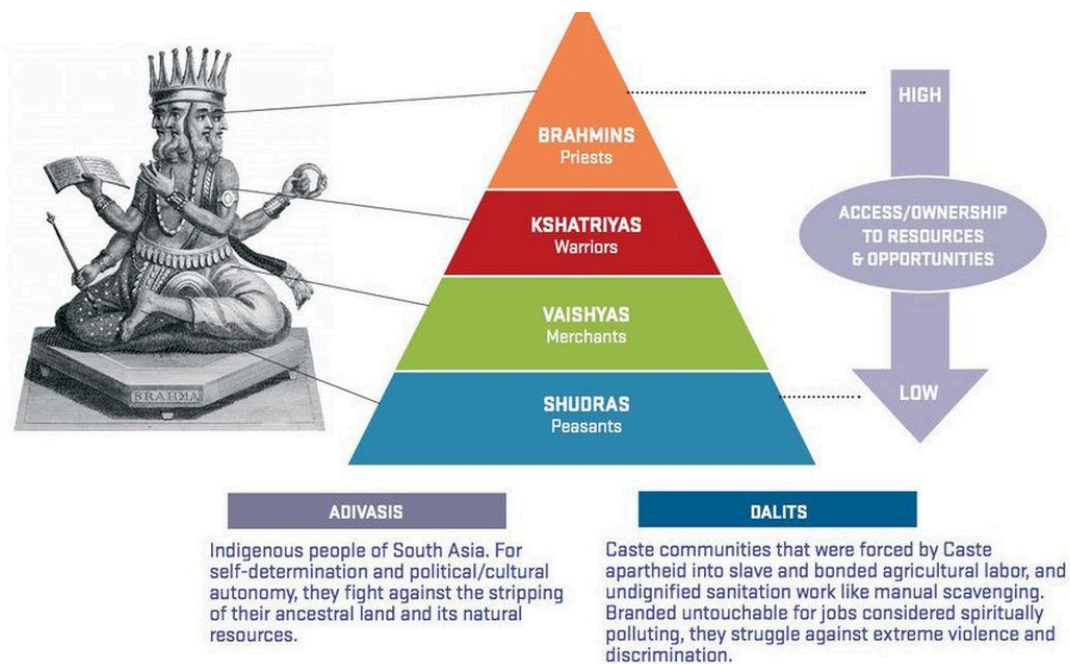


# Anti-Caste Resources



## **PLEASE READ THESE POINTS BEFORE YOU PROCEED, THANK YOU**

- ❖ Hi everyone, this doc contains **introductory to advanced Anti-caste resources (in South Asia and globally)**. Additionally, mentions of South Asian politics, history, South Asian Indigenous & tribal history and sources, Indian/Hindu nationalism (their money trails in US), Hindutva, racism, anti-Blackness, different leftist perspectives, etc.
- ❖ **CW for this doc: Casteism, Racism, mentions of murder, death, BRUTAL physical assault, violence, graphic descriptions/ videos/ images, sexual assault, rape, etc.**
- ❖ The **“commenter” access** for this page is on if you have resource suggestions/improvements! Simply select the text, and click **“Add comment”** or **“Suggest Edits”** on the right side of this doc or in the toolbar above
- ❖ The link to this doc can be **shared with anyone**. As YOU ALL contribute your suggestions, we will keep editing this doc and adding more resources

- ❖ This doc was made by multiple people and the info found here is the result of the **labor** of many South Asian caste oppressed and Indigenous creators and activists, both on social media platforms and on the ground spreading awareness. **Please DO NOT be reactionary and TAKE THE TIME to properly examine these sources. PUT IN THE WORK and thoroughly educate yourself**
- ❖ We would suggest that in addition to reading books by these authors, you also **research the authors** and their life as well! (We've linked some basic wiki info below for starters)
- ❖ Many of these works are from authors who are caste oppressed and belong to marginalized communities. If you are able to - **please support these authors and buy their works**. ESPECIALLY if you are caste privileged, do your part. We have, however, included links that redirect you to free online PDFs so that these materials are accessible for all. We're also working on including more **video and audio resources**
- ❖ Note that not all of the resources included in this doc are from caste oppressed folks, **be critical** while viewing works that come from caste privileged & other individuals.
- ❖ Note that one should not 'worship' or 'idolize' any individual (authors, activists, etc.) A lot of the people mentioned below have different ideologies and talked about casteism from different perspectives. Read this entire doc critically, put in the labor to engage and do research!

