

Domestic Issues

1. Will you ensure that the Homeland Security, Justice Department, and the FBI will work closely with the Hindu Mandirs (Temples) and other organizations to ensure that they are provided protection against hate crime and discrimination?

Answer: **Yes, I will.**

2. As a Congressman, will you:

a. Consult practitioners of Hindu faith to develop guidelines related to accommodation of Hindus in workplaces, educational institutions, hospitals, prisons etc.?

Answer: **Yes, I will.**

b. Ensure that the textbooks and instructional materials that promote Hinduphobia and reflect misrepresentation of Hindu dharma (faith) in school textbooks are Removed.

Answer: **Yes, I will.**

c. Defund Universities and colleges that continue to institutionalize Hinduphobic teachings?

Answer: **I am definitely in favor of ensuring Anti-Hindu sentiment -- negative perceptions, sentiments or actions against the practitioners of Hinduism -- also known as Hinduphobia -- is interacted with as a human rights violation -- and gets addressed at all levels of American culture. We need to collect, distribute, and communicate data about that, in the hearing process of the subcommittees and full committees of the United States Senate, through a public engagement framework of roundtable discussions, development sessions, summits, and conferences. I want to be your partner in ensuring that faith leaders have access to being included in the public policy process of governance to the same degree as lobbyists, special interest groups, and corporations in America. I am open to meeting with any of your leaders, associates, and/or stakeholders in communicating further on answering this question.**

3. Over 80% of high skilled immigrants who are eligible for Green Card are Hindus. What are your views on extended delays in Green Card processing times (often more than 20 years) for these legal immigrants?

Answer: **Our current Green Card policy/processing practises are not working, and need to be upgraded in the 21st century of technology and communication.**

Global Hindu Issues

1. Will you promote equal rights and security for Dharmic communities (Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist) in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh?

Answer: **Yes, I will.**

2. The United States has a long tradition of offering hope and safe haven to refugees and to those seeking asylum. Will you give persecuted followers of Dharmic faiths who are minorities in these countries, asylum under the "emergency refugee protection" program?

Answer: **Yes, I will.**

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3. Will you refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of a fellow democracies like India that seeks to give asylum to religious minorities that are legally or constitutionally persecuted in theoretic countries in the region?

Answer: **Yes, I will.**

4. Will you promote stronger relations with India and support India's role in a new vision for the Indo-Pacific, to counter-terrorism and advance our shared security and economic interests in the region?

Answer: **Yes, I will.**