

## Dr Ambedkar and Muslims: An Experiment with lies

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**Abstract:** *This article presents certain facts to decode and defeat the false propaganda against Dr Ambedkar. An attempt is made to design and project Dr Ambedkar has an anti-Muslim with political intention of creating confusions among Dalits and Muslims. He elected to constituent assembly from Bengal where Muslims were majority in number and All India Muslim league supported his candidature. Dr Ambedkar rejected religious nationalism. Dr Ambedkar never compromised with right and interested of Muslim. Thus, an attamed is made in this article to study the relationship between Ambedkar and Muslims and expose the false anti-Muslims narratives.*

**Key Words:** *Dr. Ambedkar and Muslims Issues; Partition of Indian; Muslim League.*

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

There was an age-old political style of rightist is that they try to retain their hold in power politics. In order to accomplish their goal of retaining power they use all possible tools to exclude the down trodden from getting into the circles of power politics. In early 2020 there was an experiment male in Uttarpradesh that is political unification of Dalits and Muslims taken place. In fact, it was a successful model to certain extent. But a rightist were very smart enough in reading the threat and turned upset of losing pleasure full political powers. Because Dalits and Muslims constitute near majority which is an essential precondition of power in democratic politics. Thus, few right wing ideologies quickly started their workup to break or prevent ‘Dalit - Muslim’ political unification. Spreading falsehood, misrepresentation of facts, selective reading of history etc were the key ingredients of their propaganda. They made an attempt to design and project Dr Ambedkar has an anti-Muslim with political intention of creating confusions among Dalits and Muslims. This article presenting certain facts to decode and defeat the false propaganda against Ambedkar.

### 2. The Myth about Dr Ambedkar

In his entire life Dr Ambedkar never took any stand against Muslims. No any such writings or speeches of Dr Ambedkar is found which strengthens the narratives of anti-Muslim paradigm. In fact Dr Ambedkar had differences of opinion with few Muslim leaders of the time. That does not mean that Dr Ambedkar is an anti-Muslim. His opinion is limited to Muslim leadership which we cannot apply to whole Muslim community in total. He has published a series of articles of Lokahitawadi on Muslims in his “Bahishkruth Bharat” is a classical example of his commitment about finding the solutions for the Muslim issues and mainstreaming them. Dr Ambedkar also fought against all kind of discrimination and advocated to protect interest and safeguard the rights of Muslims in British India.

### 3. Dr Ambedkar and Two Nation

Dr Ambedkar had a different view of the partition. Savarkar and Jinnah were very much interested in bringing partition by quoting multiple issues and cultural differences. Increased communal disharmony, Lahore resolution of 1940 by all India Muslim league, Jinnah’s two nation theory constituted together the partition. The partition of Bengal of 1905 brought some amount of political consciousness among the Muslims. But Dr Ambedkar had a categorical argument on the issue of partition. Dr Ambedkar had a clear idea about Nationality and Nationalism. He took the note of many common interests of both Muslims and Hindus to stay as one nation.

Dr Ambedkar rejected the religious nationalism and expressed his dis-consent for dividing the nation on communal lines. Because he strongly believed and argued that religion and communal Nationalism will not serve the common purpose in the long run.

#### **4. Pakistan or the partition of India**

This was the finest writing of Dr Ambedkar. He published his book titled “Pakistan or the partition of India”. In fact, this book was nothing against Muslims, instead it is an attempt to find the solutions and to engage himself to the issues of his time. His writing was a document which recorded the reality from all the possible angles. His writing was unbiased. One can find no clue of taking any sides. In fact Dr Ambedkar explained the exact situation along with the inevitable facts. He recorded the argument of Muslims in favour of Pakistan or separate Muslim state. Meanwhile he also quoted the narratives of Hindus against partition. Dr Ambedkar expressed his view on the partition like national security, alternate narratives to formation Pakistan, lessons from the history etc were the key elements of discussion in his entire book. He also worried about the real interest of Muslims. He suggested many ways and means to settle the communal disharmony in the nation. His suggestions were very practical but needed a strong political will to solve the issues confronting by Muslims of British India.

