesh	17-Jul	Christian from Sharma Building, Sarahan Road, Village Jeori, distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting at his house along with some friends and relatives when police personnel from Jeori Police Station came and forcefully stopped the prayer meeting without being able to produce any legal notice from any competent authority, and ASI asked them to produce the registration/license for conducting the prayer meeting at his residence.
Uttar Pradesh	17-Jul	Christians from Kushinagar Police station, Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh state, were conducting a prayer meeting in his Church when police came and arrested u/s 151 Crpc.
Tamil Nadu	18-Jul	In Tamil Nadu state, a pastor, his family, and his church congregation were assaulted by a violent crowd for constructing a building on the pastor's property. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEi_lwACvB8
Uttar Pradesh	18-Jul	A video of a pastor in Khutahan, distt. Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh state, was recorded by someone who complained to the police alleging that the pastor was involved in conversion by alluring gullible women.
Chhattisgarh	19-Jul	In Chatra, in the state of Chhattisgarh state, a group of Christians and their families were excommunicated from their village for following their Christian faith. The Christians were not even allowed to take drinking water with them when leaving the village.
Maharashtra	19-Jul	In Goregaon, Maharashtra state, a pastor was arrested for forceful religious conversion.

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Bihar	19-Jul	A pastor in Vaishali, Bihar state, was arrested from his house. He was released after a 4-hour grueling interrogation. But later that evening, the police again went and searched his house, clicked pictures of the bible, and asked him to stop holding prayer services in his house.
Gujarat	19-Jul	In Surat, Gujarat state, a gathering of Christians was disrupted and shut down.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Jul	In Kushi Nahar Uttar Pradesh state, a public Christian gathering was disrupted, and the pastors conducting the meeting were arrested and charged with forceful religious conversion. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyQTy9PbK0w
Punjab	19-Jul	A pastor in Ludhiana district, Punjab state, was continually threatened by Hindu nationalist party leaders. He informed the police, who sent security for the Sunday prayer meeting. On Tuesday, when the pastor returned from somewhere, he got attacked by a mob and was left unconscious.
Bihar	20-Jul	In Begusarai, Bihar state, a Christian was threatened by local Hindu nationalist groups. They demanded to forsake his faith by threatening him with ex-communication.
Tamil Nadu	20-Jul	In Tiruchirappalli district, Tamil Nadu state, a pastor was harassed and threatened for sharing the Gospel. They forced him to follow their religious rituals.
West Bengal	20-Jul	In Asansol, Paschim Bardhaman district, in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, the funeral procession of a Christian was stopped by a group of Hindu nationalists. The local Hindu nationalist groups accused the kin of the deceased of being low-caste Christians and did not permit them to use the main road for the funeral procession.
Punjab	20-Jul	In Ludhiana, Punjab state, a pastor was brutally assaulted in a knife attack by local Hindu nationalists while returning after conducting a prayer meeting.
West Bengal	20-Jul	Armed men barged in during Christian worship in Serampore, West Bengal state, and warned the members of dire consequences if they ever gathered again or took the name of Jesus.
Jharkhand	20-Jul	Three women Christians in a village near Ranchi, Jharkhand state, are being beaten and threatened to vacate their houses for not renouncing their faith.
Maharashtra	21-Jul	One of the political leaders has urged for the Anti Conversion Law, framed on the lines of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Karnataka states, to be put on board in Maharashtra state. https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/nitesh-rane-bats-for-anti-conversion-law-in-maharashtra-to-protect-women-from-being-trapped-and-harassed
Madhya Pradesh	21-Jul	In Betul, Madhya Pradesh state, forty Christian families were forced to forsake their Christian faith by a group of Hindu nationalists.
Jharkhand	21-Jul	In Latehar district, Jharkhand state, a Christian is not able to farm her own land, as she is being harassed and threatened by a group of Hindu nationalists to give up her faith.
Chhattisgarh	21-Jul	Christian family in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, have been facing persecution due to their faith. The village council head, a Hindu extremist, and others are forcing the victims to renounce their faith in Christ. The Hindu nationalist party leaders are trying to seize their land and force them out of the village.
Chhattisgarh	22-Jul	In Korba, Chhattisgarh state, local Hindu nationalist groups protested against the building of a church, across from a Hindu temple. They picketed the district administration office to immediately stop the construction of the church. https://khatpatnews.com/archives/32396
Uttar Pradesh	23-Jul	In Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh state, a Christian is being harassed by his community for following the Christian faith.
Uttar Pradesh	24-Jul	In Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh state, a pastor was arrested and charged with forceful religious conversion.
Bihar	24-Jul	In Vaishali district, Bihar state, a pastor was attacked by a large number of local Hindu nationalists.

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Uttar Pradesh	24-Jul	In Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh state, the Hindu Nationalist party held a large gathering announcing a campaign across different districts of India, where Muslims and Christians, would be 'convert to Hinduism ed' to Hinduism. https://www.amarujala.com/uttar-pradesh/allahabad/vhp-will-campaign-for-the-return-of-muslims-christians
West Bengal	24-Jul	In Asansol, West Bengal state, a Christian woman and her family were attacked with iron rods and bamboo sticks by local Hindu nationalist groups.
Uttarakhand	24-Jul	In Dehradun, Uttarakhand state, a pastor and his church were attacked by local Hindu nationalist groups on allegations of forceful religious conversion.
Odisha	24-Jul	In Sambalpur, Odisha state, a church was attacked by local Hindu nationalist groups and the church members were stopped from attending church worship.
Tamil Nadu	24-Jul	In Madurai, Tamil Nadu state, a pastor was accused of forceful religious conversion when he went to pray at a Christian's house. He was taken to police custody based on complaints from local Hindu nationalist groups. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_9sFCq3eciQ
Rajasthan	24-Jul	A pastor in Banswara district, Rajasthan state, was assaulted twice by a group of Hindu nationalists.
Uttar Pradesh	24-Jul	A pastor in Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state, politely refuted accusations by four Hindu extremists of religious conversions and luring others to do the same. The extremists said that they would do a 'ghar wapsi' ('reconversion') ceremony for him and his family, and that he would be socially boycotted if he did not submit.
Andhra Pradesh	24-Jul	Hindu nationalists demolished a newly built structure on the private land of a pastor in Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh state. They beat him, his wife and children, and congregation members, with rods and sticks. They threatened to kill the pastor and his family if he held any prayer meetings in the village. https://youtu.be/UEi_lwACvB8
Bihar	27-Jul	A pastor in Phulwaria, Pradesh state, was opposed by right wing political elements when he was conducting a worship service. He was warned not to conduct any more meeting. A few Bibles were also taken away from him.
Maharashtra	25-Jul	In Nanded, Maharashtra state, a pastor at a prayer meeting was assaulted with hockey sticks by Hindu nationalist men. The pastor was also dragged by vehicle with a rope tied to his neck.
Jammu and Kashmir	26-Jul	A pastor in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir state, was opposed by the locals when he was constructing a church in his property.
Rajasthan	26-Jul	A pastor in Baran district, Rajasthan state, with his wife and children joined a church member's family for prayer and dinner. As they left, Hindu nationalists verbally abused and assaulted them all. The Hindu extremists held them hostage for two hours and burnt Scripture. They warned them to not visit the village again. On 11th Sep 2022, the A pastor was again assaulted by the extremists.
Rajasthan	27-Jul	A pastor, his wife and six Christians were attacked during a prayer meeting in Baran, Rajasthan state. The family whose home hosted the meeting was questioned, and their Bibles were burnt.
Jharkhand	27-Jul	40 Christian families in Chatra district, Jharkhand state, have been regularly attacked by a group of Hindu nationalists. They are being stopped from cultivating their fields on the illegal pretext that they are Christians and not tribals.
Bihar	27-Jul	The son of a pastor in Begusarai district, Bihar state, and another Christian, out on a motorcycle, were surrounded by nearly 15 Hindu nationalists who took their Bibles, and data from their phones, and warned them not to visit the village again. They phoned them later and threatened them, alleging that they were carrying out forceful religious conversions.
Jharkhand	27-Jul	A Christian woman and her three daughters were beaten and evicted from their home in Chatra district, Jharkhand state, for following the Christian faith.
Rajasthan	27-Jul	A pastor was beaten in Ambala, Rajasthan state, when he went for prayer at a Christian's home. Now others are afraid to attend worship.

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Uttar Pradesh	27-Jul	In Mirzapur district, Uttar Pradesh state, Hindu nationalists halted the construction of a church building, alleging that the pastor was forcefully changing people's religion.
Uttar Pradesh	28-Jul	A pastor in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh state, is facing opposition from locals in his community.
Chhattisgarh	28-Jul	A Christian is opposed by the locals and not allowed to till his own land in Balod, Chhattisgarh state, as locals oppose him for following his Christian faith.
Chhattisgarh	29-Jul	Hindu extremists and Hindu nationalist party leaders in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, did not allow the Christian burial of a 9-year old girl.
Odisha	30-Jul	A pastor in Odisha was expelled from his village, on an allegation of forceful religious conversions by him.
Uttar Pradesh	30-Jul	Three pastors from Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh state, were arrested by police on complaint of forceful religious conversions.
Uttar Pradesh	30-Jul	Seven Christian women were arrested from Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, for alleged forceful religious conversions by them, as they were involved in preaching and sharing the gospel. https://thewire.in/communalism/christian-women-arrested-forced-conversion-vhp
Uttarakhand	30-Jul	A Christian man and woman in Uttarakhand state were called to the police station for questioning regarding their alleged involvement in forceful religious conversion of people.
Rajasthan	30-Jul	Right-wing political elements are creating problems for a Christian in Dungarpur, Rajasthan state, alleging his involvement in forceful religious conversions.
Tamil Nadu	30-Jul	Fifteen Christians who had gone to distribute Christian literature near Vellore, Tamil Nadu state, were surrounded and verbally abused by a group of Hindu nationalists. They also forcibly applied religious markings on them.
Punjab	30-Jul	A church in Dhakoli village, Mohali district, Punjab state, has been constantly attacked and threatened, and their meetings disrupted. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQ2Go07_H-E
Tamil Nadu	31-Jul	During a small prayer meeting in a rented space in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu state, police asked the pastor for a copy of the 'no objection certificate' from the district administration. Hindu extremists who complained of conversions and sound pollution may make it difficult for the worship services to continue.
Tamil Nadu	31-Jul	Christians in Tuticorin district, Tamil Nadu state, were distributing tracts. Hindu extremists assaulted three youth including a 17-year-old minor. Two were admitted to a Govt. hospital. Lawyers helped the victims file a complaint. The perpetrators filed a counter complaint.
Uttar Pradesh	31-Jul	Three pastors in Faizabad district, Uttar Pradesh state, were conducting prayer when the police booked them under Cr.P.C. Section 151 and took them to the police station.
Bihar	3-Aug	Two Christian brothers in Chandan area, Banka district, Bihar state, were beaten and threatened by the right wing political elements to forsake their Christian faith or get expelled from the village.
Uttar Pradesh	31-Jul	A pastor in Siddharth Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state, faced Hindu nationalist party leaders threatening him with a police complaint of forceful religious conversions.
Uttarakhand	2-Aug	A Christian family is being persecuted in Garhwal, Uttarakhand state, for the sake of their faith.
Madhya Pradesh	3-Aug	A Christian in Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh state, was arrested for alleged involvement in forceful religious conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Aug	Christian pastors and Christians are regularly beaten, and their houses vandalised in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh state.
Madhya Pradesh	3-Aug	Construction work of a church building in Betul district, Madhya Pradesh state, is being opposed by the local right wing political elements who are accusing the pastor of forcefully converting people to Christianity.

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Uttar Pradesh	3-Aug	A group of Christians in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh are allegedly being accused of alluring people to Christian faith through their claims of healing incurable diseases. https://www.livehindustan.com/uttar-pradesh/story-allegation-of-conversion-gorakhpur-police-started-inquiry-after-video-viral-prarthna-sabha-tantra-mantra-6883348.amp.html
Pondicherry	3-Aug	A mission team from Tamil Nadu state visiting Pondicherry union territory was assaulted by a group of Hindu nationalists. Police investigated and filed a case against the Hindu nationalists. So, they protested in front of the district Administrator's office accusing Christians of forceful conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Aug	A pastor was arrested and taken to the police station in Kushinagar district of UP on charges of forced conversion
Madhya Pradesh	4-Aug	A pastor and Christians are being threatened by Hindu Nationalist party proponents to stop following their faith. Two of the churches led by the pastor is already shut down.
Maharashtra	4-Aug	Members of The Pentecostal Mission Church in Mumbai, Maharashtra were accused of conversion and warned to refrain from such activities. https://youtu.be/ItCoVjZ88k8
Jharkhand	4-Aug	A Christian in West Singhbhum, Jharkhand was not being allowed to do any agricultural work on his field due to his faith. He was tied and beaten by the Hindu nationalist party leaders
Uttarakhand	4-Aug	A pastor in Haridwar district, Uttarakhand informed that on 31st July, a person threatened the service to be stopped or to face dire consequences. He reminded them of a previous attack the year before in which many were injured and the church completely vandalized.
Uttarakhand	5-Aug	Christians were questioned in Dehradun, Uttarakhand by police who pointed out that they have received several complaints against the church.
Bihar	5-Aug	A pastor in Arwal district, Bihar was conducting a prayer meeting when a group of Hindu nationalists came and accused him of religious conversion and threatened the pastor that they will come back on Sunday with a larger group.
Maharashtra	5-Aug	A pastor and his sister in Palghar, Maharashtra state were attacked by a group of Hindu nationalists for distributing tracts at Dahanu Road. Later, they were taken to the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	5-Aug	A pastor in Kushinagar district, Uttar Pradesh was resting at home when suddenly some Hindu nationalists and the police forcefully came into the house and took him into custody.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Aug	Two Christians were attacked by a group of Hindu nationalists in Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh. They were accused of religious conversion. The police were informed, and both Christians were arrested and FIR u/s MPFORA 3/5 was filed against them.
Chhattisgarh	6-Aug	Three Christians from Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh were attacked by a group of people, their homes were destroyed and all their possessions were thrown out.
Jharkhand	6-Aug	Christian evangelist reported that his church in Dhanbad district, Jharkhand was disrupted by Hindu Nationalist party proponents and have threatened them not to gather again.
Bihar	9-Aug	A Christian woman died in Sarsa, Bihar and the family members cremated the body. Now a group of Hindu nationalists are forcing the family members to shave the head, and do certain Hindu religious rituals, which the family refused to do
Maharashtra	6-Aug	Four people have been booked for allegedly trying to force a tribal woman in Dahanu in Maharashtra's Palghar district to convert to Christianity. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thane/maharashtra-4-booked-for-trying-to-convert-tribal-woman-to-christianity/articleshow/93392902.cms
Gujarat	6-Aug	Christian fishermen from Bharuch district, Gujarat are ostracized and facing a ban on fishing on account of their faith. Their fishing nets were torn and broken and they are facing a financial crisis as they don't have any other means of income.

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Chhattisgarh	8-Aug	Hundreds of a group of Hindu nationalists gathered and came out on the road against Christian evangelists in Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh state. They protested and filed a complaint against the Christian evangelists. https://www.bhaskar.com/local/chhattisgarh/gariyaband/hawapara-rajim/news/seeing-the-deteriorating-environment-the-police-arrived-people-said-christians-will-not-allow-missionaries-to-enter-bring-our-brothers-and-sisters-back-to-their-religion-130162605.html?_branch_match_id=1026155091d90678095&utm_campaign=130162605&utm_medium=sharing&_branch_referrer=H4slAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXT0nMzMvM1k3Sy8zTz%2FEIyAlwD4rIk4CAKboKHfAAAA
Maharashtra	13-Aug	A pastor, who runs an orphanage in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra state, was arrested under POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) and was produced at the district court.
Uttar Pradesh	14-Aug	A pastor in Bijnor district in Uttar Pradesh was arrested allegedly on forceful religious conversion charges.
Madhya Pradesh	14-Aug	A teenage Christian boy was thrashed by political party members when he was giving away Christian literature at the public square in Anupur in Madhya Pradesh.
Himachal Pradesh	14-Aug	A pastor and his congregation in Himachal Pradesh are being watched and followed by Hindu Nationalist party proponents group
Uttar Pradesh	14-Aug	A pastor in Uttar Pradesh state, was taken to the police station on complaints by the neighbors on allegations of religious conversion.
West Bengal	14-Aug	An independent Christian evangelist, was burnt to death by his family and local Hindu nationalist party leaders in the Bankura district of West Bengal. His wife and son came into the church in Bankura where he was and proceeded to beat him badly and take him home. He was then dragged into a nearby forest by his family members and locals who poured petrol over him and burnt him alive. https://www.csw.org.uk/2022/08/23/press/5801/article.htm
Madhya Pradesh	16-Aug	Twelve families in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh had been booked under the Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act. These are charged under forceful religious conversion.
Haryana	21-Aug	A Christian woman in Sonapat district, Haryana has been forsaken on account of her faith and left alone by her husband. She has a toddler and is three months pregnant.
Gujarat	21-Aug	Five people were arrested in Kheda district, Gujarat on allegations of conversion. https://www.facebook.com/tv9gujarati/videos/852824542371435/?extid=WA-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing
Haryana	21-Aug	A pastor in Narwana, Haryana was persecuted by the Hindu Nationalist party supporters and Sunday worship was disrupted. https://link.public.app/bMqhP
Madhya Pradesh	22-Aug	A pastor in Rewa district jail, Madhya Pradesh is falsely accused of POSCO and has been arrested.
Madhya Pradesh	23-Aug	A pastor in Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh was beaten and arrested in his alleged involvement in forceful religious conversion.
Assam	25-Aug	A pastor in Kokrajhar district, Assam state, has been called to report at the police station for a special investigation
Tamil Nadu	23-Aug	A 33-year-old church in Chennai, Tamil Nadu has been sealed by the city and ordered to shut down their worship services on allegations that they do not have permit to run the church.
West Bengal	23-Aug	A Christian man got beaten in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal as he and his family refused to contribute for the (non-Christian) religious purposes.
Andhra Pradesh	24-Aug	A pastor in Narendranagar, Visakhapatnam, was seriously injured when a group of Hindu Nationalist party workers tried to kill him during a worship service inside the church. Many other church members were injured during the attack.

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Meghalaya	26-Aug	One of the oldest Catholic Churches in Daram, Meghalaya state, has been vandalised after unidentified Hindu nationalists broke into it and desecrated the venerated statues of Lord Jesus Christ, Mother Mary and Saint Joseph. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iL2Lfor0Mqw
Gujarat	26-Aug	Hindu Nationalist party supporters stopped two missionaries from doing evangelistic work in Dahod district, Gujarat. They lodged a religious conversion complaint against them following which they were arrested.
Chhattisgarh	28-Aug	Two pastors were arrested in Mahasamund district, Chhattisgarh during Christian ceremony in their church.
Uttar Pradesh	28-Aug	A group of Christians in Rai Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh were arrested under section 3 & 5 (1) of Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021.
Odisha	28-Aug	Christians were threatened to close the church in Chatrapur, Odisha.
Madhya Pradesh	28-Aug	A Christian from Umaria, Madhya Pradesh was asked by his parents to leave home. He is now homeless.
Madhya Pradesh	29-Aug	Christian couple are asked to stop the worship service that takes place in their home in Jabalpur district, Madhya Pradesh
Punjab	31-Aug	An unidentified mob after having kept the security guards under gun point, vandalised the Pieta Statue belonging to church in Tarn Taran district, Punjab state, and set fire on car which was parked on campus. https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/pastors-car-set-on-fire-church-vandalised-in-punjab-after-forced-conversion-charge-3302374
Uttar Pradesh	31-Aug	A pastor in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh is being interrupted by some people from the neighborhood from conducting worship.
Bihar	2-Sep	A Christian evangelist was mercilessly beaten by people on allegations of religious conversion in Raniganj district of Bihar. He has sustained grievous wounds to his head. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OjRy9IBDSI
Jharkhand	31-Aug	A worship was disrupted in Chhatrapur Palam, Jharkhand by Hindu Nationalist party supporters and threatened.
Jharkhand	31-Aug	A Christian woman and her children was attacked by a group of people in her house in Chhatrapur, Jharkhand.
Uttar Pradesh	1-Sep	A pastor and his daughter were apprehended by the police in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh for conducting a prayer meeting at a Christian's home. They were taken to the Rampur Police station for questioning.
Uttar Pradesh	2-Sep	Two pastors were arrested during a fasting prayer in Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh on suspicion of forced conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	2-Sep	Three pastors Jeevan, Rakesh and Naveen (names changed) were arrested by police in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh on suspicion of forced conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Sep	Pastor Raju (name changed) in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh was conducting a prayer meeting in the nearby village church when police came and along with two others arrested them at the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Sep	Pastor Nirmal (name changed) has been charged under various laws related to religious conversion by police in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Sep	Three pastors were arrested by the police under charges of religious conversion when they were praying at a church member's house in Shahjahanpur district, Uttar Pradesh
Uttar Pradesh	4-Sep	28 Christians were taken to the police station during worship service in Gazipur, Uttar Pradesh under false charges of forceful religious conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Sep	Police interrupted and stopped a prayer meet in a house in Basti district of Uttar Pradesh.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Sep	A man has been expelled from his family home for accepting Christianity in Umariya, Uttar Pradesh state.
Maharashtra	4-Sep	A church in Budhna, Maharashtra was attacked by Hindu nationalist political party supporters who threatened the Christians of dire consequences.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Sep	Six people were arrested under false charges of religious conversion in Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state.