## CASTE 101 - WHAT IS CASTE?

- [WHAT IS CASTE? Caste in the U.S. by Equality Labs](#)
- [Caste Privilege 101: A Primer for the Privileged](#)
- [Unlearning Caste Supremacy, Caste Abolition Reading List by Equality Labs](#) (scroll down in this page also check out their "Research Page")

## MOVIES, DOCUMENTARIES, & OTHER VIDEOS/INTERVIEWS

- [India untouched 2013 - Documentary on Caste in India TW: Casteism, Mentions of SA/Rape, Graphic dead body & animals, mentions of casteism/separation of graves in people's death/separation of where](#)

to pray in other religious communities such as Christians, Sikhs, and Muslims

- “[Dalits] Are Considered Unpure” | Caste in America
- Caste in America Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5
- Dalit Muslims of India
- Even in the U.S. he couldn’t escape the label ‘untouchable’
- Canadian academics speak out about harassment for criticizing Hindu nationalism
- *Anti-Caste Ecological Politics* (Suraj Yengde, Malini Ranganathan, Mukul Sharma, Ambika Aiyadurai, Prashant Ingole, Vidyadhar Atkore) Books & Articles written by some of these people below
- List of more Anti-Caste Movies
- Coming Out As a Dalit: A Conversation with Yashica Dutt
- [Jai Bhim Comrade](#)

## **WEBSITES/ARTICLES:**

- Busted: Four Myths on Caste-Based Reservation Policies
- Basis and Significance of Reservation
- Why Caste-based reservation is a logical social-justice measure
- Casteism In Our Words: 10 Casteist Slurs And Why We Need To Stop Throwing Them Around
- How three generations of Dalit women writers saw their identities and struggle?
- “*Root to Rise?: Hindutva and the Propaganda of Yoga’s Origins*” by the Yale Historical Review, Morgan Baker
- How Appropriation of Yoga Masks Violence
- *Ghosts of Yogas Past and Present* (written by a caste-oppressed person, must read!) by Prachi Patankar

- *Cultivating a Yogic Theology of Collective Healing: A Yogini's Journey Disrupting White Supremacy, Hindu Fundamentalism, and Casteism* (Read Critically) by Dr. Sheena Sood
- **More important info about Yoga (such as African and other Indigenous South Asian origins/perspectives), books, articles, etc. in a separate google doc, where commenter/suggestion access is on. Some of the instructions from above apply to this doc, be respectful!**
- Adivasis are not Hindus. Lazy Colonial census gave them the label
- *'Tell Everyone We Scalped You!' How Caste Still Rules in India* (article without paywall)
- Why white supremacists and Hindu nationalists are so alike
- When Will Caste-Oppressed and Queer and Trans Folks Find Liberation in Sikh Spaces?
- Was Ambedkar Really Anti-Muslim, as the Sangh Parivar Claims?
- Hate speech and death threats: Canadian academics harassed after criticizing Hindu nationalism in India
- *Caste Nutrition and Public Health* by Dr. Sylvia Karpagam
- Checkout Dr. Sylvia Karpagam, a public health doctor's work on *Caste* (Health and its social determinants) and *more related articles*
- *Even After a Century, Water Is Still the Marker of India's Caste Society* (CW: Physical violence, death)
- *Invisibility of Caste in Environmental studies* (also check Anti-Caste Ecological Politics above under movie/video, authors in the yt video)
- *Caste, racialization, and the making of environmental unfreedoms in urban India* by Malini Ranganathan (also check Anti-Caste Ecological Politics above under movie/video, authors in the yt video)
- The Time-Honored History of Caste Oppressed People in Canada
- *Caste Question, Marxism and the Political Legacy of B.R. Ambedkar* by Abhinav Sinha (for video & audio version [click here](#))

## **BOOKS:**

- LIBGEN, Z LIBRARY, PDF DRIVE IS WHERE FREE PDFs ARE

- Please comment/suggest more recs on *Dalit Feminism*, Casteism in *Sikh, Muslim, Christian* and other religious communities in South Asia

- *Annihilation of Caste* by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, **NOTE:** avoid Arundhati Roy version:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ByVvij0vae4acBtSfL9WmsmtYfQYpMf-Vfx40LVguQE/edit>
- *CASTES IN INDIA: Their Mechanism, Genesis and Development* by Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
- *Beef, Brahmins, and Broken Men: An Annotated Critical Section from the Untouchables* by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Intro by Dr. Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd
- *More* by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- *Why Were the Women Enslaved* by Periyar
- *Gulamgiri (Slavery)* by Jyotirao Phule
- 93 page report on the money trail of Hindu Nationalist groups, individuals, and family foundations in the U.S.
- *Persistence of Caste* by Anand Teltumbde
- *Why I am Not a Hindu: A Sudra Critique of Hindutva Philosophy, Culture and Political Economy* by Dr. Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd
- *Buffalo Nationalism: A Critique of Spiritual Fascism* by Dr. Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd
- *More* by Dr. Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd
- *Debrahmanising History: Dominance and Resistance in Indian Society* by Braj Ranjan Mani



- *Republic of Caste: Thinking Equality in the Time of Neoliberal Hindutva* by Anand Teltumbde (includes info about Reservations)
- *Caste Matters* by Dr. Suraj Milind Yengde
- *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson
- *Dalit Panthers Manifesto*:  
<https://velivada.com/2017/10/30/manifesto-dalit-panthers/>



- *Philosophical Trends in the Feminist Movement* (mentions of Casteism) by Anuradha Ghandy
- *Scripting the Change: Selected Writings of Anuradha Ghandy* (Section 1: Caste, plus mentions of casteism in other sections)
- *More* by Anuradha Ghandy
- *Fearless Freedom* by Kavita Krishnan
- *Ground Down by Growth: Tribe, Caste, Class and Inequality in Twenty-First-Century India* by Alpa Shah, Jens Lerche, Richard Axelby,

