**Pumping Hyper-nationalism in the nation**

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The discourse on Nationalism has changed to hyper, ever since the BJP presented Modi as it prime ministerial candidate. The party, through different modes has been telling people that Congress has served the interests of Muslims, leading to hatred amongst different sections of the society with slogans such as “Desh k ghadaro ko, Goli maro saalo ko!” (Chiefly comprising of inciting communal violence among Hindus and Muslims).

Many of BJP leaders including Modi admitted that their party is focused to work on Hindu nationalism forgetting the rights of minorities in the country. Amit Shah said “Nationalism is the identity of our party and our three generations have maintained it by their sacrifices. Now it is our responsibility to protect, preserve and carry on this identity. ” Later PM Modi himself asserted that nationalism and patriotism are the tools to fight sectarian politics in India and Nationalism was their way to victory in 2014 elections. Later party chief said the BJP were founded to provide an optional political ideology to the country and also agreed with Modi.

This was just to gain popularity and support from Hindus. Under Modi, the BJP has [espoused](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/india/2018-11-23/triumph-hindu-majoritarianism) a more extreme ideology. Muslims who were no longer treated ‘preferentially’ were required to stand with the nation or else go back to Pakistan. Many laws including criminalization on slaughter of cows, banning of 3 talaks were also passed just to humiliate Muslims. An evidence of this is the 2006 commission that found out, Muslims were disadvantaged in areas of formal economic opportunity and access to general education. More than a decade later, many suspect that this structural inequity not only [persists](https://thewire.in/rights/interview-post-sachar-report-condition-of-indian-muslims-unchanged) but also might have [worsened](https://thewire.in/rights/interview-post-sachar-report-condition-of-indian-muslims-unchanged).