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Uttar Pradesh	4-Sep	A pastor in Bahraich district in Uttar Pradesh state was conducting a weekly prayer meeting in his field where around 300 people gather every Sunday. One Sunday when he was conducting a prayer meeting, a group of local Hindu nationalist party leaders came and threatened to stop the prayer meeting or else they will call the extremist group and police.
Rajasthan	4-Sep	A pastor in Banswara, Rajasthan state, was on his way from Church along with his family when a Hindu extremist mob attacked the victim and his family.
Haryana	4-Sep	A pastor in Sirsa, Haryana was conducting a prayer service at his Church when a mob of Hindu extremists forcefully entered the Church and attacked the members present there. Later police was called, who took the pastor into custody.
Chhattisgarh	4-Sep	A church service in district Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh was stopped by a group of Hindutva nationalists and Christians were forced not to worship Jesus Christ.
Bihar	6-Sep	A pastor conducts various worship service in Nalanda, Bihar state. A group of Hindu nationalist political party supporters have started collecting signatures to stop these gatherings
Uttarakhand	4-Sep	A pastor Udham Singh Nagar district, Uttarakhand was constructing a church building along with his house when a group of local Hindu nationalist party leaders came and stopped the construction and informed that they cannot build the Church over there.
Karnataka	5-Sep	A pastor in Ramanagara district, Karnataka was arrested. The Hindu nationalist party leaders lodged a complaint against the missionary couple alleging that they came to the village as Naiks (nomads) and then converted to Christianity. Hindu nationalist party leaders accused them of converting people by alluring money. Two Hindu nationalist party leaders lodged a complaint against the couple.
Uttar Pradesh	6-Sep	A pastor in Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting at his house along with 250 to 300 Christians when the meeting was disrupted by the police. The pastor's family members and one of the Christians were taken into custody and charged under the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religious Act 2021a
Uttar Pradesh	6-Sep	Eight people have been accused of conversion by their family member and were sent to jail in Unnao, Uttar Pradesh state. Four of them were released, but the bail application for two were dismissed by the district Court.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Sep	A pastor and a Christian were arrested in Kushinagar district, Uttar Pradesh during a prayer along with 100 Christians. Police were informed that the pastor was involved in religious conversions.
Madhya Pradesh	7-Sep	A Christian woman is being opposed (harassed) by Hindu Nationalist political party supporters in Shahdol district, Madhya Pradesh.
Jharkhand	7-Sep	A woman from Latehar, Jharkhand state is being harassed by her in-laws because of her faith. She was thrown out of the house along with her daughter since she was not ready to perform Puja in the house. Her husband has gone out to work and he says he will come back after a year so she is all alone.
Karnataka	7-Sep	The Archbishop of Bangalore, Karnataka was charged with a false complaint against him by Maharashtra Police. The police from Maharashtra served a copy of the complaint through the Commissioner of Police, Bangalore.
Chhattisgarh	8-Sep	A two-month-old infant died and was denied burial by the Hindu nationalist party leaders because her parents are Christians in district Kanker, Chhattisgarh
Jharkhand	8-Sep	A pastor in Gumla, Jharkhand state was beaten badly by extremists at Koinjara village while he was returning from the ministry area.
Uttar Pradesh	9-Sep	A pastor in dist. Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh was conducting prayer along with around 100 Christians in a house church when someone from the village complained to the police alleging the pastor of fraudulent conversions. The police reached the site with the media and arrested two pastors at Bisanpura police station for the enquiry. The victims were booked u/s 151, 107, and 116 Crpc. Fifty Christians were later booked under false charges of religious conversion.

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Uttar Pradesh	9-Sep	A pastor in Sanjila, distt. Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh was conducting prayer at a Christian's house when the police arrived suddenly and asked the pastor to visit the police station for enquiry.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Sep	A pastor in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh was conducting a prayer meeting when police came and forcefully took the pastor to the police station on the complaint filed by a person from his village, of forceful religious conversion of his family by the pastor.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Sep	In another incident two Christians from Kushinagar district, Uttar Pradesh state were conducting a prayer meeting at his house when police came and arrested them.
Chhattisgarh	11-Sep	A pastor in village Bastar dist., Chhattisgarh was attacked and beaten very severely by the local Hindu nationalist party leaders and extremist group and forcefully re-converted to Hinduism, in the presence of police.
Bihar	12-Sep	A pastor was attacked by Hindu nationalits political party supporters while he was at a church construction site in Chhapra, Bihar. He is severely injured in his head, chest and hips.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Sep	Two pastors from Pipraich, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh state, were conducting a prayer meeting in the house when the police team arrived and arrested him. Later, the two pastors were charged with an FIR u/s 3/5(1) UP FORA.
Jharkhand	11-Sep	Hindutva nationalists disrupted a worship service in a house church in Dhanbad district, Jharkhand state and threatened the Christians including the women. Mob informed the police who arrested he pastor and his wife.
Chhattisgarh	11-Sep	Hindutva nationalists in Darbha, district Bastar, Chhattisgarh forced a bereaved Christian family to accept Hinduism to conduct the funeral of their family member.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Sep	A pastor's church services have been stopped in Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh state, due to persecution by a group of Hindi natiniats political party proponents.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Sep	A pastor and ten Christians from Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh have been arrested and charged under Section 3&5 (1) of Uttar Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act 2021
Rajasthan	12-Sep	A pastor in Dholpur, Rajasthan state, is being threatened by some miscreants.
Bihar	13-Sep	A group of Christian students were travelling from Rohtas district, Bihar to Nagpur when they were interrogated by the police at the train station. As a result, a some missed the train and 11 students were arrested by the police.
Jharkhand	12-Sep	A group of Hindu nationalists barged into the Sunday Worship service in Dhanbad district, Jharkhand and started threatening the Christians, misbehaving with the women too
Delhi	12-Sep	A pastor in South East dist, Delhi was assaulted by a mob when he was disturbing tracts.
Uttar Pradesh	13-Sep	Two pastors have been arrested in Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh under various sections such as 188, 295A, 504, 506 of IPC r/w section 3 & 5(1) of The Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021a
Uttar Pradesh	13-Sep	A pastor in Saharanpur Uttar Pradesh was conducting prayer in one of his Christian's houses when suddenly the Police came with religious extremists and started beating and took them into custody.
Punjab	13-Sep	Two Christians have been sent to jail in Gurdaspur, Punjab and charged under section 295 of IPC
Jharkhand	13-Sep	A prayer meeting was disrupted by a large group of people in Baliapur, Jharkhand. They alleged that forceful religious conversions were taking place in their house.
Punjab	13-Sep	A Christian woman from Gurdaspur, Punjab was expelled from her home with her four children, because of her faith.
Gujarat	13-Sep	A pastor in Vapi, Gujarat was conducting a Church service when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and tried to disrupt the Church service. They threatened the pastor not to conduct the prayer in the area. Police was informed who came and took both the parties to the police station.
Jammu and Kashmir	14-Sep	A pastor meeting at a house in Samba district, Jammu and Kashmir was disrupted by a mob of 100 - 150 nationalist party proponents, subsequently the owner asked the pastor to vacate.

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Haryana	14-Sep	A pastor in Gurgaon, Haryana was conducting a prayer meeting in the Church when a mob of 200 people barged in and attacked the members present in the Church. Three people including one woman are severely injured.
Uttar Pradesh	15-Sep	Hindu nationalists political party supporters disrupted a prayer meeting in Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh and falsely accused, and got the Christian evangelist arrested under charges of forceful religious conversion. https://youtu.be/YsXEVHuS-Q
Jharkhand	15-Sep	A prayer meeting in Baliapur, Jharkhand was disrupted by a large group of Hindu nationalists political party supporters, who alleged that people are forced to accept Christianity
Punjab	15-Sep	A Christian woman and her four children have been expelled from their home in Gurdaspur, Punjab by their family.
Punjab	15-Sep	A pastor was stabbed by seven unknown men and is seriously injured in Amritsar. The incident took place when one of the pastor's acquaintance whom he had shared gospel with, took him to an unfamiliar place and called the goons on him. https://www.newsclick.in/attacks-punjab-christians-increase-allegations-conversion
Chhattisgarh	16-Sep	A Christian lady's body is denied burial due to the Christian faith that she held in Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh by the a group of Hindu nationalists.
Chhattisgarh	16-Sep	A pastor is facing extreme opposition by the a group of Hindu nationalists against holding church service in his church in Kanker district, in Chhattisgarh.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Sep	A prayer fellowship in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh was disrupted by the police. The pastor was threatened and told not to hold prayer meetings.
Chhattisgarh	16-Sep	A pastor is facing opposition by Hindu nationalists political party supporters in Janjgir, Chhattisgarh.
Chhattisgarh	16-Sep	A pastor in Durg, Chhattisgarh was conducting a fasting prayer in a Church when Hindu nationalist party leaders came and disturbed the meeting and broke down all the church worshiping tools, and threaten them to leave the faith or to get away from the village.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Sep	A Christian man, Sanjay from Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh was charged by police u/s 3,5(1) UP PUCRA based on a complaint filed by a security guard at a hospital that the man is threatening to forcefully convert him. No one has been arrested in the matter yet.
Uttar Pradesh	17-Sep	Three Christians including a pastor were arrested in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh by the police under false accusation of forceful religious conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	17-Sep	Two pastors were arrested in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh by the police under false accusation of forceful religious conversion.
Maharashtra	17-Sep	A young Christian man in Goregaon, Maharashtra has been expelled from his home by his father.
Uttar Pradesh	17-Sep	Two pastors from Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh were arrested during the Sunday worship from the church. https://dainik-b.in/HYYTpx9ftb
Uttar Pradesh	17-Sep	Three pastors were beaten in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh state during the Sunday worship by Hindu nationalist political party ideological proponents
Uttar Pradesh	17-Sep	Two pastors in Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh state were arrested during Sunday worship
Chhattisgarh	18-Sep	Eight families have been boycotted from their village in Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh state for following their Christian faith
Uttar Pradesh	18-Sep	A sunday worship was disrupted by Hindu extremists in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh state
Maharashtra	18-Sep	A pastor in Hingoli, Maharashtra state was accused of forceful conversion; they beat him and he suffered a nose injury.
Madhya Pradesh	18-Sep	A pastor in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh state is being threatened with consequences if he continues to practice his Christian faith.
Maharashtra	18-Sep	A pastor and his family are facing persecution from the local Hindu extremists in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra state where his church was forcefully shutdown by the extremists and even his children could not attend the school.

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Uttar Pradesh	18-Sep	Two Christian brothers, who don't have parents are falsely jailed in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh state.
Madhya Pradesh	18-Sep	A Christian woman was beaten by her brother for her Christian faith in Shahdol district in Madhya Pradesh state.
Uttarakhand	18-Sep	A pastor in district Rampur, Uttarakhand were conducting a prayer meeting at his house when police came and arrested the victim.
Chhattisgarh	18-Sep	A pastor in district Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh was conducting a Sunday worship when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered their Church and disrupted their Prayer service.
Punjab	18-Sep	A pastor Sukhdev from Amritsar, Punjab was assaulted by six people who stabbed him in his torso and arms due to which he was severely injured and sustained deep wounds.
Maharashtra	19-Sep	A pastor in Hingoli, Maharashtra state was accused of forceful religious conversion and has been attacked by Hindu nationalists
Bihar	20-Sep	A pastor and his family was brutally attacked by a large number of Hindu extremists in Aurangabad, Bihar state.
Chhattisgarh	19-Sep	Houses of four Christian families in Kanker, Chhattisgarh state were vandalized by a large group of Hindu extremists. https://cgdarpan.com/?p=23046
Bihar	20-Sep	A pastor in Katihar, Bihar was conducting a prayer meeting in his church when a group of Hindutva nationalists came with police, and vandalised the area. They threatened not to continue prayer meetings. Later they locked the church and gave the keys to the police.
Haryana	20-Sep	A prayer meeting was disrupted in Karnal, Haryana state by the Hindu extremists citing forceful religious conversion. https://youtu.be/HtRE8B8jwR0
Haryana	20-Sep	A group of Hindu extremists caused a lot of disturbance in front of a newly constructed church building in Kurukshetra, Haryana state. The pastor was threatened, and cow urine was sprinkled in the church.
Uttar Pradesh	20-Sep	A pastor in Azamgarh district in Uttar Pradesh made an affidavit in the district about the fact that "those who come to church, they come voluntarily and not under any pressure and there is no change of religion here". The lawyer who made this affidavit has given the information to a group of Hindu nationalists who are now threatening to file an FIR against the pastor.
Uttar Pradesh	21-Sep	Two Christian teachers in Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh state visited a student's house where a few Hindu nationalist party leaders accused them of visiting the house to convert other students. Later the mob called the police. Police came and arrested the Christian teachers.
Chhattisgarh	21-Sep	There has been a communal uproar in Dhanora, Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh state, where Hindu nationalist party leaders are opposing the burial of a Christian man in his own land and are now after the pastors who conducted the funeral. The Hindu nationalist party leaders are spewing death threats on the pastors who have now absconded.
Uttar Pradesh	22-Sep	A Christian in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh state has been arrested following charges of forceful conversion.
Madhya Pradesh	22-Sep	A pastor was severely assaulted by 7-8 Hindu extremists in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh state when he was praying for a sick child. The pastor left the village and is taking shelter in the jungle.
Uttar Pradesh	22-Sep	A pastor and few Christians in Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh state were called to the police station, where they were interrogated regarding their faith. Later the police let them go, assuring they will protect them in case of any future opposition.
Jharkhand	22-Sep	A mob of 20 Hindu extremists accompanied by police assaulted two pastors during a training program in Chatra district, Jharkhand state.
Maharashtra	22-Sep	A Christian woman in Yavatmal, Maharashtra was evicted from her rented house on account of following Christian faith.

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Madhya Pradesh	22-Sep	A few Christians were threatened by Hindu extremists for following the Christian faith in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	22-Sep	Six Christians were arrested in Bairagi Purwa, Gonda district, Uttar Pradesh state, on allegations of religious conversion.
Chhattisgarh	22-Sep	A pastor and his wife from Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh were called by the police in the police station who made them sit there for three to four hours and later told them to not conduct any prayer meetings in their house and were then sent back to their home.
Uttar Pradesh	22-Sep	A pastor was conducting prayer at a Christian's house in Lakhimpurkheri, Uttar Pradesh along with 25 people when police came and arrested pastor and filed an FIR u/s 3/5(1) UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021a
Jharkhand	22-Sep	A pastor was assaulted in Chatra, Jharkhand state, during a training program, where the Hindutva nationalists seized the pastor's mobile phone and took him to the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Sep	Churches in district of Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh state have been closed down due to threats from Hindu extremists.
Jharkhand	23-Sep	A church was demolished in Chatra district, Jharkhand state. Some Christians were brutally assaulted, others faced death threats, and many were excommunicated.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Sep	In Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh state, sisters from a Catholic school were beaten and the priest charged on the grounds of religious conversion.
Uttarakhand	23-Sep	A pastor in Uttarakhand state was threatened by 2 people, that they would come against them with a huge mob and vandalize the church, if worship service was held the following Sunday
Uttar Pradesh	23-Sep	Catholic nuns were beaten, and a priest was booked under forceful religious conversion in a Catholic school in Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh state
Tamil Nadu	24-Sep	A pastor and his team were opposed and taken to police station by a group of Hindu extremists in Dindigul in Tamil Nadu state.
Maharashtra	24-Sep	A pastor in Bhiwandi in Maharashtra state was beaten by a group of Hindu extremists for his Christian faith and work in the community.
Maharashtra	24-Sep	A pastor in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra state is facing constant persecution by Hindu extremists, for his faith and for conducting Sunday worship.
Chhattisgarh	24-Sep	A pastor in Jagdalpur Baptist Church, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, was threatened by a group of Hindu nationalists with attacks on his church, if he continued his prayer and worship meetings.
Chhattisgarh	25-Sep	A church worship was disrupted on Sunday, and the pastor was arrested on false charges of forceful conversion in Surguja district, Chhattisgarh state.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Sep	A pastor received threats from Hindu extremists that his church would be disrupted and that there would be violence, in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Sep	Hindu extremists barged into a church during worship and disrupted the service. The pastor and some Christians were taken to the police station in Siddharth Nagar, Uttar Pradesh state.
Jharkhand	25-Sep	A church in Dhanbad in Jharkhand state is facing threats from local Hindu extremists.
Jharkhand	25-Sep	A Christian widow with two little children in Koderma, Jharkhand state is being denied access to her property by her relatives as she accepted the Christian faith.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Sep	A church meeting in Lakhimpur, Uttar Pradesh state, was disrupted and the pastor was attacked by Hindu extremists. The police arrested the pastor and charged him under Sec 151 of IPC for unlawful assembly.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Sep	A young widow from Uttar Pradesh state, who has a mentally challenged child, was expelled from her father's house as she accepted the Christian faith.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Sep	A Christian woman from Bijnor district, Uttar Pradesh state was harassed and tortured by her family for having converted to Christianity. She now fears for the safety of her three children.
Chhattisgarh	25-Sep	A Christian from Janjgir-Champa district, Chhattisgarh state, was not allowed to join the non-Christian funeral of his father, owing to his Christian faith.

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Uttar Pradesh	25-Sep	A pastor in Bijnor district, Uttar Pradesh state, said that while he was conducting a prayer meeting in his house along with 250 to 300 Christians, two policemen enquired about the prayer meeting. They informed him that they had received a complaint that he was converting Hindus through prayer meetings and told him to come to the police station next day for questioning.
Chhattisgarh	1-Oct	A Christian man from Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, died due to illness. When his family was preparing for his burial, Hindu nationalist party leaders came and opposed a burial in the village graveyard due to his faith, and wanted the family to renounce their faith.
Chhattisgarh	1-Oct	A Christian man made his living by selling snacks ('panipuri') from a cart in Mahasamund district, Chhattisgarh state. He refused to give a donation for a Hindu festival, so he was told that he would not be allowed to continue his business.
Tripura	2-Oct	A Catholic tent was pulled down by supporters of a Hindu nationalist political party, in Tripura state, when some 15 families were conducting Sunday prayers in the tent. https://mattersindia.com/2022/10/Hindu-nationalist-party-leaders-pull-down-catholic-prayer-shed-in-tripura/
Odisha	2-Oct	A pastor and his wife were beaten by Hindu right wing activists in Mayurbhanj district, Odisha state. https://publicapp.co.in/video/sp_h3jr5qptlm3i9?share=true
Uttar Pradesh	2-Oct	Christians in Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh state, are being forced to worship Hindu gods by their family members.
Maharashtra	2-Oct	A service in a church in Raigad district, Maharashtra state, was forcefully disrupted by local extremists, where during the worship they recorded videos and took pictures. They even hurled death threats at the congregation.
Chhattisgarh	2-Oct	A widow and four sons in Bastar, Chhattisgarh state, were dragged out of their home by local extremists, and brutally beaten for not denouncing their Christian faith.
Uttar Pradesh	2-Oct	A pastor working with a Christian Charitable Trust in Sant Kabir Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a Sunday prayer meeting at his home when police came and questioned him. Local Hindu nationalist leaders had called the police, falsely complaining that the pastor was converting people. The police summoned the pastor to come to the police station the next morning for questioning.
Uttar Pradesh	2-Oct	A Christian woman in Pratapgarh district, Uttar Pradesh state, was holding a Sunday worship in her house church along with 10 other women when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and accused them of religious conversion and called the police. The police came and took the woman and her associate to the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	2-Oct	A pastor belonging to the Seventh Day Adventist church in Varanasi, in Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a worship in his church when a group of Hindu nationalist workers disrupted the service. They called the police and complained that the pastor was converting people during the worship. Later, the police videotaped the whole service and arrested the pastor for questioning.
Karnataka	2-Oct	A pastor in Haveri district, Karnataka was conducting a Sunday worship along with other Christians in his church when 4 Hindu nationalists forcefully entered the church and disrupted their service. They insisted on videotaping the service and took several photos of the Christian worshippers. A heated argument broke out between the Christians and the Hindu radicals when a member of the church asked why they were videotaping without permission. The Hindus later called the police and threatened the Christians and the pastor that they would shut down the church.
Haryana	2-Oct	A pastor in Gurgaon, Haryana state, along with his wife and 2-year-old son visited a house of one of their church members for a prayer meeting. While they were praying a group of Hindu nationalists came and accused the pastor of religious conversion. Later, they forcefully took pastor and his family to the police station, where the police made them sit in the police station for about three hours.

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Uttar Pradesh	2-Oct	A pastor in Azamgarh district in Uttar Pradesh state was conducting a prayer meeting in his house when police came and arrested him under CrPC 151, 107, 116.
Madhya Pradesh	3-Oct	A few vehicles with Christian students in it were stopped by the police in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh state, on their way to attend a Christian convention. The right wing activists accused the event organizers of attempting to convert the students. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4NAePnKZj0
Uttar Pradesh	3-Oct	A Christian was arrested under false charges of forceful conversion in Raebareli district, Uttar Pradesh state.
Bihar	4-Oct	A building where prayer meetings were conducted was vandalised, and the offering box was taken away by Hindu right wing motorcycle riders in Madhepura, Bihar state.
Chhattisgarh	3-Oct	A Christian woman from Bastar district of Chhattisgarh state, died due to illness. Her body was not allowed to be buried in the village because she was a Christian.
Chhattisgarh	3-Oct	5 Christian families in the village in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh were called to appear in front of the village council and were told that if they did not leave their Christian faith they would lose their right to food ration cards, and any right to be buried in the village burial site, and that they would be asked to leave the village. When the Christians refused, they were assaulted. They had to be taken to the local hospital for treatment.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Oct	A local political party protested against Christian conversion in Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh state. They filed a case against the Christians.
Uttar Pradesh	4-Oct	A pastor was called to the police station while he was conducting a prayer service in Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh state, after someone filed false complaints against him.
Jharkhand	4-Oct	A pastor in Ranchi was conducting a meeting in a church in Lohardaga, Jharkhand state, when police came and arrested him. Police claimed that the pastor was responsible for the conversion of a local lawyer's daughter who had gone missing for a few days.
Chhattisgarh	4-Oct	A Christian man died in Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh state. When the family wanted to bury the body, a group of Hindu nationalist party leaders did not allow the burial, because the dead man was a Christian.
Tamil Nadu	5-Oct	A pastor and his wife were harassed by local Hindu extremists when they were leaving a Christian's home after a prayer meeting in Tuticorin district, Tamil Nadu state.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Oct	A pastor was arrested and charged under the law restricting religious conversions in Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh state.
Madhya Pradesh	5-Oct	Two pastors were injured by a mob of Hindu nationalists when they were attacked while holding a prayer meeting in the Madhya Pradesh state. The police came and arrested the victims under the law restricting freedom of religious conversion.
Tamil Nadu	5-Oct	Two Christians from Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu state, along with 25 people belonging to a gospel team were distributing tracts when a group of Hindu nationalists came and attacked the group, tore the Bibles, threw their tracts and assaulted two members of the group. The Hindu nationalists later filed a false complaint of religious conversion by the group.
Assam	7-Oct	Police complaint filed against six Christians in Tezpur, Assam state, for distributing Bibles in a school.
Chhattisgarh	6-Oct	A pastor informed that a Christian woman died in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh state due to illness. Her body was not allowed to be buried in the village grave site, because she was a Christian, and the deceased woman's family was asked to renounce their Christian faith or leave the village.
Punjab	7-Oct	A Christian woman and her family from Ropar, Punjab state, are being continually pressurised by village leaders and family to leave the Christian faith or forsake their ancestral property and leave the village.
Tamil Nadu	7-Oct	A pastor's widow in Pudukkottai district, Tamil Nadu state, is being accused of conversion by allurement and is being threatened with a FIR filed by some people. She has had past experiences of harassment.