Dalel Benbabaali, Brendan Donegan, Jayaseelan Raj and Vikramaditya Thakur

- *Dalits and the Making of Modern India* by Dr. Chinnaiah Jangam (can't find pdf)
- *The Prisons we Broke* by Baby Kamble, Translated by Maya Pandit
- *Coming Out as Dalit: A Memoir* by Yashica Dutt
- *Joothan: A Dalit's Life* by Omprakash Valmiki
- *Ants Among Elephants: An Untouchable Family & the Making of Modern India* by Sujatha Gidla
- *Dalit Feminist Theory: A Reader* by Sunaina Arya, Aakash Singh Rathore
- *The Weave of my Life: A Dalit Woman's Memoirs* by Urmila Pawar (Foreward), Maya Pandit (Translator), Wandana Sonalkar (Intro)
- *Baluta* by Daya Pawar
- *When I Hid My Caste: Stories* by Baburao Bagul, Jerry Pinto
- *The Gender of Caste: Representing Dalits in Print (Global South Asia)* by Charu Gupta
- *Reconsidering Untouchability: Chamars and Dalit History in North India* by Ramnarayan Rawat (can't find free pdf)
- *Austriac Civilization of India: Pre-Vedic Kherwal-Santal Civilization : an Interpretation and Analysis of Pre-Vedic History of India Through Austriac Culture and on the Basis of Austriac Language* by N.Hembram (can't find free pdf) might be available in U.S. universities libraries?
- *AntiGods Own Country: A Short History of Brahmanical Colonisation of Kerala* by A.V. Sakthidharan (can't find free pdf)
- *Hindutva as Political Monotheism* by Anustup Basu
- *Empire's Garden: Assam and the Making of India* by Jayeeta Sharma
- *Religion and Society Among the Coorgs of South India* (older original ed, newer 2003 version you might have to buy) by M.N. Srinivas
- *Gendering Caste: through a Feminist Lens* by Uma Chakravarti
- *Haunted by Fire: Essays on Caste, Class, Exploitation, and Emancipation* by Mythili Sivaraman

- *Caste, Widow-Remarriage, and the Reform of Popular Culture in Colonial Bengal* by [Sekhar Bandyopadhyay](#) (can't find pdf)
- *More about Caste* by [Sekhar Bandyopadhyay](#)
- *Was Hinduism Invented?: Britons, Indians, and the Colonial Construction of Religion* by [Brian K. Pennington](#)
- *Caste and Nature: Dalits and Indian Environmental Politics* by [Mukul Sharma](#) (also check Anti-Caste Ecological Politics above under movie/video, authors in the yt video)
- *The Trauma of Caste: A Dalit Feminist Meditation on Survivorship, Healing, and Abolition* by [Thenmozhi Soundararajan](#)

### **AUDIOBOOK VERSIONS OF BOOKS MENTIONED:**

- [Annihilation of Caste](#) by [Dr. B.R. Ambedkar](#)
- [CASTES IN INDIA: Their Mechanism, Genesis and Development](#) by [Dr. B.R. Ambedkar](#)

### **PODCASTS (still looking for more, suggest some!):**

- [Yoga + Hindu Nationalist Politics & more, interview with Sheena Sood, Listen from 1:01:10 ish](#)

### **SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS TO CHECK OUT: (Reminder: Read Critically)**

- [dalitjournal](#) • [dalit\\_history](#) • [equalitylabs](#)
  - [behanbox](#) • [dalitdesk](#) • [dalitwomenfight](#) • [adivasidastak](#)
  - [adivasi\\_bhil](#) • [inquilabseries](#) • [chetnacanada](#) • [sylviakarpagam](#)
  - [theruralproletarian](#) • [helpdeprived](#) • [dalitqueerframes](#) • [aidingallies](#)
  - [dalitdiva](#) • [yogeshmaitreya](#) • [buffalo.intellectual](#) • [ambedkar\\_dhamma](#)
  - [bahujanlivesmatter](#) • [bahujan\\_renaissance](#) • [dalitcamera](#) • [@dalitfeminist](#)
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## **PUBLICATIONS TO FOLLOW/SUPPORT:**

- *Round Table India* (scroll down for About Us section)
- Panther's Paw Publication
  - *How Panther's Paw Publication is publishing its Dalit books during, and against, the Pandemic*
  - *Follow Yogesh Maitreya, the founder!*
- Navayana Publishing
- [Drbrambedkarbooks.com](http://Drbrambedkarbooks.com)
- [Velivada.com](http://Velivada.com) (educational resources)
- [Dalitcamera.com](http://Dalitcamera.com)

**[LINK TO RESOURCES ABOUT SOUTH ASIAN LITERATURE: GENDER & SEXUALITY \(Read & Research Carefully and Critically\) They also have a "Caste, Gender, and Dalit Literature" Section](#)**

**[LINK TO MORE SOUTH ASIAN RESOURCES + OTHER VALUABLE REFLECTIVE MATERIALS](#)**

**[Resources for Nepalis to learn more about Caste-based Injustices](#)**