

# AMERICAN HINDUS AGAINST DEFAMATION

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A Project of World Hindu Council of America (VHPA)

DOES THIS OFFEND YOU?





Lord Ganesha on Toilet Seat

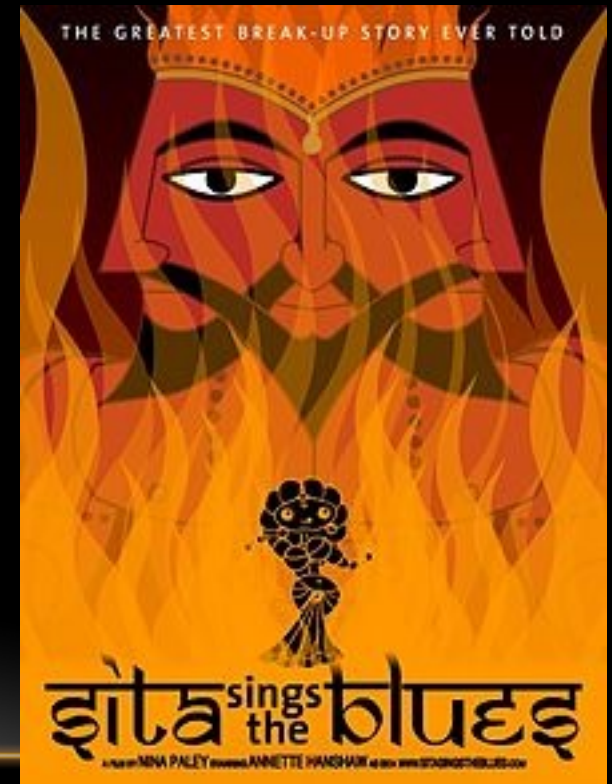
And has HIS  
own beer brand





And Sita Sings the Blues in unthinkable portrayal of Ramayana

While Lord Shiva (Nataraja form) bathes in Kohler showers



NOT JUST IN WEST BUT IN EAST TOO...



Painting of Saraswati  
Devi by MF Hussain

**“Offended?”**

**“Why Bother?”**

# LET'S CONNECT THE DOTS...

In 1987, a thirty-year-old Indian immigrant bank manager, Navroze Mody, was beaten to death by a gang chanting "Hindu, Hindu!" A group which called itself the "Dot Busters," which included local teenagers, had been targeting the hard-working community of Indian immigrants with low-level harassment for months. — Newspaper Clipping

We are an organization called Dot Busters . . . . If I'm walking down the street and I see a Hindu and the setting is right, I will hit him or her. . . . They will never do anything . . . . They are a week race Physically and mentally.

(Letter to the Editor, Local NJ paper)



**That was so long ago –  
now, can we move on?**



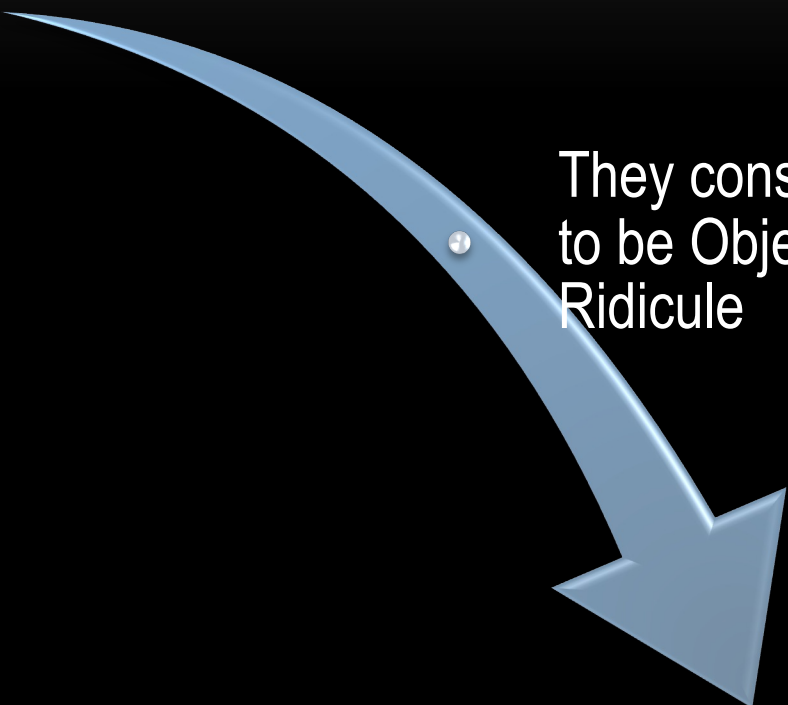
Divyendu Sinha

Brutally Murdered in NJ on June 25, 2010

*“We had gone for a walk down the street after dinner that night, when Julian Daley, Christian Tinli, Christopher Conway and Cash Johnson confronted and brutally attacked us,” Sinha’s wife, Alka, says describing the events on a website dedicated to her husband. “Steven Contreras had driven them to the scene of the crime.”*

# Connecting the Dots ...

When people ridicule Your sacred symbols , your customs and culture



They consider you  
to be Object of  
Ridicule

When you are an Object of Ridicule there  
is no guilt in indulging in physical violence  
against you

# THE END RESULTS ARE ...



Attack on Akshardham  
Temple in Sept 2002

Attack on Sikh  
Temple in Wisconsin



**Indeed, Let us**

**Connect the Dot ...**

# ... and Take A Pledge

- ALL OF US, will remain vigilant towards every instance of insult to Hindu culture, customs, images and symbols
- We will use educational, legal, financial and political means to ensure that such acts are prevented and reversed

# AHAD is here to lead...

- A Grass Roots effort
- First Hindu organization against defamation
- Took up over a dozen substantial defamation issues – mobilized the Hindu community and reversed the offense in almost all the cases

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