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Uttar Pradesh	7-Oct	A Christian family was beaten by extremists in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh state, during a family prayer in their house.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Oct	A pastor and nine others were charged under the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Oct	A Christian man from Bijnor district, Uttar Pradesh state, was praying with his family at night before bedtime when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered their house and abused and thrashed them. He went with his family to the police, who refused to take any action. Later, they went to a Government hospital for treatment, but they were not attended to, since the doctors wanted the police to be involved for the legal aspects first.
Uttar Pradesh	8-Oct	Ten Christians were falsely accused of conversion in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh state. A news article reported that they were luring people with offers of a free house and money.
Jharkhand	8-Oct	A Christian family from Ranchi district, Jharkhand state, was threatened by a Hindu nationalist mob to convert to Hinduism.
Uttar Pradesh	9-Oct	A police complaint has been filed against two pastors and thirteen women in Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh state, alleging their involvement in forceful religious conversion.
Madhya Pradesh	9-Oct	A pastor was threatened by local Hindu extremists in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh state, in order to stop his church construction.
Assam	9-Oct	Hindu extremists vandalised a worship place in Kamrup district, Assam state and issued death threats.
Uttar Pradesh	9-Oct	Two pastors from Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh state, were taken to the police station on false charges of forcefully converting people to the Christian faith.
Maharashtra	9-Oct	Man chops off fingers from the hand of his wife in Maharashtra state for following Christian faith but later commits suicide.
Rajasthan	9-Oct	A pastor was beaten during Sunday worship in a village in Banswara, Rajasthan state.
Chhattisgarh	9-Oct	Christians from Dhamtari district in Chhattisgarh state were beaten and women's clothes torn.
Chhattisgarh	9-Oct	A pastor in the village of Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh was conducting Sunday worship in their house along with other members of the Christian community when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered their house and disrupted their worship and thrashed the people there. Many women were also seriously injured.
Uttar Pradesh	9-Oct	Two pastors from Kushinagar district, Uttar Pradesh were conducting a Sunday worship in their house when police came and arrested both. The victims were booked u/s 151, 107, 116 Crpc.
Uttar Pradesh	9-Oct	A pastor in Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh was conducting a Sunday worship in his Church along with other members when police came and arrested the pastor and 13 Christian women along with him. They were all charged under IPC 151, 107, and 116 and were produced before court.
Madhya Pradesh	9-Oct	A Christian convention was stopped and disrupted by the Hindu extremists in Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh state after local people complained about the meeting. https://www.bhaskar.com/local/mp/narmadapuram/news/ruckus-over-loudspeaker-in-narmadapuram-people-of-hindu-organization-reached-the-church-130443369.html?_branch_match_id=1026155091&utm_campaign=130443369&utm_medium=sharing&_branch_referrer=H4sIAAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXT0nMzMvM1k3Sy8zTz%2FPxCiqsNEi3LEkCALzmvbcfAAAA
Assam	10-Oct	Some people registered a complaint against a church in Tezpur in Assam state for distributing Bibles in a school.
Chhattisgarh	10-Oct	A Christian woman in Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh state was beaten when she visited a neighbor for prayers.
Madhya Pradesh	10-Oct	A Christian woman and her son-in-law's family are facing persecution from his family in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Oct	A Christian family was expelled from a village in Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh state for following their Christian faith.

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Uttar Pradesh	10-Oct	A Christian man and his family were beaten for his faith, in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh state.
Chhattisgarh	10-Oct	A group of Hindu nationalists in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state opposed the burial of an 70-year Christian woman. The authorities were informed about the incident, and they removed the body from the ground for postmortem saying that the reason for her death was unknown. https://link.public.app/0FxQN
Chhattisgarh	10-Oct	A Christian family from Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh reported that they were receiving threats from a group of Hindu nationalists.
Bihar	11-Oct	A Christian in Chhapra, Bihar state was attacked by 3 masked men in motorcycle, They hit him from behind and cut his hand with a blade. He had been severely attacked earlier on September 11, 2022 and as a result, is still suffering from health issues.
Punjab	10-Oct	A Christian woman from near Jalandhar, Punjab visited a house for sharing the Gospel. As she started her prayer, the woman of the house called her neighbors and later complained with the village administration saying that she blasphemed against her god. The village leader called the police and filed a complaint against the Christian woman, and she was arrested.
Jharkhand	11-Oct	A Christian man, woman and their child were arrested by the police for alleged forceful conversion in Jharkhand state when they were visiting another family for a prayer meet.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Oct	A pastor was called at a Chhapra Police Station and informed that he was booked under the Uttar Pradesh state Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act 2021a
Uttar Pradesh	11-Oct	A pastor was arrested in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh state, and was arrested in the Varanasi district jail.
Jharkhand	12-Oct	3 Christians from Chhattisgarh state were arrested while conducting a prayer meeting in Simdega district, Jharkhand state when police arrested them for attempted conversion as alleged by the Hindu nationalists leaders.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Oct	A pastor in Sonbhadra area of Uttar Pradesh was holding a prayer meeting in his house when police came and summoned the pastor to the police station the next morning for questioning on suspicion of attempted conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Oct	Students and staff of a Christian school at Sonbhadra area of Uttar Pradesh state were celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the mission inside the campus when a group of Hindu nationalists started shouting slogans, vandalised the campus, manhandled the Christians and falsely accused the members of attempting to convert Hindus. Police arrested 2 staff members.
Chhattisgarh	12-Oct	Two staffers at a government run rural childcare center in Balod district, Chhattisgarh state recently became Christians on their own accord. After knowing of their conversion, parents removed their children from the daycare, and demanded these staff be fired.
Uttar Pradesh	13-Oct	A Christian hospital in Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh was raided by the police, 13 arrests were made involving false charges.
Jharkhand	13-Oct	Five Christians from Lohardaga district, Jharkhand state were holding a prayer meeting when police came on a false accusation of religious conversion and arrested all of them.
Tamil Nadu	14-Oct	A pastor and his wife were verbally abused and threatened by a group of people in Tirupathur district, Tamil Nadu state who disrupted the church service that was being held in their house
Uttar Pradesh	14-Oct	Christians in a village in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh state are permitted to draw water from a community well only when they can pay for the water. Others can draw water freely. Christians are being discriminated against only due to their faith and made to pay for a free resource.
Chhattisgarh	14-Oct	A group of Hindu nationalists stirred by right-wing vigilantes in Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh state are protesting against Christian prayer meetings held at different places, accusing them of forceful religious conversions. https://www.naidunia.com/chhattisgarh/dhamtari-protest-against-prayer-meeting-a-group-of-hindu-nationalists-of-devpur-reached-the-police-station-demanding-to-stop-the-movement-of-outsiders-7869406

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Madhya Pradesh	14-Oct	The city administration bulldozed a portion of a 110-year-old Christian mission hospital in Madhya Pradesh state, citing reasons that the Hospital management don't have valid papers for the property. A missionary doctor's house was completely bulldozed. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w57uaNTJGrs&feature=youtu.be
Chhattisgarh	14-Oct	In Kushi Nahar, Uttar Pradesh state, a public Christian gathering was disrupted, and the pastors conducting the meeting were arrested and charged with forceful religious conversion.
Odisha	14-Oct	A Christian family from Koraput district of Odisha was praying in their house when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered their house and dragged the family members out of their house and beat them badly. The Hindu nationalists threatened the family to renounce their faith. Then they burned three Bibles they found in the house. They also threatened to kill the family if they won't leave Christianity.
Andhra Pradesh	15-Oct	A group of a group of Hindu nationalists in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh state has started a signature campaign against a pastor who has been running a church on his own land.
Andhra Pradesh	16-Oct	A pastor in Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh, has been hosting prayer meetings on his private property for the past two years. Some Hindu nationalists began a signature campaign about ten days ago to shut down this home church.
Chhattisgarh	15-Oct	A church in Durg, Chhattisgarh state has been threatened by the Hindu vigilantes that it will close soon.
Chhattisgarh	15-Oct	Four families in Kanker, Chhattisgarh state have been threatened by local Hindu extremists to forsake their faith or face dire consequences
Chhattisgarh	15-Oct	A group of Hindu nationalists of the political party at Salhebhata, Mahasamund of Chhattisgarh state forcefully entered the Church and disrupted their meeting. Police were called by the pastor. But Police took the side of the Hindu nationalists and told the pastor that he needed their permission to hold a church service.
Andhra Pradesh	15-Oct	A pastor in Krishna district in AP has been hosting prayer meetings on his private property for the past two years. Some Hindu nationalists began a signature campaign about ten days ago to shut down this home church.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Oct	A pastor in Phulpur, Uttar Pradesh state was taken to police after he conducted Sunday worship, with the allegation of forceful conversion through financial allurements https://uttarpradesh.publicvibe.com/video/varanasi-south/varanasi-me-paise-ka-jhansa-dekar-hindu-yuvako-ko-jabaran-banaya-ja-raha-tha-isai-jane-kya-huaa/1665909647193164246?utm_source=share&utm_medium=android&userid=1654736347987381869
Tamil Nadu	16-Oct	A pastor in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu state is being questioned by the extremists after he arranged a prayer meeting in the village
Bihar	16-Oct	A group of Hindu nationalists along with the neighbors forcefully entered the home of a Christian couple in Kadwa of Kathiwar district in the state of Bihar during a house prayer meeting and thrashed the Christians. The attackers tore the clothes of the Christians. They left after threatening the family to not conduct any prayer meetings in their house again.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Oct	Bail plea of a pastor in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh state who was arrested under religious conversion allegation charges has been denied by the lower court. https://aajexpress.com/fir-against-the-priest-in-the-matter-of-conversion/
Jharkhand	16-Oct	Six women were taken to Sukhdev Nagar police station in Ranchi, Jharkhand state by few opponents on the charges of religious conversion. https://youtu.be/u_sgZjAAO_s
Uttar Pradesh	16-Oct	A group of people were travelling to church in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh state, when they were stopped, verbally abused and accused of converting people and threatened not to go to church.

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Uttar Pradesh	16-Oct	A pastor in under the Phulpur police precinct in Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh was starting his Sunday church when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered the Church and vandalized the area by breaking the pulpit of the Church and took the Bible and the donation receipts. Later they forcefully took the pastor to the Phulpur Police station. The police under pressure from the extremist group filed an FIR u/s 3/5(1) UP PUCRA on the allegation that the pastor was involved in unlawful religious conversion by alluring people by offering Rupees Fifty thousand for converting to Christianity. The pastor was sent to Judicial custody.
Punjab	17-Oct	A couple living in a joint family in Ludhiana, Punjab state, recently became Christians. So, their family asked the couple to take their children and leave the home. The couple was not allowed to take anything with them. A pastor has offered a place for them to live for the time being.
Chhattisgarh	17-Oct	It was decided in a joint village council meeting between four villages of Bastar district of Chhattisgarh state, Kandanar, Chindgur, Mundagad, and Koleng village that they will support a newly passed law that supports converting local Christians to Hinduism. The next day Hindu nationalists along with village leaders asked the Christians to assemble, so they could perform the conversion ceremony to make them Hindus.
Uttar Pradesh	18-Oct	A pastor's wife had to endure verbal abuses and accusations of conversion in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	18-Oct	A Christian prayer meeting was disrupted by a group Hindu extremists in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state.
Jharkhand	18-Oct	The members of the tribal organizations have submitted a request to the authorities, to remove all tribal chiefs who belong to the Christian faith as soon as possible, from Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand state.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Oct	A mob of 40 people disrupted the prayer of a Christian family and verbally abused them in Uttar Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Oct	A Christian man from Basti district, Uttar Pradesh was praying with his family in the morning when a group of 10 locals affiliated with the Hindu nationalist party forcefully entered the house and assaulted the family members and tore their clothes including his wife. They also tore and destroyed the religious books kept in the house and left with death threats if found praying Christian prayers again.
Odisha	19-Oct	A Christian family from Koraput, Odisha was holding a private prayer event with three other families in their house when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered their house, disrupted their prayers, and threatened the members present to leave their faith or else they will be forced to leave the village. The victims are socially ostracized and not allowed to get any work in the village. So all those families left the village and hiding in the woods.
Chhattisgarh	19-Oct	A Christian man from Jugani, in the Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh state, died on 18th October 2022 due to some illness and when their family was about to bury the body according to their faith, a group of Hindu nationalists prevented the family to bury the body. The police were informed by the family but when the police came they sided with the Hindu nationalists.
Chhattisgarh	19-Oct	An Old Christian woman from Mohlai village, Mungapadar, of Kondagaon district in Chhattisgarh died and when the family was preparing for the burial in the village graveyard a group of Hindu nationalist party leaders objected to bury the body in the common graveyard. Later Police were informed who came but did not support the family.
Chhattisgarh	19-Oct	A Christian single mother from Bastar, Chhattisgarh belonging to a Scheduled Tribe family applied to get a certificate of her tribe for her daughter. But because she confessed to be a Christian, the authorities refused to issue such a certificate.
Uttar Pradesh	20-Oct	Police has been on a look-out for a Christian woman running a prayer group in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	20-Oct	Christian missionaries in Babatpur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh state are being accused of forceful religious conversion through financial allurements https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcxlIWPOhIE

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Madhya Pradesh	20-Oct	The district administration has issued notices to the United Christian Missionary Society in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh state as the government lease (for residential purposes) for the land is up. They were asked to vacate by October 26, 2022, and the land is up for auction. Lease renewal has been denied, due to the alleged use of the land for commercial purposes. https://www.naidunia.com/madhya-pradesh/jabalpur-notice-to-four-including-food-corporation-of-india-to-remove-possession-from-christian-missionary-society-land-in-jabalpur-7902529
Telangana	21-Oct	A Christian has been constructing a church in Bolampalli village, Telangana state after taking all building permissions from the local administration, but he is disrupted by the Hindu extremists in his area.
Chhattisgarh	21-Oct	A Christian woman's burial was stalled for more than 40 hours by prominent Hindu nationalist leaders in Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh state. The police did not help the victims.
Chhattisgarh	21-Oct	Local Hindu nationalist party leaders refused the burial of a young Christian girl in the common graveyard in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh. When the girl's family attempted to bury her, a physical fight broke out between the Christians and the Hindu nationalists.
Chhattisgarh	21-Oct	A Christian man and his family were severely assaulted for their faith by a group of Hindu nationalists in the Sukama district of Chhattisgarh state. When the victim tried to file a police complaint on two consecutive days, he was not only refused, but also beaten by the police.
Chhattisgarh	21-Oct	15 Christians were attacked by right-wing Hindu fundamentalists in Sukma district, Chhattisgarh state, in a home where the Christians had gathered for prayer. They assaulted the believers and demanded that they forsake Christ. The believers sustained minor injuries and stated that an off-duty police officer was also among the mob. The Police officer did not allow the believers to file a complaint to avoid an investigation. https://www.csw.org.uk/2022/10/01/press/5847/article.htm
Uttarakhand	23-Oct	A pastor was arrested from a church in Roorkee, Uttarakhand state on allegations of religious conversion. https://www.amarujala.com/dehradun/roorkee-uproar-over-congregational-prayer-in-a-home-built-church
Madhya Pradesh	23-Oct	A man alleged and filed a complaint against a pastor in Betul, Madhya Pradesh state that a pastor abducted his wife and daughter and forcefully converted them to Christian. His wife and daughter were attending the pastor's prayer meetings.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Oct	A pastor and his brother have been allegedly booked under the Uttar Pradesh state religious anti-conversion law.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Oct	A pastor in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh state who was previously arrested and released for alleged religious conversion, continues to get harassed by his neighbors for his faith.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Oct	A worship service in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh state was disrupted by Hindu extremists.
Odisha	23-Oct	A pastor is believed to have been murdered in Fulbani district in Odisha state as he had received many threats from Hindu nationalists. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux8D3hD4Y24
Uttar Pradesh	23-Oct	Ten Christians, including three women were arrested, in Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, for allegedly forcing people to undergo religious conversion. According to police, "These people targeted Dalits or the indigenous people by luring them with money or job promises." https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/lucknow-news/10-arrested-for-forceful-religious-conversion-in-fatehpur-101667587461391a.html
Uttarakhand	23-Oct	A pastor in Roorkee, Uttarakhand was conducting a prayer meeting at his house along with some other members when police arrested them and took them to the police station, based on a complaint filed by their neighbor for the large crowd gathering and on the assumption that the pastor was converting Hindus.

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Uttar Pradesh	23-Oct	A Hindu woman alleged that a pastor in Bahua village, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh offered 1000 rupees to convert. So, the police forcefully entered a church meeting and arrested the pastor and another church member and took them to the Police station for interrogation.
Rajasthan	24-Oct	A pastor was attacked by a mob in Jhunjhunu district, Rajasthan state, and his motorbike was completely damaged.
Tamil Nadu	24-Oct	A pastor and his wife were attacked by a mob in Katpadi town in Vellore district in the state of Tamil Nadu. The assault included spitting on the pastor and causing damages to his car.
Uttar Pradesh	24-Oct	A worship service has been shut down for the past 3 months by a Hindu extremist mob accompanied by the local police, in the town of Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh.
Uttar Pradesh	24-Oct	A Christian woman has been subject to domestic violence by her husband in Pratapgarh district in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, for following her faith.
Chhattisgarh	24-Oct	Christians from Sukuma district, Chhattisgarh state, were attacked and assaulted, with the attackers demanding that the Christians forsake their faith. Police have not filed a complaint or taken an FIR (First Information Report) against the attackers yet.
Odisha	24-Oct	A Christian woman in Rayagada district of the state of Odisha was assaulted because of her faith by Hindu nationalist party members.
Chhattisgarh	24-Oct	A pastor and his congregation were assaulted and chased out of their village by Hindu nationalist party members in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh.
Madhya Pradesh	25-Oct	Hindu nationalist party members protested at St Joseph's Convent School Khandwa district Madhya Pradesh. They objected to the school policy celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali in an environmentally friendly manner by avoiding firecrackers. In response, the protesters lit a huge amount of firecrackers in front of the school. https://hindupost.in/news/mp-hindu-outfits-protest-against-christian-schools-anti-cracker-propaganda/
Jharkhand	25-Oct	Hindu nationalist party members protested at St Joseph's Convent School in Khandwa district in the state of Madhya Pradesh. They objected to the school policy celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali in an environmentally friendly manner by avoiding firecrackers. In response, the protesters lit a huge amount of firecrackers in front of the school.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Oct	A pastor in Kataha village in Lakhimpur Kheri district, Uttar Pradesh state, has been arrested under false charges of forceful religious conversion.
Assam	27-Oct	Three Swedish nationals were arrested in Dibrugarh district, in the state of Assam, and booked on charges of religious conversion under the Foreigners Act. The Swedes were invited by the United Churches Fellowship and Bless Assam Mission Network to participate in a Peace and Healing Prayer Festival. https://www.indiatoday.in/india/assam/story/3-swedish-nationals-arrested-charges-of-religious-conversion-2290223-2022-10-27
Bihar	27-Oct	A pastor in Chhapra city, in Saran district of the state of Bihar was prevented from building church on his own land by Hindu nationalist party leaders.
Bihar	27-Oct	Three members of a Christian family were assaulted during a prayer meeting, by a Hindu Nationalist political party of 12 people in Baburbanna village in the state of Bihar.
Rajasthan	25-Oct	A pastor in Jaipur, Rajasthan state, was organizing a public prayer meeting and applied for permits. But the district Administration officials turned down the application without providing a reason.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Oct	A pastor was invited for a house prayer meeting of one of his church members in Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh state, and the police came during the meeting and arrested the pastor and charged him under the anti-conversion laws.
Chhattisgarh	26-Oct	Hindu nationalist party leaders forcefully disrupted a housewarming prayer in Raigad, Chhattisgarh state and assaulted the pastor and guests. Police arrested the pastor, the pastor's family, and the owner of the house and took them to Kotara Police station, Raigad.

