

# How Facebook is allowing Indian Far-right in stoking Islamophobic narrative in the wake of French crisis.

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Ahead of the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to France, and after the shooting of a teenager Nahel M. by the French police, the nation of France has erupted in unprecedented [violence](#). The protest sparked by the death of the teenager is being seen as a manifestation of persistent and pervasive [discrimination faced by French minorities](#). Several regions of France have witnessed acts of [unprecedented protest violence](#), counter-protest, and [counter-violence by the French nationalists](#), who are quick to blame Muslim immigrants for the [crisis in France](#). Several thousand kilometres away in India, French protests are being used as a means to rationalise and further perpetuate [violence against Indian Muslims](#). Far-right [Hindutva proponents](#), [media](#), and [verified social media influencers](#) are using the violence in France to incriminate and delegitimise Indian Muslims, while simultaneously aligning with far-right French Nationalists in their attempts to blame French Muslims. This transnational co-option of narrative and Islamophobia is stoked by social media such as Twitter and Facebook.



**Yogi Adityanath Office** @myogioffice

Whenever extremism fuels riots, chaos engulfs and law & order situation arises in any part of the globe, the World seeks solace and yearns for the transformative "Yogi Model" of Law & Order established by Maharaj Ji in Uttar Pradesh.

**Prof.N John Camm** @njohncamm · Jun 30  
India must send @myogiadityanath to France to control riot situation there and My God,he will do it within 24 hours.

7:54 AM · Jul 1, 2023 · 3.6M Views

8,819 Retweets 796 Quotes 35.6K Likes 342 Bookmarks

Source: [Twitter](#)



**Nat Sec** @Abhisekh34

No, this peaceful Buddhist Monk is the best choice.



**Prof.N John Camm** @njohncamm · Jun 30  
India must send @myogiadityanath to France to control riot situation there and My God,he will do it within 24 hours.

7:57 PM · Jun 30, 2023 · 764 Views



**Prof.N John Camm** @njohncamm · 4h

Religion unite people/community together.Unlike Pope or Prophet,Hindus lack any religious leadership who is respected/followed universally. If it has to survive then it must choose a leader who will unite every ethnic Hindus:'Hinduism is a way of life' is nothing but bullshit.

31 103 3,488

**Prof.N John Camm** @njohncamm · 4h

As per early estimates,India will be either Islamic State or face another major Partition by 2075.

142 366 11.1K

For example, the Indian online media outlet, [the Scroll](#), reported someone impersonating Professor N John Camm - a cardiologist from NHS in the United Kingdom - who tweeted from their 'fake' but verified Twitter "India must send @myogiadityanath to France to control the riot situation there and My God, he will do it within 24 hours." The tweet was picked up by the official (and personal) Twitter account of Yogi Adityanath, the far-right Indian Chief Minister who is infamous for his [militant-styled governance](#) and [bulldozer justice](#).

The tweet of "Prof.N. John Camm" was also retweeted with limited visibility, to suggest that France needs militant monks like [Wirathu](#), who is infamous for his [vitriolic incitement](#) against [Muslims](#) and rose to social media fame through his sermons on YouTube and on Facebook, where he had more than 37,000 followers in 2015.

Twitter user [Prof. N John Camm](#), while impersonating a cardiologist who is sharing scientific publications through Twitter, regularly engages in [communal speech](#), dog-whistling against the Muslim and African community, including dehumanizing both Muslims and Africans in a [now-deleted tweet](#) by the user. The followers of the account also regularly engage in anti-muslim diatribes and covert calls for violence often [dehumanising Muslims](#).



**Gloria Joseph** @GloJo\_NaMo · Jul 4

When you invite a snake into your home, what else can you expect other than venom?

Sad state of affairs for the European people.

#FranceBurning #IslamicTerrorism

**Prof.N John Camm** @njohncamm · Jul 3

Today's Paris! Unbelievable!



## Anti-Muslim and Anti-Migrant Rhetorics are ripe on Facebook

Within a period of seven days, i.e., from the 1st of July 2023 to the 7th of July 2023, Facebook recorded 1.6 million interactions from 3484 posts on the word 'France' (फ्रांस) from their India-facing groups and pages. The top trending posts (screenshots below) are filled with Anti-Muslim and Anti-Refugee/Migrant rhetoric and support the Far-right French Nationalists for their struggle for 'their country'. Despite French government officials stating on record that all those arrested for riots are French, the Indian media has been on a diatribe distinguishing between French (calling them *moolniwasi* - *aboriginal French*); and racial and ethnic minorities.

The French riots and the support of French far-right by Indian far-right comes in the backdrop of [Modi's official State visit](#) to France on 14th July the Bastille Day, where several leading French scholars like [Christophe Jaffrelot have questioned Modi's](#) commitment to French democratic ideals - liberty, equality and fraternity.