#### **5. Dr Ambedkar’s concern about Muslims**

Dr Ambedkar as a social reformist is reformative views has also extended to Muslims. He recognised the need of reforms among Muslims has like any other religion. He argued the Indian Muslims as busy engaging them self in safeguarding their interest from majority. This factor in turn made them to consistently disengage with any reformative process. He expressed the need of reform among the Muslims shows his concern about the Muslims. He also recognised the role of insecurity in preventing Muslims from any form of reformation. Being more religious Muslims are not politically aware or one can find a lack of political consciousness among the Muslims in British India. These facts kept the Muslims away from political structure. So, Dr Ambedkar called upon Muslims to develop positive attitude towards the political process and invited them to engage themselves with socio-political narratives. Thus, any such attempt of bringing a reform in the mindset of Muslims can never be considered as something against Muslims. Instead it is the evidence to prove that Dr Ambedkar is really helping minority Muslims to get their political rights and also to safeguard their legitimate rights in British India.

#### **6. Fundamental rights to Muslims through Constitution**

Dr Ambedkar provided the fundamental rights. He is known for his advocacy in favour of fundamental rights. As a key architect of Indian constitution he never excluded the Muslim community from getting their fundamental rights. If he was against the Muslims, he would have exempt or restrict the Muslims from getting their fundamental rights through Constitution. But he has never done that. If Muslims marks any progress in the modern India the credit should go to Dr Ambedkar.

#### **7. Dr Ambedkar advocacy on Hindu Muslim brotherhood and his fight for equality**

Dr Ambedkar was a strong fighter against all form of discrimination and the division in the society. He advocated the brotherhood and proposed for “Hindu Muslim unity”. He called upon them to identify the common issues of struggle and suggested for peaceful coexistence. Though he was against the partition on religion grounds, he never forgot to acknowledge the freedom of Muslims and their freedom of expression. He contributed in a large scale for providing equal rights and opportunities not only for Dalits but even to the Muslims. He made no discrimination in providing constitutional protection and safeguarding the interest of Muslims in British India. All provisions of fundamental rights is applicable even to all Muslims without any bias. No provisions or clauses of fundamental rights were excluded the Muslims. Those all are the examples that Dr Ambedkar was in favour of Hindu Muslim unity through brotherhood.

#### **8. Dr Ambedkar and elections to constituent assembly**

It is a known fact that Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar played a key role in bringing the Constitution to India. Thus, he was regarded as the key architect of Indian constitution. Dr Ambedkar was the chairman of drafting committee of Indian constitution. Dr Ambedkar elected to constituent assembly from Bengal. It was Jogendra Nath Mandal who proposed Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar’s candidature to the constituent assembly election from Bengal and even Muslim league extended its support to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. He succeeded to take an entry to constituent assembly from Bengal where the Muslims were majority. It is a historical evidence to prove that the Muslims of British India and Dr Ambedkar were in good terms. They had a great trust on Dr Ambedkar. If Dr Ambedkar was against the Muslims, this

would have not happened for him to get elect from the Muslim majority area to constituent assembly. All India Muslim league also supported his candidature. The entry of Dr Ambedkar was a very important event in the Indian history. Dr Ambedkar presence made an impact in constitute assembly.

## 9. CONCLUSION:

With the above said all the facts it is revealed that Dr Ambedkar was never against Muslims. The anti-Muslim image is something which is artificially created and manufactured stories of certain section of the society who's basic intention is to create a gap between Dalits -Muslims political unification. The myths created against Dr Ambedkar is baseless, instead Dr Ambedkar had a greater contribution for the upliftment of Muslims. He fought for the fundamental rights, equality, equal opportunity and against discrimination of all sections of the society including for the Muslims. His advocacy on Hindu Muslim unity and its effort to bring the atmosphere for peaceful coexistence is the recorded history. He elected to constituent assembly from Bengal is not something which can hide and it remained as historical evidence to prove that Dr Ambedkar and Muslims were in good terms.

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