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Jharkhand	26-Oct	A pastor in Ranchi, Jharkhand was summoned by police and warned to leave the region because he is a Christian. The Police also told his landlord to terminate his lease. Earlier, the pastor tried to file a police complaint against those who threatened to kill him, but the police refused to file a case.
Assam	27-Oct	A pastor was arrested in Assam state for hosting 7 Germans, visiting Assam on tourist visas, who were found delivering speeches at church-organised functions in several places in Assam. They were arrested in the Golaghat district. The police filed cases under 120B, 295A & 153A of IPC. https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/watch-out-for-foreign-preachers-assam-sps-told/article66073269.ece
Jharkhand	26-Oct	Three Christian families were ostracized their village for their faith in Christ in West Singhbhum, Jharkhand state. They were not even allowed to take their cattle with them - the only source of their livelihood.
Central	27-Oct	India's Union Home Minister, a Hindu nationalist party leader continues to spew hatred among various religions and regions. He said that the government has amended the Foreign Contributions Regulations Act (FCRA) which was being misused by some NGOs to conduct anti-national activities and religious conversion. https://theprint.in/india/some-ngos-involved-in-religious-conversion-political-opposition-to-projects-to-stall-economic-growth-shah/1d84599/
Uttar Pradesh	27-Oct	A false case has been filed against a Christian, alleging forceful religious conversion, by Hindu nationalist party leaders in the town of Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	27-Oct	A pastor was arrested by police on false charges of aiding the fraudulent conversion of Hindus to the Christian faith in Balia, Uttar Pradesh. The police seem to have acted based on a complaint they received from Hindu religious party leaders in the town.
Assam	29-Oct	Seven German nationals were restrained by the Golaghat district police in the state of Assam and are to be deported for allegedly engaging in religious activity and prayer meetings while visiting India on tourist visas. https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/assam-eight-german-nationals-to-be-deported-for-flouting-visa-rules/articleshow/95150299.cms?from=mdr
Jharkhand	27-Oct	Two Christians in Ranchi dist, Jharkhand state were forced by Hindu nationalist party leaders to worship as per tribal rituals and publish in the newspaper that they were willingly renouncing their Christian faith.
Tamil Nadu	28-Oct	Hindu nationalist party leaders lodged a complaint against a pastor in Bharathi Nagar in the state of Tamil Nadu and alleged that he was disturbing the social peace and decorum of the neighborhood.
Bihar	30-Oct	The house of a Christian man was completely vandalized and destroyed by members of Hindu nationalist party leaders in a village Bihar. He is now staying in a makeshift hut.
Uttar Pradesh	28-Oct	A few Christian women were arrested by the police in Meerut district, Uttar Pradesh under false allegations of forceful religious conversion.
Odisha	28-Oct	Hindu nationalist party leaders refused the burial of a Christian man at a village cemetery in Nabarangpur District, Odisha. The district administration also did not take any strong steps and kept the dead body in the hospital morgue. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFSok_MK4-I&feature=share&si=ELPmzjKDCLju2KnD5oyZMQ
Uttar Pradesh	28-Oct	A pastor and eight others in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh state, were conducting a prayer meeting when police, along with Hindu nationalists, came and arrested them, under Anti-Conversion Law of Uttar Pradesh section IPC 3/5(1). http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/95173123.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst..
Uttar Pradesh	30-Oct	Two Christians were forced by Hindu nationalist party leaders to worship as per tribal rituals and publish in the newspaper that they were willingly renouncing their Christian faith.
Bihar	31-Oct	Two Christians were stopped by a mob of Hindu nationalists when they were going to the home of another Christian family in the state of Bihar. The next day, a group of extremists came to their house and demanded that they stop church services.

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Uttar Pradesh	30-Oct	Eight Christian men in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh state, were arrested by police under false charges of forcible religious conversion.
Odisha	30-Oct	A seventy year old Christian man's body was denied burial in a cemetery of Nabarangapur district, Odisha state. Hindu nationalist party leaders attacked the pastors who had come for his funeral service.
Uttar Pradesh	30-Oct	A false case has been filed against a Christian, alleging forceful religious conversion, by Hindu nationalist party leaders in the town of Bahraich, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. https://link.public.app/g3PYd
Chhattisgarh	30-Oct	A few Christians from the village of Temrugaon in Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh were attending their Sunday worship in a house church. A group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered the Church and disrupted their prayer, and assaulted the church members.
Uttar Pradesh	30-Oct	A pastor in Gazipur district, Uttar Pradesh state was conducting a Sunday worship in his Church when police barged in and disrupted the prayer and arrested the pastor and one of their church members under the anti-conversion laws.
Karnataka	1-Nov	A pastor, his wife, and church members conducting a prayer meeting at Ramanagara, Karnataka state, were disrupted by police who came on the false information of religious conversion. 12 members including the pastor, his wife were arrested. An FIR u/s 295 A has been filed and charged against the pastor and his wife. https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1015478
Uttar Pradesh	1-Nov	Two pastors from Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh state, were arrested by the police when they were conducting a prayer meeting in their house with 27 members.
Uttar Pradesh	1-Nov	A pastor in Lakhimpur Kheri, from the state of Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting in a rented house Church along with a few other members when police came and arrested him and booked him u/s 151 CrPC.
Madhya Pradesh	2-Nov	A pastor, his wife and three others were arrested in Seoni district, Madhya Pradesh state, under alleged forceful religious conversion.
Uttar Pradesh	2-Nov	A Christian pastor in Fatehpur district, in the state of Uttar Pradesh was arrested by the police under alleged forceful religious conversion.
Chhattisgarh	2-Nov	A pastor in Parsapani village, Bilaspur district, Chhattisgarh state, has been harassed and persecuted for his faith for more than 8 months by Hindu nationalist party leaders.
Uttar Pradesh	2-Nov	Eight Christian men in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh state, were arrested by police under false charges of forcible religious conversion.
Chhattisgarh	2-Nov	A Christian from village Kunna, Sukama, Chhattisgarh state, along with his wife and other family members, were assaulted and beaten with sticks because of their faith by a group of Hindu nationalists surrounding their house.
Chhattisgarh	3-Nov	A Christian pastor in Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh state was arrested by the police under alleged forceful religious conversion.
Madhya Pradesh	3-Nov	In response to a Christ Senior Secondary School teacher disciplining a student for disorderly behavior, Hindu nationalist organizations and a few parents staged protests in front of a school alleging violation of student rights in Guna district in the state of Madhya Pradesh. School authorities have stated the allegations are false and baseless. https://organiser.org/2022/11/03/97822/bharat/mp-student-punished-for-raising-bharat-mata-ki-jai-slogan-in-christ-senior-secondary-school-guna/
Uttar Pradesh	4-Nov	Hindu nationalist party leaders filed alleged forceful religious conversions report of eleven Christians in Fatehpur district and four Christians in Raebareli district Uttar Pradesh to the police. They were arrested by the police jailed.
Uttar Pradesh	5-Nov	A Christian pastor in Nighasan town, Lakhimpur Kheri district of the state of Uttar Pradesh state, was having a prayer meeting in his home when the police came and forcefully took him to the police station.
Maharashtra	6-Nov	A Christian family in Parbhani district, Maharashtra state was attacked viciously in their home by Hindu nationalist party members. They assaulted the father and two sons.

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Uttar Pradesh	6-Nov	Hindu nationalist party leaders filed alleged forceful religious conversions report on 11 Christians in Fatehpur district, and four Christians in Raebareli district, Uttar Pradesh state. They were arrested by the police and jailed. https://link.public.app/iwxVN
Chhattisgarh	6-Nov	A Christian woman's body was exhumed in Chhattisgarh state against her family's wishes. The woman's son, was assaulted and threatened to be shot. A Hindu tribal organization says threatens to remove the bodies of Christians until their families convert back to Hinduism. https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/bodies-of-christian-converts-exhumed-in-india
Gujarat	6-Nov	Hindu nationalists disrupted the prayer service at a Church in Valsad district, Gujarat state, threatened the pastor, and accused him of religious conversion. With the help of the village administrative officer, they took the pastor to the police station, who demanded that the pastor acquire permission before conducting further prayer meetings.
Uttar Pradesh	6-Nov	Hindu nationalists disrupted a church service in Ghatampur, district Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh state, chanting 'Jai Shree Ram' at the 52 church members and called the police who arrested and filed a case of religious conversion u/s 3,5 UP Freedom of Religion Act against the pastor and others before releasing them.
Uttar Pradesh	7-Nov	A case of alleged forceful religious conversion has been registered against a pastor, his wife and two others in the state of Uttar pradesh.
Uttarakhand	7-Nov	A pastor in Uttarakhand state is facing eviction in his rental residence due to his Christian faith. The landlord has demanded that the pastor vacate the property immediately.
Maharashtra	7-Nov	A Christian pastor and his two sons, in Parbhani, Maharashtra state, were attacked and beaten by Hindu nationalist party leaders who broke into their home.
Chhattisgarh	7-Nov	A Christian in Village Baghjar, Thana Jara, district Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh was threatened by Hindu nationalists who forced the family to reconvert (Ghar-wapasi) to Hinduism. When the family refused, they were assaulted and needed to be hospitalized due to their injuries.
Chhattisgarh	7-Nov	Several Christians in village Kargaon, Thana Benur, district Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh state, were severely beaten by Hindu nationalist party leaders and hospitalized. They were threatened to be sent to the country of Israel. Their mobile phones were confiscated and they were not permitted on of the village road or their own fields.
Madhya Pradesh	8-Nov	Seven families have been expelled from their village in Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh state due to their Christian faith. Hindu nationalist party leaders forced them out alleging that they have accepted a foreign faith (Christianity).
Uttar Pradesh	8-Nov	Two Christians pastors have been taken into custody in Kanpur district, Uttar Pradesh state for following Christian faith and pastoring small groups.
Tamil Nadu	8-Nov	Two pastors conducting a prayer meeting at a home in Kallakurichi district, Tamil Nadu state were viciously attacked and and severely injured by Hindu nationalist party leaders.
Chhattisgarh	8-Nov	Christians were thrown out from their homes and their belongings were destroyed by Hindu nationalist party leaders in Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh state.
Rajasthan	8-Nov	Media bias - India news channel polarizes news as they report a Christian meeting attended by people in large numbers as a forceful religious conversion event in Jaipur city, Rajasthan state. https://www.aajtak.in/india/news/story/centre-in-supreme-court-defended-exclusion-of-dalit-christians-and-dalit-muslims-from-scheduled-castes-list-ntc-1572259-2022-11-10
Tamil Nadu	9-Nov	A Christian man in Tiruchirappalli district in Tamil Nadu state has sustained severe injuries after he was attacked by four Hindu nationalist party members at his home.
Uttarakhand	10-Nov	A pastor and his family in Nainital district, Uttarakhand state were viciously attacked by local Hindu nationalist party members.
Central	10-Nov	The Indian Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in an affidavit filed in the Indian Supreme Court, stated that lower caste Hindus who convert to Christianity or Islam cannot claim the government benefits that they are entitled to. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/govt-christianity-islam-dont-have-backwardness-converts-cant-get-sc-tag/articleshow/95460846.cms

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Madhya Pradesh	10-Nov	The headquarters of 'The Evangelical Lutheran Church' at Chhindwara and Bhopal in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh was raided by the Madhya Pradesh Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on charges of alleged embezzlement of employee retirement funds. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/madhya-pradesh-eow-raids-headquarters-of-evangelical-lutheran-church/articleshow/95424427.cms
Telangana	10-Nov	A pastor in Tandur district, Telangana, along with seven Church members were falsely booked under various false charges of Rape, Half Murder by the local Hindu nationalist party leaders. Police informed them that the the charges would be dropped if they are willing to vacate their Church. Attorneys, trying to file to quash the FIR, were threatened by the Hindu nationalist party leadersa
Andhra Pradesh	11-Nov	The Indian state of Andhra Pradesh High Court questions the state government about paying salaries to Christian pastors but allows payments to celebrate Hindu festivals. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/95439216.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst
Uttar Pradesh	11-Nov	A pastor conducting a prayer meeting at a congregant's home, was called to the police station for interrogation and charged under anti-conversion laws in Uttar Pradesh state.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Nov	Two Christian teachers have been arrested and charged with alleged religious conversions in a School in the state of Uttar Pradesh. https://www.aajtak.in/crime/news/story/two-female-teachers-of-two-cbse-schools-involved-in-church-conversion-case-in-up-one-arrested-lclcn-1572976-2022-11-10
Chhattisgarh	11-Nov	Several Christians in village Borawand, PS Benur, Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state, were dragged out of their houses and beaten by Hindu nationalist party leaders. On fear of death, they took shelter in the jungle. When other Christian villagers learned of the attack, they called for an ambulance to admit them to the district Hospital Narayanpur. The victims suffered lost of teeth and head injuries.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Nov	A Christian pastor in Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, is in police custody on alleged conversion charges and his family is facing continued harassment from Hindu nationalist party leaders.
Chhattisgarh	12-Nov	Christians in the state of Chhattisgarh face ongoing restrictions and difficulties from Hindu nationalist party leaders due to their faith. Three more families in Chhattisgarh were prohibited from harvesting their crops and are denied access to basic amenities such as obtaining drinking water from communal wells. https://www.licas.news/2021/05/19/christians-in-indias-chhattisgarh-state-lack-access-to-food-due-to-social-boycott/
Uttar Pradesh	12-Nov	Police have threatened to demolish the house of a Christian pastor in Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, if he does not surrender to the police.
Uttar Pradesh	12-Nov	A pastor was called to the police station in the city of Chandol in the Aligarh district of northern state of Uttar Pradesh while conducting a prayer meeting with 12 members and has been charged under several sections of the anti-conversion law.
Chhattisgarh	13-Nov	Two families were forced to to convert to Hinduism as Hindu nationalist party members in the village in Amabeda, Kanker district in the state of Chhattisgarh did not allow them to harvest their crop and denied them basic necessities such as drinking water. https://npg.news/big-news/cg-news-cg-dharmantarit-pariwar-ki-ghar-wapsi-police-aur-prashasan-ki-maujudagi-me-dono-pariwaro-ne-aadiwasi-riti-riwaj-ko-apnaya-1234674#.Y3D5AqeMR1g.whatsapp
Uttar Pradesh	13-Nov	A Sunday church service in Lakhimpur Kheri district of northern state of Uttar Pradesh state, was disrupted by Hindu nationalist party leaders and the pastor was charged for alleged religious conversions under the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Religion Act, 2021.
Uttar Pradesh	13-Nov	Three Christians men including a pastor in Uttar Pradesh state, have been charged under anti-conversion law.
Telangana	13-Nov	A Christian husband and wife who are both medical doctors in Hyderabad, Telangana state, were brutally assaulted by Hindu nationalist party leaders while returning from a church service.

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Uttar Pradesh	13-Nov	Three Christian pastors were arrested in Ghazipur, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state charged under the anti-conversion law.
Madhya Pradesh	13-Nov	More than 10 Christian pastors' names have been removed from the Indian government's benefits card in Madhya Pradesh state.
Maharashtra	13-Nov	A prayer worship service led by a Christian pastor was disrupted and forcefully stopped by Hindu nationalist party leaders in Thane district, Maharashtra state.
Tamil Nadu	13-Nov	A Sunday worship service at a Church in Krishnagiri district, Tamil Nadu state was disrupted by Hindu nationalist party leaders, who shouted abuses, threatening to kill all Christians and demolish the church building. https://youtu.be/mETGSJO6FBA
Chhattisgarh	13-Nov	The fields of a few Christians in Bastar, Chhattisgarh was forcefully harvested by the Hindu nationalist party leaders who threatened to kill and demolish their houses. A few Christians, due to fear, converted to Hinduism.
Jharkhand	13-Nov	A pastor in Gharwa, Jharkhand was conducting a Sunday worship service in his House Church along with 35 members when police came and took him and one more Christian to the police station on the false allegation of religious conversion.
Tamil Nadu	13-Nov	Two Hindu nationalists illegally entered a church in Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu state, disrupted the prayer, and smoked inside the church. And on being questioned, they assaulted the church member.
Odisha	13-Nov	Three new Christian families in Paschim Medinipur, Odisha state, are being tortured and threatened by Hindu nationalist party leaders after they accepted Christ. The Hindu nationalist party leaders have blocked their way to fetch water or leave their houses. Though the three families went to the police station to file a complaint, the police did not allow them to file it.
Madhya Pradesh	13-Nov	A Christian Missionary in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh state, running a hostel, has been falsely accused of carrying out a religious conversion. The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) carried out a surprise inspection accompanied by a few police officers. According to the officers, it was found that the organization taught Christianity to the children. A case has been filed against ten people as a result of this. https://theprint.in/india/mp-ncpcr-chairperson-lodges-fir-against-christian-missionary-in-damoh-alleging-conversion/1215190/
Uttarakhand	14-Nov	A Christian was assaulted by ten members of the political Hindu nationalist party in Udham Singh Nagar district, Uttarakhand state.
Central	14-Nov	The Supreme Court of India directed the Central (Federal) government to investigate the alleged forced religious conversion, stating forced conversions a "serious issue." https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/forced-religious-conversion-very-serious-issue-supreme-court-3518527
Madhya Pradesh	14-Nov	A couple accused Christian missionaries in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh state, of conversion by allurements. The couple filed a complaint to the Superintendent of Police. https://publicapp.co.in/video/sp_mkzf3yoo7vi1y?share=true
Uttar Pradesh	14-Nov	Two pastors have been arrested in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh state, for alleged unlawful religious conversion. One has been charged under the "Unlawful Religious Conversion Act."
Andhra Pradesh	15-Nov	A church in Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh state, is locked and seized by police under false charges.
Chhattisgarh	15-Nov	Some Christians in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state, were threatened to leave the Village due to their faith, and 18 Christians were forced to convert to Hinduism. At present, victims are living outside the village. https://www.indiatv.in/madhya-pradesh/conversion-in-hostel-run-by-christian-missionary-case-registered-2022-11-14-902519
Chhattisgarh	15-Nov	Two Christians in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state, were beaten by Hindu nationalist party leaders at temple court due to their faith. Hindu nationalist party leaders did not allow them to pick up the harvested crops by the victims. At present, victims are living outside the village.

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Chhattisgarh	15-Nov	A group of Hindu nationalists and Hindu nationalist party leaders forcefully entered a Christian's house in Bastar, Chhattisgarh state, and beat the victim and his family very badly due to their faith in Christianity.
Karnataka	16-Nov	A man in Hubballi, Karnataka state, accused his wife of forcing him to convert to Christianity. Other members of the community, along with the members of the Hindu nationalist party, protested against the pastors and missionaries in the area. Police have filed a complaint against 15 Christians, including Christian pastors. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hubballi/tension-in-hubballi-over-religious-conversion-15-including-pastors-arrested/articleshow/95562318.cms
Bihar	18-Nov	A house owned by a Christian man was set on fire by members of the Hindu nationalist party in a village in the Katihar district of the state of Bihar when he said he would not forsake his Christian faith in Jesus Christ.
Uttarakhand	16-Nov	The state cabinet meeting of the northwest state of Uttarakhand was held on Nov 16; strict revision has been made to the conversion law. Forced conversion will be a non-bailable and punishable offense with imprisonment of up to ten years. http://dhunt.in/Ft6ub?s=a&uu=0xb9f4db53e7c1a226c&ss=wsp
Uttar Pradesh	16-Nov	A Christian pastor has been arrested Sitapur district in the state of Uttar Pradesh, for allegedly converting people to Christianity by fraud.
Maharashtra	16-Nov	Christian men (congregation) in a church in Bhiwandi, Thane district, Maharashtra state, are facing persecution from their neighbors for their Christian faith in Jesus Christ.
Jharkhand	16-Nov	A pastor in Ranchi, Jharkhand state, was conducting a prayer meeting in the area when a group of Hindu nationalists and local Hindu nationalist party leaders came to the place and threatened to stop the meeting and kept him hostage for a few hours. Later the police were informed who came and released the pastor in the hostage of Hindu nationalist party leaders.
Uttar Pradesh	17-Nov	A Christian pastor has been arrested in Gorakhpur district, Uttar Pradesh state, for conducting a prayer meeting, and a case has been registered against him under the unlawful religious conversion act.
Chhattisgarh	18-Nov	Five Christians, including one Christian woman, were violently attacked by the members of the political Hindu nationalist party in Bijapur district of the state of Chhattisgarh. The victims are severely injured and hospitalized.
Chhattisgarh	18-Nov	A Christian in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, was severely beaten by Hindu nationalists as he denied reconversion and leaving his faith. He was injured in the attack.
Chhattisgarh	18-Nov	A group of Hindu nationalists in Bastar, Chhattisgarh state, forcefully entered a Christian's house and beat the victim and his family very badly due to their faith in Christianity.
West Bengal	19-Nov	A Christian pastor was attacked by the members of the Hindu political nationalist party in Paschim Burdwan district in the state of West Bengal when he was returning from a Christian's house
Uttar Pradesh	19-Nov	In November, a Christian student was arrested in Prayagraj district in the state of Uttar Pradesh for being present at an Easter service in April.
Haryana	19-Nov	A pastor in Ambala, Haryana state, was conducting a Church service when a group of Hindu nationalists came and abused and threatened the pastor for conducting the Church service. Later they called the police, who came and arrested the victims.
Chhattisgarh	20-Nov	Christians families were attacked in two villages in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh by the members of the political Hindu nationalist party
Chhattisgarh	20-Nov	Christians in Semanpalli village in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh have been forced to renounce their faith by the members of the local Hindu nationalist political party.
Chhattisgarh	20-Nov	Christian families in Ketanpal village Chhattisgarh were threatened by the Hindu nationalist party and told to renounce their faith or face dire consequences.
Uttar Pradesh	20-Nov	A Christian pastor was arrested in Ghazipur district of the state of Uttar Pradesh and charged under alleged anti-conversion law.

