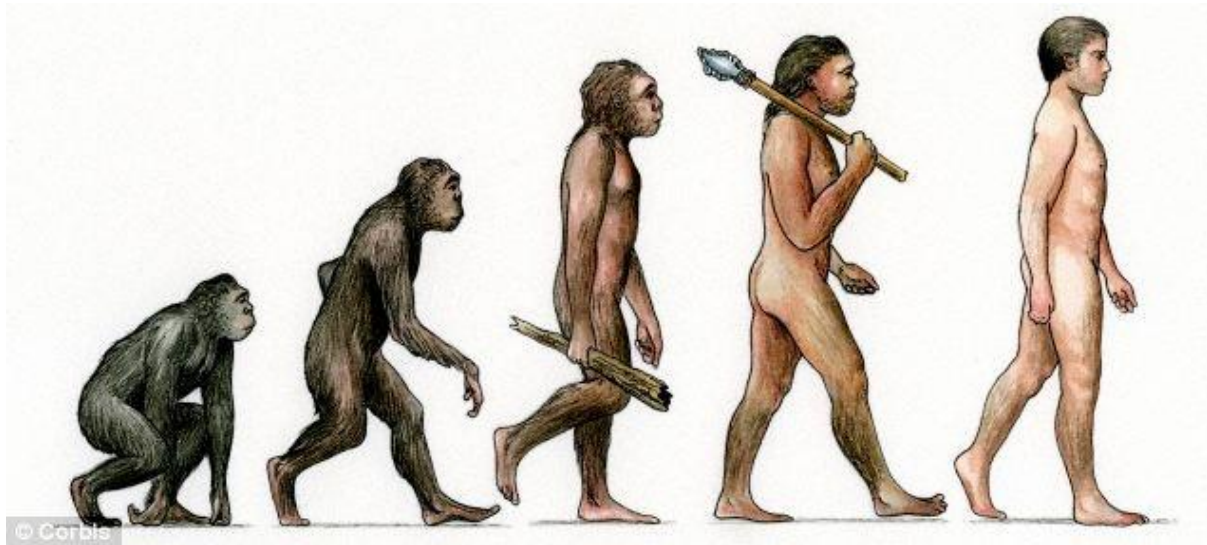


## From Gandhi to Modi – evolution of Hindu spine



It is not surprising that Patwardhan and Sahgal, Bhargava and Banerjee feel intimidated by the Hindu spine that finally straightened up in 2014 . Let me give captions to these five pictures:

1. Hindu spine when Gandhi was alive
2. Hindu spine after Gandhi died
3. Hindu spine after Nehru died
4. Hindu spine in PM Vajpayee's times
5. Hindu spine in PM Modi's times

Modi government should take a good hard look at the juries, committees and boards which nominated these writers, scientists, artists and other charlatans for the awards which they are now returning. The Constituent Assembly looked a lot like the first picture because its majority members were from the Congress and every Congress member to the Constituent Assembly was handpicked by Gandhi or Nehru. Thus they were either Gandhi or Nehru loyalists with as much spine as the first man.

This man could not be expected to take on Nehru when Nehru pushed Article 370 in absentia (Nehru like the coward that he was stayed away from the Constituent Assembly on the day the provision was tabled) nor could the spineless Hindu in the Constituent Assembly be expected to push Nehru aside and make cow protection a basic feature of our constitution. Even Sardar Patel the iron man did not have the steel in his spine to stand up to Gandhi. Patel was to Gandhi what Bhishma was to Dhritrashtra. The docile, passive Constituent Assembly in Nehruvian times found its echo in all cultural, educational and research organizations which became the privileged parking places for the kind of scientists, writers artists and intellectuals who dictated and dominated the country's cultural and political discourse because the Hindu spine had been bent by servility, self-interest and sycophancy at the altar of Gandhi, then Nehru, then Indira Gandhi, then Rajiv Gandhi, then Sonia Gandhi.

S Gurumurthy in an article recently beat the Hindu spine publicly to make it bend at Modi's altar. Just as Bhisma made the mistake of equating Hastinapur with the throne and the throne with Dhritrashtra, Patel equated Gandhi with Hindu interests. Today, Hindus should not fall into the trap of letting Patwardhan, Sahgal or Gurumurthy equate the Hindu nation with Modi. Modi is the last man in the picture above. He is the face of Hindu society which is finally standing up. Not Jinnah, it is the Gandhis in our midst who are the real danger. Hindu intellectuals in ivory towers do not live with Muslims in the same village nor are their homes invaded by Christian missionaries. Ivory tower journalists writing for newspapers are not stopping cattle traffickers on the roads or breaking their hearts when cows are sacrificed during Eid.

In this tremendous churning in the nation's public discourse the first to rise to the top will be the pent up anger and frustration caused by our political disempowerment. When the Gandhis in our midst defile Hindu activism on the streets, they actually want the churning to stop because they see this as the only way to stem the consequences of deep Hindu anger. They have the short-sighted objective to save Modi from the powerful secularists who are the target of Hindu anger. Modi doesn't need to be saved. If the Hindu spine is hardened by resolve to protect the Hindu way of life, Modi and his government will be automatically protected. So I say, let the churning continue; this backbreaking churning alone will harden the new steel in the Hindu spine. Let us finally push the Gandhis and Nehrus aside; Hindu politics needs new idols for inspiration.

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