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Uttar Pradesh	20-Nov	Two Christian pastors have been arrested in the state of Uttar Pradesh and charged with alleged unlawful religious conversion.
Chhattisgarh	20-Nov	Christian pastors and church members in Narayanpur district, state of Chhattisgarh state, continue to be harassed, attacked, and disrupted church services by the members of the political Hindu nationalist party.
Uttar Pradesh	20-Nov	Seventeen Christian men and women were arrested for conducting a prayer meeting without permission in Patti Rahas Kaithwal village, Raebareli district in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Police have registered a case against them. https://www.amarujala.com/uttar-pradesh/raebareli/police-arrest-17-on-dharma-pariwartan-assembly-activity-raibareilly-news-lko6581a4228
Bihar	21-Nov	A pastor in Banka district, Bihar state, was on his ministry work when a group of Hindu nationalists attacked him and later called the police on the false allegation of religious conversion. Police arrested the pastor and his family at the police station. https://link.public.app/HRTis
West Bengal	20-Nov	A Christian pastor in Paschim Vardhaman district, in the Indian state of West Bengal, was attacked by the members of the Hindu nationalist party and severely injured as he was returning home after Sunday church service.
Uttarakhand	20-Nov	Police disrupted Sunday worship service at a church on EC Road, in the city of Dehradun in Uttarakhand state, when a false complaint was filed by the group of the Hindu nationalist party that 60 families had been lured and changed to Christianity. https://www.lokjantoday.com/breaking-news-a-big-game-of-conversion-was-going-on-in-the-capital-dehradun/
Uttar Pradesh	20-Nov	A pastor in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his church along with 34 other members when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered the Church and disrupted their Prayer and later called the police who came and arrested the pastor for religious conversion. Later, police registered the case against six people, including the pastor, under IPC section 3/5 {1} of UP FORA.
Chhattisgarh	20-Nov	A pastor in Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh state, along with his family, was going home after attending the Sunday service when a mob of 300 people threatened them to convert to Hinduism, or they will be forced to leave the village, and their houses will be destroyed.
Madhya Pradesh	21-Nov	Two Christians were arrested in the Bijnore district, Madhya Pradesh state.
Chhattisgarh	21-Nov	A pastor in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state, along with a few other Christians, was dragged out of their houses and beaten by the Hindu nationalists due to their faith. Five injured victims in the incident were admitted to Narayanpur district Hospital.
Uttar Pradesh	22-Nov	Christian families in Ketanpal village, Chhattisgarh state were threatened by the Hindu nationalist party and told to renounce their faith or face dire consequences.
Tamil Nadu	22-Nov	A pastor and his family in Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu have been threatened by the members of the Hindu national party and forbidden to worship or follow their Christian faith in their own home. https://youtu.be/hlj0Bkeps5Q
Uttar Pradesh	22-Nov	A case of unlawful religious conversion was registered against three Christian men in Jaunpur City in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
Delhi	22-Nov	The Supreme Court of India dismisses plea challenging FCRA (Foreign Currency Regulation Act) registration cancellations. https://www.livelaw.in/top-stories/supreme-court-fcra-registration-cancellations-noel-harper-judgement-214688
Uttar Pradesh	22-Nov	Hindu extremists filed a complaint in Bareilly district in the state of Uttar Pradesh against a pastor who is already arrested under alleged religious conversion charges. The Hindu extremists demanded to stop all worship and shut down the church. https://dailyinsider.in/view/news/hqSljIhIVFE85AqGHrl/3

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Chhattisgarh	22-Nov	Eight Christian families were targeted in Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh state. 15 people, including women and children were injured in this attack, of these three had to be hospitalized. Believers are living in fear, as they are under pressure to give up their Christian faith. https://mattersindia.com/2022/11/Christians-in-chhattisgarh-beaten-up-for-not-giving-up-faith/
Tamil Nadu	23-Nov	A memorial service for a pastor was disrupted in Tiruppur district in Tamil Nadu state by the members of political, the Hindu nationalist party. They accused the deceased pastor's family of using speakers and disrupting the community's peace. They also demanded to take down the name of the church. https://youtu.be/bPjpB6sO8gc
Uttar Pradesh	23-Nov	A pastor in Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh state, was arrested by the police.
Odisha	23-Nov	Members of political, the Hindu nationalist party in Malkangiri district, Odisha state, viciously attacked a Christian couple. The couple was on their way home after attending a prayer meeting.
Chhattisgarh	23-Nov	A pastor in Balrampur, Chhattisgarh state, was praying in the house when a few police came on the complaint filed by a religious extremist group of religious conversion and took him to the police station at night.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Nov	A pastor in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a church service. A few policemen were ordered by the sub-divisional magistrate to inquire of forced conversions as a local Hindu priest complained against the pastor regarding religious conversion. When the police arrived, the Hindu nationalist party leaders who were in good standing with the pastor denied that there were prayer meetings in the area. Police warned them that he would return.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Nov	Hindu nationalists closed down a church in Azamgarh, and complained to the police against the pastor. They accused him of false religious conversions, harassed him and his family and lodged an FIR against him u/s 3/5(1) UP PUCRA was sent to judicial custody in Azamgarh jail on 24-Nov-2022.
Uttar Pradesh	23-Nov	A pastor in Chhattarpur district, along with three other Christians, were praying in a Christians house when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered the house and disrupted their prayer meeting and accused the pastor of religious conversion. Later the police were informed, came and arrested the pastor and three other Christians, and filed the FIR against them u/s 295 A IPC. https://link.public.app/vprn7
Uttar Pradesh	24-Nov	While participating in a prayer meeting, a pastor was arrested under unlawful religious conversion charges in Raebareilly district in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
Uttar Pradesh	24-Nov	A Christian pastor, his son, and other Christian men were arrested in the Rae Bareilly district in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, for attending a Christian prayer meeting.
Andhra Pradesh	24-Nov	A pastor and Christians were beaten, and their Bibles set on fire by the members of political, the Hindu nationalist party, when they went out for their outreach work in Ananthapur district in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
Chhattisgarh	24-Nov	Four Christian men were arrested in Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh state, under the unlawful religious conversion act. https://www.vikashpathnews.com/2022/11/blog-post_24.html
Jammu and Kashmir	24-Nov	A Christian pastor and his family in the Dodda district in the state of Jammu and Kashmir have been threatened by the members of the Hindu nationalist party and demanded to leave their home or face dire consequences.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Nov	A Christian pastor in Kushinagar district, Uttar Pradesh state, received a summons to appear at the police station along with his congregation of sixty men and women based on a complaint against him alleging unlawful religious conversion.

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Bihar	28-Nov	A news channel in the state of Bihar alleges that Christians are engaged in mass religious conversions playing into the hands of the Hindu nationalist leaders. It created a very hostile environment for the Christians. The news channel asked those who converted to pay a fee to become Christians. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFUIF0FO8GY
Odisha	25-Nov	Six Christian men in Odisha were arrested and sent to Jail in the Mayurbhanj district of the state of Odisha.
Karnataka	25-Nov	A case has been registered against a pastor whose church was attacked by the members of political, the Hindu nationalist party, in Oct 2022 in Chickaballapura, state of Karnataka.
Uttar Pradesh	27-Nov	A Christian woman got arrested in Sultanpur district, the state of Uttar Pradesh when she was leading the worship service.
Madhya Pradesh	27-Nov	A church service was disrupted in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh state, by police and the group of political, the Hindu nationalist party who alleged unlawful religious conversion during the prayer meeting. https://www.abplive.com/states/madhya-pradesh/bhopal-conversion-of-hindu-organizations-claims-of-catching-people-of-particular-religion-red-handed-ann-2268564
Chhattisgarh	27-Nov	In the state of Chhattisgarh state, the village administration of Narayanpur passed several important decisions restricting religious conversion intended to oppress Christians.
Uttar Pradesh	28-Nov	Police arrested 17 people on false charges of religious conversion in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh. A Pastor had organized a small reception for his daughters wedding, but the police apprehended them all on false charges, seizing the Bibles and other Christian material as evidence against them. An FIR u/s 3/5(1) UP PUCRA was registered against the victims.
Karnataka	28-Nov	A Christian retreat in Channapatna, Karnataka state, was disrupted by politically motivated Hindu nationalists. More than 100 guests were harassed, and police was appointed to keep the area under surveillance. The retreat preacher has been summoned to the police station for questioning.
Uttarakhand	29-Nov	The Hindu nationalist political government Uttarakhand proposed a jail term of up to 5 Years for unlawful converting to the Christian faith. The bill also makes the conversion to the Christian faith a non-bailable offense. https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/uttarakhand-proposes-jail-up-to-5-years-for-unlawful-conversion-3563999
Punjab	30-Nov	A pastor in Sangrur district, Punjab state, is prevented from holding Sunday worship service in his church by a group of Hindu nationalists of the political party.
Chhattisgarh	30-Nov	A Hindu nationalist mob of 50 to 60 people threatened four Christian families in Kachalaram village, Bijapur district, in the state of Chhattisgarh state, to convert to Hinduism. Hundreds of Christians from surrounding villages came to the rescue and forced the Hindu nationalists to retreat.
Chhattisgarh	30-Nov	Several Christians in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, gathered to give a complaint to the district administrative officer, sub-divisional magistrate regarding unceasing persecution such as social ostracization, assault, and encroaching the land of the Christians increasing in the area.
Chhattisgarh	30-Nov	More than 40 Christians in Chiyanar, Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh have been targeted for their faith. They were threatened and not allowed to harvest their paddy crops. Further, their homes were damaged, Bibles burned and winter clothing destroyed.
Chhattisgarh	30-Nov	The dead body of a Christian buried a year ago in Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh state, was taken out by the religious extremist group, collected the corpse remaining in a Sack, and taken to the police station as a protest to not allow the burial of the Christians in a common ground. The deceased's family was in the police station for the whole day.
Bihar	3-Dec	A pastor in the Arwal district in Bihar was threatened. He is accused of converting Hindus to his faith by the Hindu nationalist leaders. They asked him to close the place of worship.

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Karnataka	30-Nov	Members of the Hindutva group disrupted worship at a Christian prayer hall in Belur in Hassan district in Karnataka. They stopped the Sunday worship service mid-way and forced people out of the prayer hall. https://twitter.com/i/status/1465186540322058240
Uttarakhand	1-Dec	Chief Minister Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhami of the Hindu nationalist political party in the state of Uttarakhand, said that the new anti-conversion law would be enforced strictly in the state. He is very hostile to the small Christian population of the state. Pending cases against Christians for allegedly forcing people to convert would be tried based on the new, more stringent anti-conversion law passed by his government. https://india.postsen.com/local/amp/103993 https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/anti-conversion-law-to-be-enforced-strictly-in-uttarakhand-chief-minister-3569878
Uttar Pradesh	1-Dec	Hindu nationalist party leaders are making false and inflammatory speeches against Christian missionaries, accusing them of trying to convert the economically backward people in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh state, to convert through financial allurements. https://www.bhaskar.com/local/uttar-pradesh/sultanpur/news/christian-being-made-by-giving-money-to-the-poor-people-of-dalit-class-area-in-grip-since-a-decade-130625187.html
Chhattisgarh	2-Dec	A Christian in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state, along with other Christians from different villages came together to give a complaint to the district administrative officer, SDM, area dar about non-stop persecution like social ostracization, Assault, occupying the land of the Christians increasing in the area.
Chhattisgarh	2-Dec	A mob of 50 tribal nationalist party leaders attacked a church and beat the pastor and his brother. They cursed them for abandoning the religion of their tribe and then proceeded to attack the rest of the congregation. Nine Christians had to be hospitalized. An FIR was registered against the perpetrators at the local police station. https://www.csw.org.uk/2022/12/02/press/5871/article.htm
Karnataka	3-Dec	Police arrested five Christians for allegedly converting Hindus to Christianity in Mandya district, Karnataka state of India. But they could not find anyone who converted to Christianity there.
Uttar Pradesh	3-Dec	A group of Hindu nationalists belonging to the political party has submitted a memorandum to the Administrative government officer in Bulandshahr district, Uttar Pradesh state. They claim that many Christian missionaries are converting Hindus to Christianity and could not produce anyone who converted. The political leaders also warned the officials that they would take stringent action against Christians themselves if Christians were not arrested.
Chhattisgarh	3-Dec	5 Christians in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh state were conducting a prayer service in a house when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered their house and threatened the members present to stop the worship or else they would be chased out of the village.
Chhattisgarh	3-Dec	6 Christians in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state, were beaten and chased out of the village due to their faith. The victims went to the police station to file the complaint, but the police did not receive it.
Chhattisgarh	4-Dec	A group of Hindu nationalists leaders of the political party locked down four different sections of the town of Naryanpur in the state of Chhattisgarh and assaulted every Christian they could find living there.
Chhattisgarh	4-Dec	10 Christians in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh were beaten by Hindu nationalist party leaders due to their faith in Christianity. All 10 Christians were later admitted to district Hospital Narayanpur.
Odisha	4-Dec	Two pastors and 5 Christians in Malkangiri, Odisha state, were praying in their house when a group of 29 Hindu nationalists forcefully entered the house and disrupted their prayer meeting and threatened the victims not to worship in this area, and beat them badly. The victims were later admitted to hospital Malkangiri.

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Madhya Pradesh	5-Dec	The Indian railway's officials demolished parts of a church in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. They claimed that the church construction was illegal. After the demolition, when confronted, the officials said it was a mistake. But then again, the railway authority tore other parts of the church, claiming part of the land belonged to them. The church is disputing the claim. https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/bhopal-railways-razes-mar-thoma-church-room-toilets
Uttar Pradesh	5-Dec	Five Christians were arrested by the political Hindu nationalist government in the town of Deoria, Uttar Pradesh state, on false charges of converting Hindus to the Christian faith. https://www.jagran.com/uttar-pradesh/deoria-police-arrested-many-accused-for-conspiracy-to-convert-hindus-in-guise-of-christian-prayer-meeting-in-deoria-23244946.html
Uttar Pradesh	5-Dec	A church prayer meeting in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh state, was disrupted by right-wing Hindutva activists who threatened the Christians who had gathered there for worship service. https://public.app/s/Mxijy
Uttar Pradesh	5-Dec	A pastor in Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh state was conducting a prayer meeting along with 25 people in an open area near a river when a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully disrupted the prayer meeting, accusing the pastor of religious conversion. Police arrested the pastor, and four other Christians, including three women, who were charged under 151, 107 and 116 CrPc.
Uttar Pradesh	6-Dec	A few district officials stopped a Church conference in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Police arrested the regional leader of the church on false charges.
Chhattisgarh	6-Dec	A person from Bastar, Chhattisgarh state, was threatened and beaten by a group of Hindu nationalists due to his faith.
Chhattisgarh	6-Dec	A person from Bastar, Chhattisgarh state, was threatened and beaten by a group of Hindu nationalists due to his faith.
Chhattisgarh	7-Dec	Hindu nationalists of the political party assaulted two pastors at a prayer meeting in a village called Jabhatoli of Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh state. One of the pastors was severely injured in the rib cage and admitted to a private hospital.
Tamil Nadu	9-Dec	A boundary wall around a church construction site was damaged by Hindutva activists in Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu. They continue to threaten Christians who meet at the church.
Chhattisgarh	9-Dec	Christians were assaulted by Hindutva activists of the political party in the village of Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh state, during a prayer meeting. Several members of the local Christian community fled their homes, fearing for life. Most of them are reportedly afraid of returning home and hiding elsewhere.
Haryana	9-Dec	A pastor was arrested for holding a fasting prayer at his home in the state of Haryana. The police charged him with trying to convert Hindus to Christianity.
Chhattisgarh	9-Dec	Three Christian women face threats because of their religious faith in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh. The Hindu nationalists have threatened to have them expelled from their village.
Tamil Nadu	9-Dec	A group of 40 Christians went to distribute tracts to Vikramasingapuram in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. They were stopped by a group of Hindu nationalists of the political party and taken to the Police station. Fifteen team members were arrested due to the pressure from the extremist group to file a case against them; the rest were released after an inquiry.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Dec	A Christian couple holding house church meetings in their home were arrested and taken to jail in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh state, on complaints by Hindu nationalists. The Hindu nationalists have accused them of conspiring to convert Hindus.
Uttar Pradesh	10-Dec	A Lady from Kadipur village, Post Raunapur, Raunapur Police Station, Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh state, who runs the church at her home in the name of The Lord where she was conducting a prayer meeting along with 20 to 25 members when seven to eight policemen reached her house when the Christians had their food after the meeting and interrogated that person and the spouse and other Christians and later arrested that person and spouse and one more Christian under section 3,5(1) of UP PUCRA.

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Uttar Pradesh	11-Dec	Man sympathetic to Hindu nationalist movement files complaint against his son and other relatives of having forcefully converted to Christian faith, in the town of Unnao, of the state of Uttar Pradesh
Chhattisgarh	11-Dec	A group of Hindu nationalists has threatened a Church in the Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh state, saying they will tear down the church if they continue to hold Christian prayer meetings.
Karnataka	11-Dec	Over complaints from Hindu nationalist party leaders, the police arrested a pastor and his wife and charged them under anti-conversion law in the town of Koppal, Karnataka.
Delhi	11-Dec	A Christian congregation was disrupted by a large Hindu nationalist group in Burari, near the capital Delhi.
Uttar Pradesh	11-Dec	A pastor in Ghazipur district, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a prayer meeting in his house church along with 40 Christians when police came and closed the Church without giving any reason.
Maharashtra	13-Dec	A Christian family's house has been vandalized. The cause of vandalism is determined to be her Christian faith. The family reportedly refused to renounce their Christian faith and convert to Hinduism. The family claims that the people who vandalized their home belonged to the Hindu nationalist political party from Parainar village, Bhamragad, Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra.
Chhattisgarh	14-Dec	Wild Hindu nationalist mobs vandalized the homes of three Christians in the Kondagaon district, Chhattisgarh. All three families have fled their homes and are hiding, fearing for their lives.
Uttar Pradesh	14-Dec	Church in Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh state, has been threatened by Hindu extremists saying that they will not allow the Christians to hold church services or any Christmas celebrations. The Christian community across the region is threatened because of this announcement.
Chhattisgarh	14-Dec	Over 49 families, including 250 Christians, have been expelled from their villages by the leaders of the Hindu nationalist political party in the Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh. The expulsion is because those families are following the Christian faith.
Bihar	16-Dec	A Christian ally informed that a pastor in Katihar district, Bihar state, was conducting a prayer meeting at his house when a group of Hindu nationalists barged in and disrupted their prayer meeting. The extremists forced the pastor to say 'Jai Sri Ram' and used bad words against the members present and hit the pastor and other members. They also attacked another member from Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and damaged our vehicle.
Haryana	14-Dec	Police have arrested a pastor and a Christian under the false allegations of forceful religious conversion in Faridabad, Haryana. https://fb.watch/hqP_RPKvIc/?mibextid=RUBZ1f
Madhya Pradesh	16-Dec	Four Christians including pastors and Christians have been arrested in Sihawal region of Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh. They are falsely accused of attempting to forcefully convert local Hindus to Christian faith.
Odisha	16-Dec	A Christian woman in Kardha district, Odisha state, informed us that the local Hindu nationalist leaders are threatening her with excommunication for following Christian faith. She said that she is not allowed to leave her home by the Hindu leaders to go to church on Sundays.
Madhya Pradesh	16-Dec	A Christian in Bhalugarh village in Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh was threatened by the local Hindu nationalist leaders they will excommunicate her and expel her if she does not stop attending Christian prayer meetings.
Uttar Pradesh	16-Dec	Hindu nationalist leaders have threatened to kill a Christian man attending the Chilly Village Church in Ghatampur Field, Uttar Pradesh if he continued to attend the church.
Uttar Pradesh	17-Dec	Four Christians distributed Christian literature to people on the street in the town of Etah in Uttar Pradesh. Hindu nationalist party members seeing them distributing Christian literature, caught and assaulted them.
Chhattisgarh	17-Dec	A group of Hindu nationalist party workers identified a man as Christian and thrashed him for being one in the Kondagaon area of the state of Chhattisgarh.

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Uttar Pradesh	18-Dec	Police arrested two pastors while attending a Sunday worship service in the Sitapur district in Uttar Pradesh under false charges of unlawful religious conversion.
Chhattisgarh	18-Dec	Around 250 Christians from 6 different villages were attacked, their houses vandalized, and they were forced to leave their villages in the Kondagaon and Narayanpur districts of the state of Chhattisgarh.
Andhra Pradesh	18-Dec	The worship service at Maravapalli church, Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh state, was disrupted by a noisy and violent group of Hindu nationalists. They vandalized the Church and thrashed the Christians.
Andhra Pradesh	18-Dec	During a church in Satyasai district, Andhra Pradesh state, a group of 90 Hindu nationalists disrupted the worship and threatened the congregants with death if they attended service. They desecrated the pulpit with sandals and shoes, took photos and videos of the bread, wine, and other elements of the Lord's table. They alleged that the children were drugged, and proselytized luring them with eateries. After a while, the police came, recorded pictures and videos, and took the pastor to the police station.
Uttar Pradesh	18-Dec	A pastor in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh state, his wife, and four missionaries from Brazil were conducting a prayer meeting in their church. Having received a false complaint of religious conversion, the police arrested ten members including the pastor, his wife four missionaries from Brazil, and 4 other Christians. Later they charged an FIR against the pastor and his wife under 3,5 of UP FORA.
Uttar Pradesh	18-Dec	A pastor in district Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting a convention in the open ground along with other Christians from last year, but on 18th Dec, police came and stopped the meeting and canceled the permission taken from the SDM for the meeting. The police force was sitting at the premises' gate and did not allow the Christians to get in, tore the Bible, and used abusive words.
Assam	20-Dec	Several Christian families from the Kokrajhar district of the state of Assam were forced to flee their homes by Hindu nationalist groups. The Christian families abandoned their land and fled after being excommunicated from their village for their faith.
Jharkhand	18-Dec	A pastor in the Gumla district of Jharkhand informed the helpline that while he was conducting a Sunday Worship in his house Church, a group of Hindu nationalists forcefully entered the Church and disrupted the prayer service, and later called the police. The police asked the victim to stop the church service and sealed the church. This pastor runs three house churches, and the church, which was sealed by police, is the mother church of his ministry.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Dec	A pastor was taken to the police station for questioning during the Christmas program in Bhadohi district, Uttar Pradesh state. A group of Hindu nationalists has complained to police that the pastor was trying to convert people because he was celebrating a Christmas party with the members of his church.
Chhattisgarh	19-Dec	Around 80 Christians were forced to leave their village in the Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh state. They walked more than 40 km (25 miles) with small children to another village to take refuge there.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Dec	A Christian pastor was instructed by district authorities not to conduct prayer services. Meanwhile, a group of Hindutva activists vandalized the pastor's house in Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh.
Uttar Pradesh	19-Dec	A pastor in Bhadohi district, Uttar Pradesh state, was leading a Christmas Party along with other Christians when someone complained of religious conversion to the police, who came and arrested the pastor and another Christian at the police station Gopiganj. Later, police filed a charge under sec 188 IPC on them.
Tamil Nadu	20-Dec	A pastor in Chennai, Tamil Nadu state, has been threatened for holding prayer at his residence. Government officials raided his home to investigate the complaint made by the local Hindu nationalist political party leaders. https://youtu.be/JkHBhEmwf2E

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Chhattisgarh	20-Dec	A few Christians from Gokul police station, Bhopalptnm, district Bijapur, Chhattisgarh were called to a meeting by Naxalites where they warned the Christians to convert to Hinduism or else they would be facing the consequence for the same.
Uttar Pradesh	20-Dec	A Hindu nationalist organization called Dharma Jagran Samanvay and some Hindu leaders asked the Administrative officers, and the district Magistrate said that no Christmas party should be allowed in their district.
Uttar Pradesh	20-Dec	Two pastors said they were having a door to door Carols when a group of Hindu nationalists attacked them with swords. In another incident, two pastors were injured in the attack and were later hospitalized.
Haryana	21-Dec	Two pastors were arrested in Sonapat, Haryana state, on charges of unlawfully converting Hindus to the Christian faith. The complaint was made against the pastors by local Hindu nationalist leaders.
Bihar	21-Dec	The Christmas carol team was attacked in Paliganj, Patna, Bihar state, by a group of Hindu nationalist party workers.
Delhi	21-Dec	A group of Hindu nationalist leaders stopped a Christmas gathering and forcefully dispersed the people who had gathered to celebrate Christmas in Dwarka, near Delhi.
Delhi	21-Dec	Hindu nationalists barged into a Christian student hostel and threatened them for following Christianity and holding private prayer meetings in Dwarka near Delhi.
Uttar Pradesh	21-Dec	Three pastors have been arrested and charged under Sec 3 and 5(1) of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, in Sitapur district, Uttar Pradesh.
Gujarat	21-Dec	A Christmas carol singing in Vadodara district, Gujarat state, was disrupted by a group of 20-25 Hindu nationalists. They forcibly stopped the carol singers. Their costumes and musical instruments were trashed. A few, including ladies and a pastor, were assaulted. One suffered a bone fracture and was admitted to a hospital. https://fb.watch/hxSTsA3bWT/
Punjab	21-Dec	Christmas caroling team was attacked in Ludhiana, Punjab state, by a group of Hindu nationalist party workers.
Haryana	21-Dec	The Haryana state Government notified rules to implement a law that prevents forcible religious conversions and places the burden of proof of innocence on the accused. These laws are mainly used as a tool for harassing Christian community members. https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/haryana-implement-anti-conversion-law-proving-innocence-accused-8333201/
Madhya Pradesh	21-Dec	A local governing body of indigenous communities has submitted a memorandum to the local authorities demanding action against religious conversion, which directly poses a threat to Christians as they are often targeted, citing such false cases in Parasia, Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh. https://publicapp.co.in/video/sp_61sfuy65x0xbp?share=true
Delhi	21-Dec	Members of a Christmas outreach program were attacked by Hindu nationalists near Raj Nagar, Dwarka area in Delhi. Some of the men were taken to a separate room for questioning and they were rebuked for following Christ. The attack has left all the believers very shaken.
Uttarakhand	22-Dec	The Christmas event was disrupted in Uttarakashi district, Uttarakhand state, by a group of 30-40 Hindutva militants. Later, they called the police, who arrested 6 Christians under false charges of religious conversion.
Central	22-Dec	A spokesperson for the Hindu nationalist party goes on a local vernacular TV and claims that "hundreds of thousands of churches" were built illegally on public land. He said that a 99-year lease was granted to build churches, schools and hospitals during the British colonial period. When those leases expire, the churches built on those lands must be deemed illegal, and the government must take the land back. This has created a sense of insecurity among the Christians in the area. Many feel threatened by these claims made by ruling party members. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBJFxa5bXbQ

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Gujarat	22-Dec	In a residential neighborhood in Vadodara, Gujarat state, a Hindu mob violently assaulted a man dressed as Santa Clause. According to the media reports, although police verified that a commotion was made following the occurrence, no official complaint was made. https://cjp.org.in/hatewatch-hindu-supremacist-outfits-turn-the-hate-on-santa-claus/
Delhi	22-Dec	A peaceful protest march in Delhi had to be called off after the police working under the politically controlled Home Ministry of the Federal government denied permission for the march and imposed section 144, which bans all gatherings of 4 or more people in the area. The march was planned in light of major assaults on Christians in the state of Chhattisgarh and the failure of the Hindu nationalist political state government to protect their citizens. https://cjp.org.in/hatewatch-hindu-supremacist-outfits-turn-the-hate-on-santa-claus/#_ftn5
Assam	24-Dec	The nationalist government in the state of Assam disassociates itself from the official letter asking for sensitive information about Christian churches in the state. The circular sent out by the government raised the constitutionality and appropriateness of the government. https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-cm-himanta-biswa-sarma-disassociates-himself-letter-issued-sp-seeking-key-information-religious-conversion-487926-2022-12-24
Karnataka	22-Dec	A Christian woman went to pray and distribute tracts, and extremists took her to the Police station was very, very tough under section 298,560, and The Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Ordinance u/s 5 and 7 histories has been created in India within 24 hours we have got bail. We were able to engage the advocate, and he got bail at the Magistrate Court.
Tamil Nadu	23-Dec	On 23rd December 2022, A Gospel team in Dindigul district, Tamil Rajasthan state, was conducting a Christmas Programme with Police permission in a truck when a group of Hindu nationalists threw stones and damaged the vehicle to scare the Gospel team.
Karnataka	23-Dec	Church members distributed Bibles and chocolates (for Christmas) in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, Karnataka state, during carol rounds. Bibles were seized, torn, thrown on the ground, and stepped on. They were taken to the police station, kept there until 9 pm, and released. https://twitter.com/HateDetectors/status/1618698221671837696?s=20&t=9dqTojw6Lc85bu418PeucQ
Chhattisgarh	24-Dec	Hindutva militants vandalized a cross in the Bemetara district of Chhattisgarh state. The Christian community in the region is tensed and scared of a possible attack on the community by the Hindu nationalist party worker.
Madhya Pradesh	24-Dec	Four Christians were attacked by Hindutva militants in Indore, Madhya Pradesh state, while passing out Christian literature to the people. They were caught by their attackers and handed over to the police. Later the police charged them under Indian Penal Code (IPC) 295 and sent them to judicial custody. Their second hearing is on Jan 8th
Uttarakhand	24-Dec	North Indian Uttarakhand Governor gives assent to stricter anti-conversion law. This law is expected to make the Christian community in the state more vulnerable to random and unprovoked legal actions against them. https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/uttarakhand-governor-gives-assent-to-stricter-anti-conversion-law-3635525
Maharashtra	24-Dec	A Christian woman in Maharashtra reported that her mother, under the influence of Hindu nationalists, had thrown her out of the family because the daughter became a Christian.
Uttar Pradesh	24-Dec	A police case was registered against thirteen Christians in the Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh under Sections 147,323, 342, and 506 of IPC (Indian Penal Code) with Sections 3 and 5 (1) of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021 alleging attempt to convert.
Chhattisgarh	24-Dec	On Christmas Eve, a group of Hindu militants damaged a cross in a church near Bermetara town in the state of Chhattisgarh.

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Uttar Pradesh	24-Dec	A pastor in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh state, was conducting prayer with 100 Christians. Someone from the village informed police that he was converting people to Christianity, and sometimes Police came along with the Hindu right-wing and took Both pastors into custody at Thangaon Police station in Sitapur.
Delhi	24-Dec	A pastor in South East Delhi, Delhi, lives in a rented house where he runs the AG church on the ground floor. The residents of the area wrote a false complaint against the pastor of religious conversion, upon which the CBI and Home affairs officer came and found no problems. Nevertheless, local police came in civil uniform and, without removing his shoes, entered the Church, made inquiries, and took the pastor's account book with offering details.
Uttarakhand	25-Dec	The Hindu nationalists affiliated with the ruling political party attacked a Christmas celebration in Uttarakhand village, alleging that the Christmas celebration was an attempt to convert Hindus. https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/attack-on-christmas-celebrations-in-uttarakhand-village-over-conversion-3635327
Uttar Pradesh	25-Dec	The police arrested a pastor and a member of his church in Varanasi district, Uttar Pradesh state, for celebrating Christmas in their home. They were later released without charges.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Dec	A Hindu militant group affiliated with Hindu Nationalist party tried to disrupt a Sunday worship in Siddharthnagar district, Uttar Pradesh.
Jharkhand	25-Dec	A Hindutva militant group affiliated with Hindu Nationalist political party barged into a Christian worship place and thrashed the attendees in the Garhwa district of the state of Jharkhand. Two women have sustained serious head injuries and are admitted to a hospital.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Dec	A pastor held a private Christian prayer meeting in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh. A team of police officers barged in and arrested the pastor and two other Christians charging them with unlawful religious conversion. The police assumed that the Christians attending the prayer were converted unlawfully.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Dec	A pastor in Sikandarpur, in the state of Uttar Pradesh state, was charged under section 151 of the India Penal Code (IPC) under the assumption that he was converting Hindus to the Christian faith.
Chhattisgarh	25-Dec	The Hindutva militant groups of Hindi National political party attacked the Sunday worship service in the Bemetara area of Chhattisgarh state. They warned the members not to come back to the church for worship.
Madhya Pradesh	25-Dec	A Christmas event was disrupted by the Hindutva militants in Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh.
Rajasthan	25-Dec	A Christmas event was disrupted and forced to cancel by the Hindutva militant party members in Jind district, Rajasthan state,.
Odisha	25-Dec	Members of a Christian community who visited another Christian family in a neighboring village were beaten and chased away. Later the influential Hindu party supporters in the village passed a resolution in the village council to excommunicate the Christian families for networking with Christians in other villages. Such things often happen in Kanakana, Haridajodi, and Deojhar in the Kendujhar district of the coastal state of Odisha.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Dec	A Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Hindu Nationalist Party in the state of Uttar Pradesh said that more than 100 Christians were converted to Hinduism at the event she referred to as the Ghar Wapsi ceremony organized by Vishwa Hindu Parishad (Hindutva militants) in Uttar Pradesh's Gulang. It is said that twenty families accepted Hinduism.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Dec	A pastor was arrested and jailed for "enticing about 100 people to convert" in Rampur district during a Christian event without prior permission. A case was registered under sections 3 and 5 of the UP Prohibition of Unlawful conversion of religion Act, 2021a Rajeev Yadav, a right-wing activist, brought this complaint. https://m.timesofindia.com/videos/toi-original/43-year-old-pastor-jailed-in-up-for-conversion-bid-on-christmas/videoshow/96534661a.cms

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Andhra Pradesh	25-Dec	Two sisters from Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh state, were in Bangalore doing street evangelism for an evening at Jagajeevanram Nagar. They were managing a Christian youtube channel and were stopped by some extremists and taken to the police station. The police have registered an FIR under the FORA. The IO has not made any arrests. The police have been helpful.
Uttar Pradesh	25-Dec	A member from Siddharthnagar district, Uttar Pradesh state, informed that a group of people had entered the worship place to stop the meeting. They are waiting for the police to arrive to stop the meeting.
Maharashtra	26-Dec	A pastor was arrested by the police in Amravati, Maharashtra state, on false charges of unlawful religious conversion.
Madhya Pradesh	26-Dec	250 Christians were forced to renounce their Christian faith and follow Hinduism in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh. They were forced to perform Hindu rituals. https://link.public.app/YqQZC
Uttar Pradesh	26-Dec	A pastor is arrested in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh state, on false allegations of attempting to lure people into converting to the Christian faith. A case has been registered under sections 3 and 5 of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, against the pastor on the complaint of a local leader of the Hindu nationalist party the political. The pastor was sent to jail. https://www.ndtv.com/cities/pastor-arrested-in-ups-rampur-for-attempt-to-lure-people-to-convert-3638452
Uttar Pradesh	26-Dec	An FIR was filed against a pastor in Milak, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh state, for alleged involvement in the unlawful religious conversion of people.
Uttarakhand	26-Dec	Hindutva militants in Chhiwali, Uttarakhand state, raised slogans and asked for legal papers for an under-construction Church building; they disrupted the Christmas celebrations and turned violent over allegations of forceful conversions. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCfzlylKlmw
Odisha	26-Dec	One Christian family and a Christian in Kendujhar district, Odisha state, were beaten mercilessly and bound by the tree for their Christian faith.
Odisha	26-Dec	An individual from UBS called seeking help and was informed about an incident in Rayagada, Odisha. Since Dec 26th, four evangelists in that area have been harassed and physically beaten.
Uttar Pradesh	27-Dec	Four Christians, including the pastor, have been arrested and taken to Sahayal Police station in Auraiya district in Uttar Pradesh. A Hindu nationalist group led by a local man complained that the Christians were trying to convert Hindus.
Uttar Pradesh	27-Dec	Sitapur district: pastor Maya Ram working with Serve India, has FIR launched against him under Anti-conversion law IPC 3/5(1).
Odisha	27-Dec	Samu Munda, their family, and Man Singh Munda from Kendujhar district were beaten, tied to the tree, and left there.
Uttar Pradesh	27-Dec	A case under the anti-conversion law 3/5 (1) has been registered in Bijnaur district. Amrik Singh and three others have been framed in the FIR.
Karnataka	27-Dec	St Mary's church in Mysuru's Periyapatna was vandalized. Hindu nationalists damaged the statue of baby Jesus at the altar and stole money from the donation box. The priest was away when the incident happened. https://twitter.com/KeypadGuerilla/status/1607943099829063680?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1607943099829063680%7Ctwgr%5Ecd058bfd0b984128d1ad250dc6d6499fa870ad7%7Ctwcon%5Es1_c10&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.freepressjournal.in%2Findia%2Fwatch-st-marys-church-vandalised-in-mysuru-money-donation-box-stolen-case-registered
Uttar Pradesh	28-Dec	The pastor was arrested earlier on false complaints, and he was released from Ballia district jail on Dec 28

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Karnataka	28-Dec	Hindutva militants attacked a church in Periyapatna town in the Mysuru district, Karnataka. They threw away the cradle and destroyed the pots and glass artifacts kept for decoration in front of the crib. They have also taken away the offering box. https://www.deccanherald.com/state/top-karnataka-stories/special-team-to-investigate-attack-on-karnataka-church-1d75948.html
Uttar Pradesh	28-Dec	Four Christians from Afzalgarh, Bijnor district, Uttar Pradesh state, are arrested at the police station and charged with unlawful conversion.
Odisha	28-Dec	A group of Hindu nationalists pressurizes eight Christians to recant their Christian faith in Rimuli, Odisha.
Madhya Pradesh	28-Dec	A prayer meeting was disrupted at a pastor's home in Nagond, Satna district, Madhya Pradesh; a group of people tried to force their way inside as they shouted slogans.
Uttar Pradesh	28-Dec	Police registered a false case of religious conversion attempt against 37 people, and 25 have been arrested in Sitapur district, Uttar Pradesh. https://www.jagran.com/uttar-pradesh/sitapur-religion-conversion-is-on-peak-at-sitapur-8-new-cases-in-last-8-days-case-filed-against-37-people-23274566.html
Goa	28-Dec	A senior law enforcement administration official issued an order that no more than two people can assemble in public places and directed the order to a church in Goa. https://www.facebook.com/goanvartalive1/videos/460017286343149/?extid=WA-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&mibextid=2Rb1fB
Uttar Pradesh	29-Dec	A police case was registered against 5 Christians in the Bijnaur district under section 3/5(1) of CrPC of the anti-conversion laws.
Karnataka	29-Dec	Bethesda Assemblies of God church members, including women, were distributing Bibles and chocolates (for Christmas) in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, Karnataka state, during carol rounds. Bibles were seized, torn, thrown on the ground, and stepped on. They were arrested and later released at 9 pm because they could not find any reason to file a case against them. https://twitter.com/HateDetectors/status/1610698221671837696?s=20&t=9dqTojw6Lc85bu418PeucQ
Madhya Pradesh	29-Dec	Christians in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh state, were harassed and attacked for their Christian faith. The Christians have fled their villages and now taking refuge elsewhere.
Madhya Pradesh	29-Dec	A police case was registered against a pastor in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh state. The indigenous communities are facing severe persecution for changing their religion.
Maharashtra	29-Dec	Hindutva militants are threatening a pastor in Solapur district, Maharashtra state, where he does his ministry.
Maharashtra	29-Dec	A Sangli, Maharashtra pastor has been arrested for unlawful religious conversion and has not been granted bail.
Andhra Pradesh	30-Dec	a pastor in Rakshana Mandir, Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh state, was attacked by the Hindutva militants during a family Christmas gathering
Madhya Pradesh	30-Dec	Ten Christians have been charged with forceful conversion charge in Satna, Madhya Pradesh.
Chhattisgarh	30-Dec	A house church in the Raipur district, Chhattisgarh state, was threatened to be shut down by the Hindu militants.
Uttar Pradesh	31-Dec	A pastor organized a New year's party at his house in Sandila, Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh state. He has been arrested for forcefully attempting to convert guests to Christianity. https://youtu.be/cpTQmi-3mAc

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Senator Shawn Still

Respectfully I believe you are confusing this organization with another. This group in Roswell is a peaceful, loving, welcoming group who have nothing to do with the violence you posted in your video. I encourage you to attend so you can get the correct version of who you are discussing.



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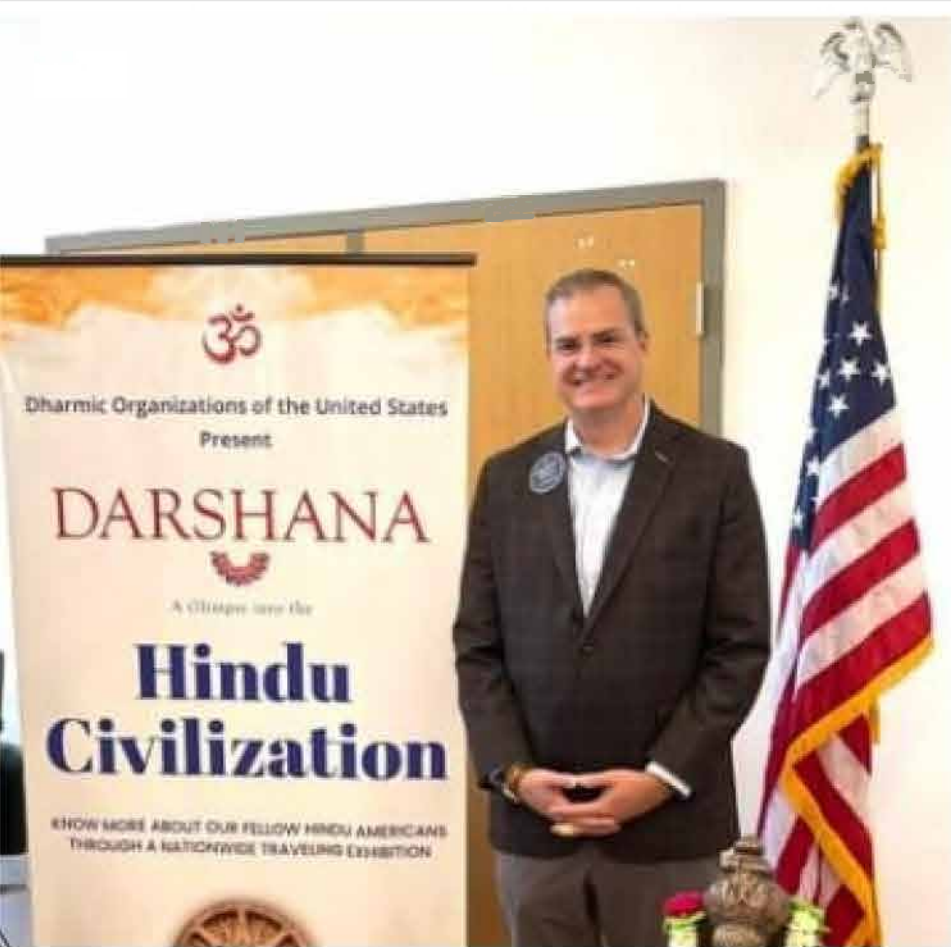


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3 Oct 2022 ·

Thank you [Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA](#) for the opportunity to take a deep dive into the Hindu culture in Alpharetta this weekend.

Senate district 48 is home of the largest Hindu population in the state and I am proud to be running to represent them at the state Capitol.



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Senator here is a example of a Catholic with INTEGRITY- Anto Akkara who wrote this-
<https://www.ncregister.com/news/christians-targeted-in-bloody-ethnic-conflict-in-india-s-manipur-state>



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**Senator Shawn Still**

[William Rogers](#) please provide your address. My legal team will be sending you a cease and desist letter.

This page is not a medium for you to harass others through your racist comments nor will I tolerate your language suggesting domestic terroristic threats towards the Indian-American community here in Georgia.

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William Rogers

[Senator Shawn Still](#) You have no INTEGRITY- My wife is is a Tribal from India and a immigrant from India so she is part of the India American Community so are my kids. I would love to see you in court so I could present the evidence in court of what kind of Hindu Nationalist Organizations you are colluding with in the USA and how they are linked to Human Rights / Religious Persecution of Christia... See more



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As previously stated, Please provide your address so my Legal team can reach you

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Write a reply...



I had several angry email exchanges with Ram Madhav and said they turned my books look and format into a kind of Communist style agitprop. This really upset Ram Madhav. In the end a truncated version was made that included the work of others called Kandhamal - a fact file (I think)

I then selfpublished the report as I had finalized it calling it Orissa in the Crossfire - Kandhamal Burning.

Then in 2011 I finally went to Kandhamal itself and interviewed as many people I could on behalf of the RSS. This report was never made and I eventually uploaded all the interviews to youtube to make it available to the public or any researchers authorities etc.

After I accepted the invitation of a breakaway RSS faction to do a similar report on the Bangladeshi Hindus Ram Madhav and the RSS basically excommunicated me. Thus my 2nd report never made.

Coincidentally I have known Tulsi Gabbard since she was a kid and used to work for her dad. I therefore spent 2 years trying to convince the RSS to take her seriously. They finally did and when she won the 2012 election Ram Madhav called me from India to congratulate me and that was pretty much then last time ive heard from him or anyone in the RSS.

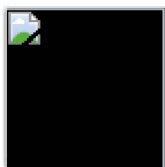
Here is a new report by MRC and I also would like to make you aware that they have ignored tips that links Tulsi Gabbard to the RSS / BJP / Hindutva and their Unregistered Foreign Agents and here they are trying to make her a victims when she helped create the problem by selling out to the RSS / BJP / Hindutva / Modi Regime who have links to Google who has helped the RSS / BJP / Modi Regime by basically scrubbing negative stories from Google / web regarding Modi and the 2002 Riots/ mass murder of Muslims by Hindus.

<https://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/free-speech/gabriela-pariseau/2024/03/18/41-times-google-has-interfered-us-elections-2008>

This is article by the Washington Stand which is basically a news outlet for the Family Research Council/ Tony Perkins and Travis Weber but they ignored big Election Integrity Tips regarding the Religious Persecution of Christians in India by the RSS / BJP / VHP / Hindutva / Modi Regime who helped build the Congressional Career of Tulsi Gabbard and have ties with the Trump Organization, Campaign and Administration and then helped Biden / Harris, Rep Krishnamoorthi , Sri Preston Kulkarni and others in 2020.

AGAIN they ignored BIG ELECTION INTEGRITY regarding TULSI GABBARD's Congressional Career being created with the help of the RSS / BJP / Hindutva / Modi Regime and their Unregistered Foreign Agents who have been meddling/ interfering in our politics/ elections for years and they basically betrayed one of their FRC Members/ me and Persecuted Christians in India while raising funds from the backs of Persecuted Christians in India.

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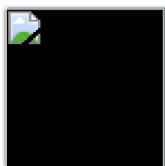


Google 'Interfered' in U.S. Elections o...

I provided the Family Research Council some of the information for this article and the one attached below by Tony Perkins and they original did a great job but then as the investigation progressed we discovered that the very same Hindutva who the Trump Administration / US State Department were meeting with and claiming were our Friends and Allies when the very same Hindutva were involved / linked to Swami Laxmananada Murder and Kandhamal Riots and used US National Brannon Michael Parker to lie to the US State Department to justify and coverup Human Rights Abuses/ Religious Persecution of Christians in Kandhamal and other parts of Orissa / Odisha including a Hindutv Group burning alive Missionary Graham Staine and his two young son's . Parker also has ties with the President of that same Hindutva Group's President who is now serving in the Modi Regime.

The same Hindutva Individuals / Groups who the Trump were meeting with are also the same ones who helped build the Congressional Career of Tulsi Gabbard including through Unregistered Foreign Agents and the Trump Organization and Campaign also have ties with them including through RHC Chairman Kumar who pulled support for Trump in 2020 while other Hindutva Unregistered Foreign Agents put their support behind Biden / Harris .

[India's Opportunity for Religious Freedom](#)



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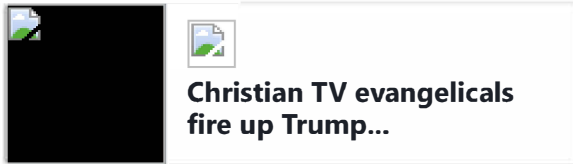
Here is recent opportunity that FRC / Tony Perkins had to expose Election Integrity Issues regarding RSS / BJP / Hindutva meddling / interfering in our politics/ elections but he didn't which is basically helping deceive Christian voters.

Also I have written almost everyone mentioned in this article and they have all ignored what the RSS / BJP / Hindutva are doing to Christians in India and the RSS / BJP / Hindutva operating in the USA and meddling / interfering in our politics/ elections and how that has a negative impact on Religious Freedom .

The ones I have contacted Lance Wallnau, National Religious Broadcasters, Mike Huckabee who basically provided most of the story which included Tulsi Gabbard's and Trumps ties with Hindutva and how Hindutva helped Biden / Harris in 2020 but

Mike never had the INTEGRITY to report on Tulsi and instead deceived his readers about her and then I also contacted Hank Kunneman.

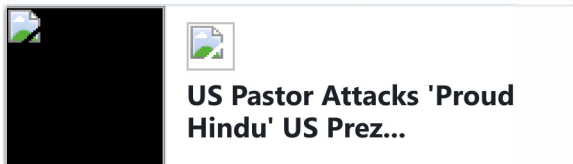
[Christian TV evangelicals fire up Trump support with messianic message](#)



Here is some thing pretty interesting about Hank Kunneman .

Here he is attacking Vivek Ramaswamy over being a Hindu / Hinduism / will place Hindu gods in the White House.

[US Pastor Attacks 'Proud Hindu' US Prez Candidate Vivek Ramaswamy| Says No Hindu God In White House?](#)



But then he ignores Trump sold out to Hindutva and allowed demonic Hindu Practices in the White House and at Mar a lago and says nothing about Hindutva wrongly accuses Christians of crimes and jail them and / or persecute and kill Christians.

[Donald Trump promises Hindu holocaust memorial in US, India's Opposition smells 'RSS agenda'](#)

Let's go back to Google and Election Integrity-

This has some photos that links Modi / RSS / BJP / Hindutva to Google and others who have sold out America-

<https://www.indiaincblog.com/2020/08/10/sri-preston-kulkarnis-rss-problem-us-leadership-of-indias-fascist-movement-backs-texas-democrats/>

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<https://www.indiaincblog.com/2020/11/14/still-time-to-do-what-is-right-by-taking-action-against-unregistered-foreign-agents-out-of-india/>

GA Congressman Rich McCormick uses Christianity to get elected but then turns around and ignores that the Modi Regime / RSS / BJP / Hindutva are persecuting and killing Christians and allied against the USA through BRICS.

<https://www.indiaincblog.com/2024/03/13/mr-mccormick-goes-to-india/>

<https://www.indiaincblog.com/2023/12/05/two-indian-born-congress-members-along-with-republican-repmccormick-introduce-a-bill-that-alters-the-u-s-immigration-system-to-benefit-indian-nationals-on-work-visas/>

Congressman McCormick even worked with the RSS Man in Congress - Rep Krishnamoorthi who has ties with the OFBJP when they were a Unregistered Foreign Agent and he also went to Georgia to Warnock and Ossoff who Sri Preston Kulkarni also helped .

[Raja Krishnamoorthi: The RSS's Man in US Congress](#)





Christians under Fire in India

September 13, 2018

Last week, the United States Secretaries of State and Defense traveled to India to [meet with their counterparts](#) to continue developing the U.S./India relationship. As this relationship proceeds to develop, religious freedom must be on the agenda. There will be pressure to sideline this topic, but our fellow Christians, along with others persecuted for their beliefs in India, can't afford our complacency.

This past August marked the [10-year anniversary](#) of the mob slaughter of Christians by Hindu radicals whipped up by the murder of Hindu leader Lakshmanananda Saraswati a decade ago. Despite the fact that Maoists took responsibility for the leader's death, over the course of the ensuing months, Christians were blamed, and around 56,000 of them fled into forests and the homes of friends and relatives. Approximately 5,600 houses and 415 villages were raided and set on fire. The government reported that 38 people were killed and two women raped, though others have reported higher numbers. The [events that unfolded](#) following this killing constituted India's worst Christian persecution in 300 years, and even Hindu leaders have [recognized the scheme](#) perpetrated against Christians. In the aftermath, seven Christians (six of them illiterate) were tried and convicted of Saraswati's murder in sham proceedings. Their case has been stagnating, with the appeals court long overdue to hear the case. One journalist has set up a [petition calling for their release](#).

Those [inflamed by Hindu nationalist sentiment](#) fanned by the governing Bharatiya Janata Party and allies have for years [targeted Christians and others](#). Recently, U.S.-based charities like Compassion International have been restricted, shut down, or [forced out of India](#). The idea that someone might choose a religion other than Hinduism has Hindu radicals up in arms, and this has led to support for ["anti-conversion laws"](#) in several areas of India which do in fact make it illegal to convert to other religions -- including Christianity. Made-up claims of ["fraudulent" conversions](#), prohibited under the law, are often used as a way to [stop any change of religion](#) -- including the free acceptance of the gospel message.

False allegations seem to be a theme in India. Just yesterday, it was reported that police in India's Uttar Pradesh [charged over 270 Christians](#) with "spreading lies about Hinduism and drugging people to try and convert them to Christianity."

For the U.S. and India to build a lasting international partnership, the recognition and respect for religious freedom is essential. Prime Minister Modi must acknowledge that these serious religious freedom violations happening on his watch betray India's rule of law heritage as a [Commonwealth country](#). The degradation of rule of law compounds the [economic](#) and [security](#) problems which will develop as religious freedom suffers, and corporations will begin to think twice before investing in India.

One way that concerns can immediately be addressed is by giving the Christians convicted for Saraswati's death a hearing date for their appeal, and a fair and speedy trial. This will only begin remedying the religious freedom and rule of law issues which have developed in recent years, but it is a start.

Tony Perkins' Washington Update is written with the aid of FRC senior writers.

From: Cydknee <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – [Separation of Church and State] – [Popa]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 15:49:04 -0400

Importance: Normal

To whom this may concern:

The separation of Church and State needs to be held and respected. The Government should have no preference to or promote any religion. Let us keep our freedom to believe what we want unmolested. Let those who want to go to church on Saturday (or any other day), do just that without penalty or pressure to do otherwise, due to 'the common good'. The government cannot replace be a man's conscience, even if the majority are moving in a different direction. These are my comments; thank you for considering them.

God bless,
Cydknee Popa

From: First Kannapolis Free SDA <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Union of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 15:51:42 -0400

Importance: Normal

PUBLIC COMMENT – Advocacy for the Separation of Church and State and Support for Pillar of Freedom

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am writing to formally submit my public comment regarding the critical balance of religious freedom and the constitutional principle of the separation of church and state.

I want to express my full, unequivocal support for the comments and recommendations previously submitted to you by the Pillar of Freedom. Their thorough analysis perfectly aligns with the core values of liberty of conscience.

History provides a solemn warning regarding what happens when this boundary is crossed. The union of church and state in Europe for hundreds of years resulted in systemic religious persecution, forced conformity, and the horrific loss of human life. Whenever the state has been used to enforce religious dogma, or the church has wielded civil power, the inevitable outcome has been the oppression of religious minorities and the denial of individual conscience.

It was specifically to escape this cycle of persecution that many sought refuge in the New World, recognizing that true religious freedom can only thrive when the state remains strictly neutral in matters of faith. Keeping these boundaries distinct protects both the integrity of our civil government and the purity of religious beliefs.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to adopt and fully implement the recommendations put forward by the Pillar of Freedom. Thank you for your time, your public service, and your continued dedication to safeguarding these foundational liberties for everyone.

Sincerely,

Nate Fortunato

Charlotte, North Carolina

From: Judy Burton <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Religion

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 16:00:41 -0400

Importance: Normal

I am a concerned citizen regarding keeping religion separate from state/government. I know this is late, but I just found out about it today.

I hope you will uphold this treasured provision of our constitution. Government does not have the right to interfere with anyone's personal choice of religion, for example, the choice to worship on the seventh day Sabbath vs. Sunday.

During the dark ages the Catholic Church martyred those who disagreed with her dogmas, brave men like Huss and Jerome were burned at the stake for their differing beliefs. I never want to see such a violation of personal freedom ever again. Thank you very much.

From: In the studio with Tess <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Why Separation of Church and State should remain in the United States of America

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 16:27:26 -0400

Importance: Normal

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From: In the studio with Tess <[REDACTED] PII >

Date: Mon, Jul 13, 2026 at 5:18 PM

Subject: Why Separation of Church and State should remain in the United States of America

To: <[REDACTED] PII >

To whom It May Concern:

Imagine the government is the referee of a huge, diverse national sports league. In this league, there are hundreds of teams, each representing a different religious belief—or the choice not to have one at all.

The referee's job isn't to pick a favorite team, wear its jersey, or change the rules to help it win. The referee's sole duty is to ensure a fair game for everyone. This means the government cannot declare one [religion](#) the "official team" of the United States, nor can it create rules that punish a team for its unique way of playing.

At the same time, the referee must protect every team's right to play by its own rulebook, as long as it doesn't harm others or break the fundamental rules of the league. This core principle of government neutrality and individual [religious freedom](#) is the heart of the **separation of church and State**. It isn't a wall to keep religion out of public life, but a boundary to ensure the government remains impartial and that every citizen's conscience remains free.

- **The [Establishment Clause](#):** *"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..."* In plain English, this stops the government from creating a national church, like the Church of England. More broadly, the [Supreme Court](#) has interpreted it to mean the government cannot favor one religion over another, or religion over non-religion. It prohibits government actions that endorse, promote, or become excessively entangled with religious doctrine or institutions. This is the "separation" part of the doctrine.
- **The [Free Exercise Clause](#):** *"...or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."* This is the other side of the coin. It guarantees every individual the right to believe and practice their faith as they see fit, without government interference. It also protects the right to have no [religion](#) at all. This is the "freedom" part of the doctrine. The government generally cannot punish you or deny you a benefit because of your religious beliefs.
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- The phrase **"wall of separation between Church & State"** comes from an 1802 letter written by **Thomas Jefferson** to the Danbury Baptist Association, not from the Constitution itself.
- The U.S. Supreme Court has often used the idea of separation of church and state to interpret the Establishment Clause, though the precise legal test has evolved over time. Different Supreme Court decisions have emphasized different approaches to determining when government involvement with religion is constitutional.

Initially, the First Amendment only applied to the federal government. However, through a [legal](#) concept called the [Incorporation Doctrine](#), via the [Fourteenth Amendment](#), these [religious freedom](#) protections were extended to

apply to state and local governments as well, starting with cases in the 1940s.

Historical risks when religion and government are closely merged

History also provides examples where close integration contributed to problems:

- Persecution of religious minorities.
- Punishment for heresy or blasphemy.
- Governments using religion to justify political authority.
- Religious leaders become dependent on political power.

These outcomes occurred in different societies and time periods, not just in Europe.

Biblical Evidence of Separation of Church and State

In Matthew 22:21, Jesus advised his disciple to render(give back) to Caesar(the existing government at the time) the things that belong to Caesar and to God, the things that belong to God. Here we see the Savior himself saw a need for separation and state. On one hand we are not to ignore the just claims of the state upon us as citizens and on the other hand there are certain things in which the government has no right to interfere. Acts 5:29

God's jurisdiction is absolute and universal, the government's subordinate and limited. Thus we see a distinguishing line between the two.

Historical assessment

Most historians would probably agree with these points:

- There is **strong historical evidence** that protecting freedom of religion and preventing government coercion in matters of faith has been beneficial.
- There is **less agreement** that a rigid or absolute separation in every aspect of public life is historically necessary or desirable.
- Democratic societies have succeeded under a range of arrangements, provided they protect fundamental rights and avoid coercing religious belief or practice.

So, based on history alone, the evidence tends to favor **preventing the government from establishing or coercing religion**, while leaving room for debate about how much interaction between religion and public life is appropriate. That debate continues in constitutional law and political philosophy today.

Therefore, based on this understanding of what constitutes Separation of Church and State including the biblical reference along with past historical evidence; I vote that Church and State be forever separated in the United States of America.

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From: "Antonio & Leticia Huerta" <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Public Comment: Separation of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 17:07:29 -0400

Importance: Normal

Respectfully submitting,

Antonio Huerta

[REDACTED] PII

Fresno California

On Tue, Jul 14, 2026 at 2:05 PM Antonio Huerta <[REDACTED] PII > wrote:

These two must remain separate. We need to have our full rights protected.

From: Tamioka Uter <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]" <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 17:11:17 -0400

Importance: Normal

The union of church and state is the sure way to trample upon the religious liberties of churches considered to be in the minorities.

From: "L. Huerta" <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Sepration of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 17:13:23 -0400

Importance: Normal

To Whom It May Concern,

As an american citizen I plee that you maintain our freedom of religion intact.
We need sepration of church and state.

Reapectfully submmiting,
Leticia Huerta
Fresno California

From: Eleanor Oliverio <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Separation of Church and State

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 17:38:12 -0400

Importance: Normal

To Whom It May Concern,

Please reject the directive from the Religious Liberty Commission to the Department of Justice to redefine the Establishment Clause, to build a bridge between church and state.

This country's greatness came from its early history (until now) to keep the separation of church state.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Oliverio

[REDACTED] PII

From: "PII" <PII>
To: "PII" <PII>, "PII" <PII>, "FARA.Public" <PII>, "RLC (OASG)" <PII>, "Rewardsforjustice Info" <PII>, "David Morgan" <PII>, "John Prabhudoss" <PII>, "Travis Weber" <PII>, "Kevin Jessip" <PII>, "Sunny Lael" <PII>, "Craig Huey" <PII>, "Tina Ramirez" <PII>, "Neil Munro" <PII>, "Melissa Radovich" <PII>, "Jon Swaine" <PII>, "Chris Beers" <PII>, "Human Rights Commission Tom Lantos" <PII>, "Victoria Taft" <PII>, "Persecution" <PII>, "Tehmina Arora" <PII>, "Julie Singleton" <PII>, "Jane Scarborough" <PII>, "Ian Giatti" <PII>, "Nick Mordowanec" <PII>, "BERNARDINI Matt" <PII>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hindutva Murderer To Be Set Free After Burning Alive Missionary Graham Staines and His Two Son- Pratap Sarangi- Brannon M Parker - Tulsi Gabbard

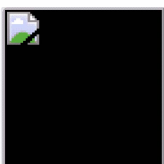
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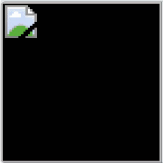


[Pratap Sarangi: Minister Who Got The Loudest Cheers Has a Murky Past](#)



**Pratap Sarangi: Minister
Who Got The Lo...**

[Minister Pratap Sarangi has blood on his hands; an austere life is not a life without crime](#)



**Minister Pratap Sarangi has
blood on hi...**

Brannon Michael Parker the American Hindu who worked for the RSS / Ram Madhav and helped them justify and coverup the abuses against Christians in Kandhamal Odisha in the Harvest of Hate Report to the US State Department wrote this in the report-

After the brutal assassination of Swami Lakshmananda, an editorial by the Pioneer daily news highlighted the facts in this regard. "Orissa has long suffered on account of Christian missionaries 'harvesting the souls' of impoverished and un-educated tribals by exploiting their vulnerability and innocence... The report of Niyogi commission, which was set up to look into the activities of Christian missionaries and the methods adopted by them, was an indictment of both authority, which was found wanting in preventing rice bowl conversions, and the church as an institution. Subsequently, Orissa became the first State to adopt a law against forcible or surreptitious conversion; at that time, the Congress ruled the State and Mrs. Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister-she took a pro-active interest in the enactment of the law. Yet, despite the legal restrictions, Christian missionaries continue to flock to poverty-stricken areas of Orissa (as well as other States) to convert tribals and Dalits (Untouchables) through inducement and other equally objectionable means. The resultant social conflict is only to be expected. Neither secularism nor tolerance means a society should ignore the illicit 'harvesting of souls'.

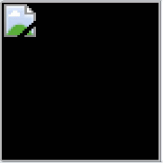
The tragic death of Graham Staines and his two sons could have been avoided had authority been more alert; last year's violence in Phulbani and other areas of Kandhamal district could have been prevented if the law had been implemented in both letter and spirit; and, Swami Lakshmananda Saraswati would not have been brutally murdered had authority not been so lax, especially since the police were aware of the threat to his life. ¹¹⁸⁷

Disregarding the fact that it was the Congress Party that instituted India's anti-

Parker with Pratap Sarangi-



This Parker - 'INNOCENTS IMPRISONED' - Kandhamal's Travesty of Justice #antoakkara



'INNOCENTS IMPRISONED' **- Kandhamal's Tr...**

Parker also stated this in our email exchanges but its appears the US State Department, FBI / DOJ and others are going to cover it up instead of holding Hindutva , Tulsi Gabbard and others accountable including on Election Integrity Issues .

I had several angry email exchanges with Ram Madhav and said they turned my books look and format into a kind of Communist style agitprop. This really upset Ram Madhav. In the end a truncated version was made that included the work of others called Kandhamal - a fact file (I think)

I then selfpublished the report as I had finalized it calling it Orissa in the Crossfire - Kandhamal Burning.

Then in 2011 I finally went to Kandhamal itself and interviewed as many people I could on behalf of the RSS. This report was never made and I eventually uploaded all the interviews to youtube to make it available to the public or any researchers authorities etc.

After I accepted the invitation of a breakaway RSS faction to do a similar report on the Bangladeshi Hindus Ram Madhav and the RSS basically excommunicated me. Thus my 2nd report never made.

Coincidentally I have known Tulsi Gabbard since she was a kid and used to work for her dad. I therefore spent 2 years trying to convince the RSS to take her seriously. They finally did and when she won the 2012 election Ram Madhav called me from India to congratulate me and that was pretty much then last time ive heard from him or anyone in the RSS.



Hello again

Re: my work w RSS. As u know I was raised a Hare Krsna went to traditional Hindu school from 4 to 14 in India. I was raised to be a Vaishnava 'preacher' thus I, like Tulsi, naturally looked to the politically and financially empowered Hindu orgs for support in my preaching efforts.

I never saw ny work w the RSS as political per se until the Orissa stuff came up. Before that they used to send me to NE India to inspire the Christians to support India rather than the separatists groups. Thats political no doubt but it wasnt as directly connected to any incidents etc as the Kandhamal crisis. Not once did I disparage Lord Jesus Christ or the Christian faith but warned against being manipulated by outside forces to secede in the name of Christ.

As for Tulsis politics; Hawaii is a Democratic party dominated state. Even her dad had to switch parties in order to remain politically viable. I know 100% she believes in God and in fact I used to attend weekly get togethers w her fam and sing about Jesus and Krsna. Im convinced shes personally a traditionalist but presents herself as a socalled progressive seeing this to be the path of least resistance



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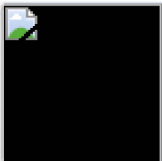
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Tulsi being questioned about her ties to the RSS / Ram Madhav through Brannon Michael Parker

[Tulsi Gabbard Questioned on RSS Financing/Relationship](#)



Tulsi Gabbard colluding with the RSS / BJP / OFBJP in Atlanta GA which helped propel her way to a Democrat Party Presidential Candidate in 2020 and then President Trump's DNI but will the FBIa DOJ have the INTEGRITY to bring them up in their 2020 Election Integrity, J6 Committee and Fulton County DA Investigations ?

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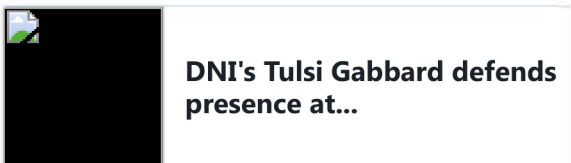


[Vijay Jolly](#)



If the FBI / DOJ do their jobs then they will find tips / evidence at the Fulton County DA's Office regarding Tulsi Gabbard, Hindutva , Biden / Harris and others who betrayed the USA to appease Hindutva.

[DNI's Tulsi Gabbard defends presence at FBI Fulton County raid last week](#)



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Senator Shawn Still



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Thank you [Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA](#) for the opportunity to take a deep dive into the Hindu culture in Alpharetta this weekend.

Senate district 48 is home of the largest Hindu population in the state and I am proud to be running to represent them at the state Capitol.



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Senator here is a example of a Catholic with INTEGRITY- Anto Akkara who wrote this-
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**Senator Shawn Still**

[William Rogers](#) please provide your address. My legal team will be sending you a cease and desist letter.

This page is not a medium for you to harass others through your racist comments nor will I tolerate your language suggesting domestic terroristic threats towards the Indian-American community here in Georgia.

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[← Replies](#)**William Rogers**

[Senator Shawn Still](#) You have no INTEGRITY- My wife is is a Tribal from India and a immigrant from India so she is part of the India American Community so are my kids. I would love to see you in court so I could present the evidence in court of what kind of Hindu Nationalist Organizations you are colluding with in the USA and how they are linked to Human Rights / Religious Persecution of Christia... See more



PIETERJFRIEDRICH.M...

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**Senator Shawn Still**

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Senator Shawn Still

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Senator Shawn Still

Respectfully I believe you are confusing this organization with another. This group in Roswell is a peaceful, loving, welcoming group who have nothing to do with the violence you posted in your video. I encourage you to attend so you can get the correct version of who you are discussing.



Senator Shawn Still



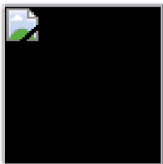
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It is an honor to receive recognition from COHNA!

I will work hard to represent the Hindu community across Senate District 48 and across Georgia as your next Senator!

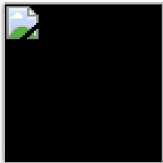


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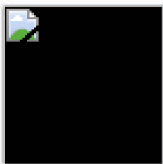
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4.5K views · 124 reactions | On June 30, 2026, I walked into a congressional advocacy day to sit down and listen. Within seconds, I was surrounded and grabbed — by the president and vice president of CoHNA, the Coalition of Hindus of North America—



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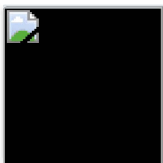
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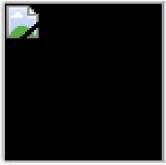
Hindus always making themselves the victims.

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**Democrat lawmaker claims
he was DETAINED...**

All the H1B Visa Fraud and now this fraud linked to India while Indian American Hindus are crying Hinduphobia while Hindutva are wrongly accusing Christians of crimes and jailing them and or persecuting and killing Christians while the Trump Administration / US State Department is largely silent on the abuses against Christians and for years the FBI / DOJ have appeared to ignore and or coverup the RSS / BJP / OFBJP / VHP / Sangh Hindutva / Hindu Nationalist have been meddling interfering in our politics elections.

David J Harris Jr.

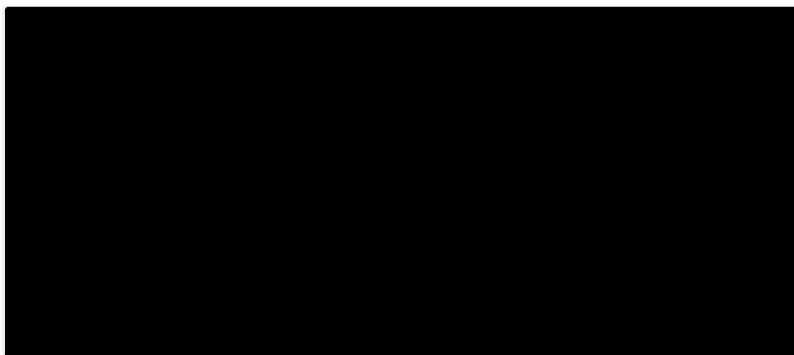
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 **BREAKING:** ICE has just announced a massive fraud bust, saying 10,000 foreign students are involved in the federal government's Optional Practical Training program. There are empty buildings where hundreds of students should be "working" as part of their ability to be in America — run by foreign-linked groups that send money out of the country. Locked doors, hundreds of students sharing the same address, and "employers" sharing the same unleased addresses. There is widespread "phantom employee" fraud going on. Many of the so-called "employers" have major red flags, such as facing lawsuits, no employment records, offshore payroll claims, and suspicious international money flows. "HSI agents have visited problematic OPT employer work sites in Virginia, Texas, Georgia, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Florida." "Foreign students themselves are entering false addresses and employer names into the student and exchange visitor information system." "But we are uncovering evidence of organized fraud that spans national and international borders. This is not accidental. It is deliberate, coordinated, and criminal." "To give you an example, one employer we visited claimed to employ only three foreign students through OPT, while our records show over 500 foreign students claiming to work there." "The company's representatives were unable to answer basic questions about the business and deferred HR managers in India." "OPT employers are required to directly train foreign students, but we've seen multiple examples of alleged employers claiming that all management is overseas in India." "We've also discovered multiple state networks which are large networks of alleged employers claiming to train thousands of foreign students in OPT, then farming them out to unreported third party employers, making oversight nearly impossible and raising serious national security issues." See less

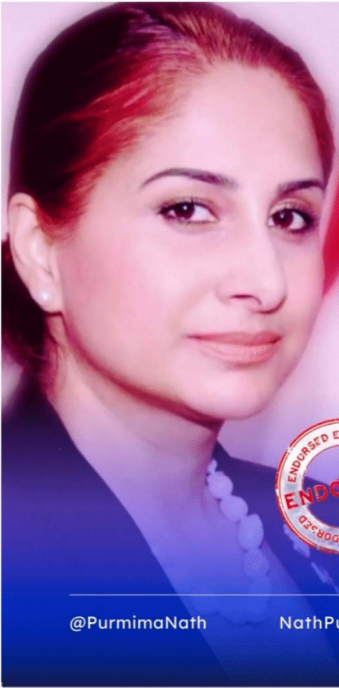


Here is one of the Hindutva Operatives who regularly cries Hinduphobia while spreading anti-Christians propaganda and lies while Hindutva are persecuting and killing Christians in India while the Hindutva Lobby freely operates in the US and basically buys/ influences our bureaucrats and pols on both sides.

[Hindu Rashtra: Stealing everyones' Land for Hindus – Purnima Nath – India Inc Blog](#)



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Not many people understand the connection between border security and national security; she does. Not many people understand the connection of immigration to national security, but she does. Purnima is a strong proponent of national security, legal immigration, and securing borders. Something is coming. We do not know when. We do not know where. Even the FBI Director has raised alarm on national security issues. Unfortunately, today we are facing the biggest national security threat in our country. Who can speak better than her as a legal immigrant? We need someone strong like Purnima who can advocate for safer community and our country; and fight hard against anti-American agenda. As someone with extensive border security experience, I strongly endorse Purnima Nath for U.S. Congress.



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Tom Homan
Dir. ICE Director

@PurnimaNath

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Dear @Kash Patel, Namaste. I am so glad that you are back on @x. Congratulations. So happy for you and all the successful Patel... See more



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God Bless, Will Rogers

From: JT Nido <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Separation of Church and State Public Comment

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 18:19:59 -0400

Importance: Normal

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I am writing to request the separation of church and state, but for the USA government and leadership to always remain faithful to the biblical principles of the Christian Bible. It is our duty to protect children and their innocence. May God be with us all.

Johana Torres

From: Sam Cohen <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: Re: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - Separation of Church and State- Sam Cohen

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 19:40:04 -0400

Importance: Normal



From: Marcia Hampton <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 21:13:16 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear U.S. Department of Justice,

I am writing to urge you to embrace the benefits to religion and to religious freedom that come from the separation of church and state.

The separation of church and state was the clear original intent of the founders whose ideas formed both the Declaration of Independence (Jefferson) and the 1st Amendment to The Constitution (Madison) itself. Separation of church and state is both the true conservative position and what allows religion to flourish in a free society.

As you know, the term "separation of church and state" comes from Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptists, advocating for a "wall of separation" for the protection of the religious freedom of a (then) religious minority. Madison, "The Father of the Constitution," listed 15 reasons (in Madison's Remonstrances) why, in a free republic, church and state should remain separate. To state that church/state separation was not the intent of the founding fathers is dishonest, at best. The ideas of Jefferson and Madison were codified in our American creed, The Declaration of Independence, and in The Constitution.

Further, the movement to integrate church and state is a dangerous return to the European model, which yielded centuries of bloody religious wars and a stifling of evangelism. There is no history where the integration of church and state worked well for free people. In fact, church and state integration is the catalyst to religious persecution. This is clear, currently, in theocratic countries like Iran.

I respectfully urge you to do what you know to be right. Political expedience in God's name violates the 2nd Commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Resist the hypocrisy. God does not force compliance. Neither should the state. Do not politicize religion. It is ungodly.

Sincerely,

Marcia Hampton

From: Liberty Herald International <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]" <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: PUBLIC COMMENT Response to draft report from the Religious Liberty Commission - Liberty Herald International

Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2026 22:07:06 -0400

Importance: Normal

Please find attached the response that bounced back because of a typo in the email address. It was sent from Australia to you on US time 13 July 2026.

From: Liberty Herald International <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 11:42 AM

To: [REDACTED] PII [REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT Response to draft report from the Religious Liberty Commission - Liberty Herald International

Please find attached the response from the Liberty Herald International team in regards to the draft report from the Religious Liberty Commission.

Kind Regards

Joanna de Bruyn

Editor, Liberty Herald International

From: Teresa Kocher <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: Re: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL] Response to Religious Liberty Committee report, completed in June 2026

Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2026 02:01:15 -0400

Importance: Normal



From: Rick Wells <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty, Separation of Church and State

Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2026 05:42:41 -0400

Importance: Normal

I believe that we, as americans have the right to religious liberty, and there should be a definite separation between church and state.

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From: Girien Salazar <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Appendix B: Detailed Recommendations – Faith-Based Institutions

Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2026 14:00:00 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Chairman Dan Patrick and Commissioners of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Thank you for the Commission's thoughtful [draft report](#) and for its attention to the religious freedom of faith-based institutions.

CPJ is especially grateful that, under "Faith-Based Institutions" and "Executive Action" (p. 212), the report acknowledges and draws upon our recommendation proposing updated Equal Treatment regulations. We appreciate the Commission's recognition of this proposal as a model for ensuring that faith-based organizations may participate in federal programs without surrendering their religious identity or compromising their convictions.

We respectfully *reaffirm* the recommendations contained in CPJ's previous submission and encourage the Commission to retain these proposals in its final recommendations to the President. Strong, clear Equal Treatment regulations would help safeguard and promote the religious freedom of faith-based organizations for years to come.

Thank you again for the Commission's work and for considering public input.

Sincerely,

Girien R. Salazar

Director of Faith-Based Policy and Research

[Center for Public Justice](#)

[REDACTED] PII



From: Captain Keyboard <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious Liberty

Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2026 16:13:35 -0400

Importance: Normal

Good Day to you!

Please continue to preserve and protect our privilege to worship God as the way He wants everyone to do so properly and earnestly by observing all His commandments, including to rest on the [seventh day] Sabbath that He made for everyone. There are no changes needed regardless of what people may carelessly make to deviate from God has taught us through His holy word in Scripture [like the Holy Bible]. Keeping the commandments of God is easier to do than to go wrong in the course of error. Thank you very much for your understanding in this matter in advance.

Carl Warren Wade

From: CHRISTOPHER WALESE <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Separation of Church and State

Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2026 17:23:06 -0400

Importance: Normal

Hello,

I do not wish to see a union of church and state.

We have seen the dangers not having this separation of church and state.

This country was founded by men fleeing areas that forced state religion.

The United States of America has been blessed because of this freedom.

Bible prophecy states that some day USA will force a religious law:

(Sunday keeping, and outlaw keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath).

This will be done by apostate Protestantism pushing the state to enforce a law to give them power that they realize they are losing because of the lack of God's support, because they are not following God the way He requires.

This is the same thing that happened in Europe when the church controlled the state to enforce this very law in the time of Constantine.

My wishes are to keep this from happening as long as possible.

Thank you,

Christopher J Wales

[REDACTED] PII

[Why Did God Say Remember?](#)

From: dannalonna <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - Separation of Church and State

Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2026 21:54:41 -0400

Importance: Normal

From: Liberty Herald International <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: PUBLIC COMMENT Response to draft report from the Religious Liberty Commission - Liberty Herald International

Date: Thu, 16 Jul 2026 01:33:24 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: To_Religious_Liberty_Commission_-_Sent.pdf

My sincerest apologies. Please find it attached.

Kind regards

Joanna

From: RLC (OASG) <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2026 3:07 AM

To: Liberty Herald International <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: PUBLIC COMMENT Response to draft report from the Religious Liberty Commission - Liberty Herald International

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Thank you!

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From: Liberty Herald International <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 10:07:06 PM

To: RLC (OASG) <[REDACTED] PII [REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: PUBLIC COMMENT Response to draft report from the Religious Liberty Commission - Liberty Herald International

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Editor, Liberty Herald International



July 13, 2026

The Honorable Dan Patrick
Chair, Religious Liberty Commission
c/o U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Associate Attorney General
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 5706
Washington, D.C., 2053

Sent electronically to PII

Dear Chairman Patrick,

The United States is moving from one destructive error that has fueled moral decline and persecution into one—or even two—equally dangerous errors.

The error that has recently predominated the public sphere is militant leftist secularism that has attempted to enforce illiberal ideologies through the guise of “neutrality.” It has functioned as an alternative religion, complete with its own dogmas and doctrines, with punishments for dissent. However, there are two right wing ideologies being promoted as solutions of equal concern.

The first is the secular right turning politics into a civil religion, where the nation, tradition, and political leaders are treated as objects of moral devotion, opponents as evil, and loyalty to the movement as righteous.

The second of these erroneous ideologies is overtly Judeo-Christian, which pushes to encourage a more active role for Judeo-Christian religions within public institutions and civil life.

The moment the state begins favoring any religious persuasion or ideology, whether left wing liberalism, the secular right, or the Judeo-Christian right, through funding or facilitating its influence within civil authority, it ceases to act as a neutral guardian of liberty.

The abuses now blamed on militant secularism will continue under a different banner if the state begins favoring the secular right or Judeo-Christian religions through civil power. Whenever the government elevates one belief system above others, coercion and suppression inevitably follow.

Each ideology has an orthodoxy concerning the existential questions of life: how did I get here, why am I here, and where am I going, determined by who or what is regarded as the ultimate source of life and authority. Every person should be free to hold and practice those beliefs so long as they do not demonstrably infringe upon the liberty of others.

The Puritan-turned-Baptist minister and founder of religious liberty in the colonies of America, Roger Williams, observed that the first four of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-11) concern duties toward God and belong to the realm of individual conscience and religion (the church), not the state. Exodus 20:12-17 contain the final six commandments, which the state should uphold through law to protect the liberty of all. This division between the two types of moral laws provides a clear boundary of separation between church and state elucidated in Jesus's admonition, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's” (Mark 12:17). However, one need not look to scripture for wisdom as Roger Williams did. Secular political philosophers such as John Locke and Thomas Jefferson, as well as the practice of our first Presidents, also affirm the demarcation between what is and is not under the jurisdiction of the state.



It has been the state's failure in its legitimate jurisdiction over man's duty to man in civil governance, while simultaneously overreaching into matters of conscience and belief, that has led to the demise of society. Examples of the state's failure to uphold the final six commandments include laws favoring abortion, permissive drug and theft laws, policies that favor both parents working, and weak restrictions on insider trading by government officials. Conversely, the state has violated the first four commandments by using civil power and public institutions to impose illiberal beliefs about origins, identity, and ultimate authority. The solution is not for the state to impose the beliefs of any religious tradition in the public sphere on these issues, but rather to remain silent and let such beliefs be taught in the home, the church, the synagogue, or the temple.

History repeatedly shows that when civil power joins itself to religion or ideology that functions as religion, it oppresses dissenters and corrupts the religion or ideology it favors. As Benjamin Franklin once wrote,

"When a Religion is good, I conceive that it will support itself; and, when it cannot support itself, and God does not take care to support, so that its Professors are oblig'd to call for the help of the Civil Power, it is a sign, I apprehend, of its being a bad one."¹

Likewise, Alexis de Tocqueville, once penned that all religious people of America,

"... attributed the peaceful dominion of religion in their country mainly to the separation of church and state."²

James Madison warned,

Rulers who wished to subvert the public liberty, may have found an established Clergy convenient auxiliaries. A just Government instituted to secure and perpetuate it needs them not. Such a Government will be best supported by protecting every Citizen in the enjoyment of his Religion with the same equal hand which protects his person and his property; by neither invading the equal rights of any Sect, nor suffering any Sect to invade those of another."³

If religion is true to the first four commandments, it does not need the state to enforce it, and if government is just in relation to the last six commandments, it does not need the church to give it morality. Combine church and state, and both will corrupt the other until all that is left is rebellion and tyranny.

Respectfully,

Joanna de Bruyn

Editor, Liberty Herald International

¹ Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Franklin to Richard Price, 9 Oct. 1780, The Founders' Constitution Volume 4, Article 6, Clause 3, Document 5.

² Alexis de Tocqueville, Chapter XVII. - Democracy in America, Volume I (1835) - Chapter XV-IXX

³ James Madison, Document 43, Memorial and Remonstrance against Religious Assessments 20 June 1785 *Papers* 8:298--304

From: George Back Jr <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Religious liberty

Date: Thu, 16 Jul 2026 06:52:43 -0400

Importance: Normal

To Whom It May Concern,

Our history shows that it is necessary to separate church and state. Historically, when the two have been joined, it has led to persecution.

Please continue to keep them separate.

Sincerely,

George Black Jr

From: zoomer <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments to Religious liberty commission.

Date: Thu, 16 Jul 2026 13:04:39 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Staff,

Sorry for the tardiness of this response, I only found out today this was available.

The founding fathers of our great country were very wise. They lived through and knew well the tyrannies that happened during the dark ages.

Many good people were exterminated and oppressed because they could not suppress their conscience and worship God, contrary to what it says in the Bible. The founding fathers knew that under a king or a political religious leader, some people would loose their freedom of worship to God by the dictates of their conscience. So to prevent this from happening in our beautiful America they formulated the first amendment. That is why congress should never make any religious law. As the leaders of this country, you should take note that the government cannot push the people to worship the god that congress says. That violates the conscience and violates the spirit of freedom that God gives us.

The scary thing about this now is that this very situation has been predicted in the Bible that church and state will come together in our country and lead to persecution against those who hold to their liberty of conscience by the government.

Please don't let it happen under your watch. I beg you do not violate the first amendment of the constitution.

Sincerely,

Dr. Minder

Sent from my Galaxy

From: Ric Pender <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Date: Thu, 16 Jul 2026 13:38:34 -0400

Importance: Normal

i support separation of church and state. Persecution follows a state run church. KEEP IT SEPARATE !

God bless you

Richard Pender

From: peter ochieng <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "RLC (OASG)" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Date: Thu, 16 Jul 2026 15:12:12 -0400

Importance: Normal

Thanks . In every aspect,, think of God in heaven (John 1:11_13).

From: Traci Walden <[REDACTED] PII >

To: "[REDACTED] PII" <[REDACTED] PII >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: URGENT MATTER

Date: Thu, 16 Jul 2026 16:05:22 -0400

Importance: Normal

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

On Sun, Jul 12, 2026 at 6:50 AM, RBSDA Communications

<[REDACTED] PII > wrote:

From Randal as Head of Religious Liberty Department.

Urgent matterc

We want all church members to receive this notice and pray and send an email to DOJ

Please email the sample letter below to [REDACTED] PII . With your name at the bottom of letter.

Please pray over this urgent matter.

Dear Members of the Presidential Religious Liberty Commission,

I am writing to submit my formal public comment expressing total opposition to the recommendations put forward in the June 2026 draft report. Rather than protecting true religious freedom, this document outlines an alarming blueprint to systematically break down the constitutional wall between church and state, while simultaneously narrowing the religious liberties of everyday Americans.

True religious freedom requires the government to remain strictly neutral. By attempting to elevate a singular, preferred religious viewpoint to a position of federal backing, this report actively undermines the First Amendment.

I urge the Commission to completely reject the following recommendations before a final report is issued:

1. The Subversion of the Johnson Amendment

The recommendation to eliminate or weaken the Johnson Amendment directly threatens the independence of both our political system and our houses of worship. Allowing tax-exempt religious institutions to funnel money into political campaigns and endorse candidates turns sacred spaces into partisan tools. This narrows religious liberty by forcing churchgoers into politically divided congregations and inappropriately subsidizes political speech through tax-exempt dollars.

2. The Diversion of Public Funds to Religious Education

The report's push to expand federal voucher programs and direct public tax dollars to religious private schools is a direct violation of the Establishment Clause. Public funds must support public education, which serves all children equally. Forcing taxpayers to fund religious instruction—including schools whose doctrines they may fundamentally disagree with—is a severe infringement on individual freedom of conscience.

3. The Weaponization of "Conscience Protections" to Discriminate

The report seeks to radically expand "Free Exercise" rights for corporations, government-funded agencies,

and healthcare providers at the direct expense of individual citizens.

In Healthcare: Expanding medical refusal clauses allows providers to deny essential care to patients based on religious dogma, compromising patient safety and autonomy.

In Social Services: Allowing taxpayer-funded adoption and foster care agencies to reject qualified families based on sexual orientation or religion is state-sanctioned discrimination.

In the Workplace: Broadening corporate religious rights allows private business owners to override federal labor protections, stripping employees of their reproductive healthcare benefits and civil rights.

4. The Exclusion of Minority Faiths and Non-Religious Americans

Religious liberty must be absolute and equal for all people. The draft report focuses almost exclusively on protecting majority Christian institutions while largely ignoring the documented rise of discrimination against Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, and Buddhist Americans, as well as the rapidly growing secular population. By favoring one religious tradition, the report inherently narrows the freedom of all others.

Conclusion

The recommendations in this report do not defend liberty; they attempt to create a dangerous union between church and state that historical precedent proves will lead to oppression, division, and the erosion of minority rights. I demand that the Commission uphold the strict separation of church and state—the very framework that has allowed diverse religious expressions to thrive peacefully in America for over two centuries.

Sincerely,
Traci Fulton