Source: Screenshots are sourced from CrowdTangle a Facebook Research Tool

**Trend Bharat** Jul 4, 2023 at 5:19 PM  
फ्रांस ने कहा योगी को भेज दो, 24 घंटे में समाप्त होगा दंगा  
फ्रांस ने कहा योगी को भेज दो, 24 घंटे में समाप्त होगा दंगा योगी ने तुरंत फोन घुमाया, और रवाना हुए सैकड़ों बुलडोजर ?  
1.01M POST VIEWS 1.02M TOTAL VIEWS

**Siyasi Bharat** Jul 2, 2023 at 5:12 PM  
वोटजीवी नेताओं के कारण फ्रांस जल रहा है! दल गुलामी छोड़िए नहीं तो भारत भी जलेगा।  
461.2K POST VIEWS 521.0K TOTAL VIEWS

**TV9 Bharatvarsh** Jul 1, 2023 at 10:20 AM  
फ्रांस: गाड़ियों को निशाना बना रहे प्रदर्शनकारी, अब तक सैकड़ों गाड़ियों में तोड़फोड़  
1.79M POST VIEWS 1.84M TOTAL VIEWS

**The News Launcher** Jul 3, 2023 at 1:50 PM  
Yogi राज में योगी राज के एक वीडियो ने इंटरनेशनल बेइज्जती करवा दी, अमेरिका और फ्रांस भी हंसेगे!  
768.6K POST VIEWS 852.6K TOTAL VIEWS

**Siyasi Bharat** Jul 1, 2023 at 7:39 AM  
भारत के नेता, अभिनेता, बुद्धिजीवी, कवि, पत्रकार, जज और धर्मगुरु बताएं कि फ्रांस क्यों जल रहा है?  
258.4K POST VIEWS 306.8K TOTAL VIEWS

**Apna Bharat** Jul 2, 2023 at 3:30 AM  
Yogi ने मोदी को पछाड़ दुनिया मे रच दिया इतिहास, फ्रांस ने 24 घण्टे के लिए योगी को बुलाया  
450.4K POST VIEWS 457.9K TOTAL VIEWS

**Zee News** Jul 3, 2023 at 4:42 PM  
इंजीनियर मांगने के लिए अमेरिका से फोन न आ जाए सोशल मीडिया में योगीराज की जमकर खिल्ली उड़ी  
32.1K 1.5K 12.7K

## Glorifying Indian Far-right leader Yogi Adityanath

The tweet from Prof. John N Camm praising Yogi Adityanath for his highheadedness with the Muslim community has also gained notoriety on Facebook, where [unauthentic tabloid media pages](#) have picked up the tweet and made it viral. The majority of the top-trending videos on Facebook on French riots rationalize Yogi Adityanath's [structural violence against Muslim](#) minorities in his State as a deterrence, which they claim the French police and government must also adopt against French Muslims.

The video (screenshot below) with the highest number of interactions in our search, and over 1 million views, was posted by [Trend Bharat](#), a page identifying itself as a content creator, and masquerading as news commentary in its reporting style. The video, which is a series of hyped images of Yogi Adityanath in a police conference and addressing a rally, is juxtaposed with a French protest. The narrator, speaking in Hindi, in the video of 3 minutes, authoritatively lies that Yogi Adityanath ("Yogi Baba") has been invited to France to deal with the Muslim rioters. The reporter claims that Yogi Baba has gladly accepted the offer to help and has sent bulldozers to France. The reporter further states that the invitation to Yogi Baba has led to 'Mulla and Mulawi's' (a derogatory word for Muslims) feeling deeply insecure, and running for their lives in crisis. The video uses prof. N John Camm tweet to validate its claim (minute 2:38). While such videos can be considered as a political spoof, nowhere on the page, or on the video does the creator mention that it is a spoof/satire page. Furthermore, the gullible audience in the comment section is seen as praising Yogi Adityanath for his alleged global fame.



फ्रांस ने कहा योगी को भेज दो, 24 घंटे में समाप्त होगा दंगा

Like Comment Share

61K · 3K comments · 1M views

Similarly, another [video](#) by the page [Bharat 24](#) - Vision of New India, relying on Prof. John N Camm's [Twitter profile](#), fanfaronades CM Yogi's ability to stop the violence in France within 24 hours in their breaking news feed, where it was viewed 336K times on Facebook.

In the [video segment](#), the news reporter begins by drawing attention to a tweet originating from a [fraudulent profile of Prof John N Camm](#). The [tweet](#) suggests that the "Yogi Model," a reference to the [extrajudicial law enforcement approach](#) implemented by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh, should be implemented in France to curb the ongoing riots.

In another [video](#), by the regional wing of a [National News channel - News 18 Uttarakhand](#) Prof. N John Camm's [tweet](#) is used to fanfaronade Yogi Adityanath. The video was subsequently marked as 'false information' by Facebook but it has been shared by 7.3K users and has been liked 59,000 times. The video, however, is the only video amongst several such claims which has been marked as 'false information' despite the massive AI ability that Meta boasts about. It is unclear if the other videos with similar claims were left without labelling purposively, or because of the lack of Meta's capability to detect speech and video content appropriately.

## Vilification of Refugees and Migrants

News channels like [News India18](#) have twisted the French riots in efforts to vilify and rationalize the violence and hate against Refugees. In a debate with several panelists, the news channel openly scapegoates refugees for the woes of France. The anchors of the news channel make attempts at justifying the [Indian Government's current stance on Rohingya refugees](#), which violates all [international norms](#). The Government of India is not a signatory to the Refugee Convention and does not need to recognize asylum seekers from Myanmar - a nation in conflict - as refugees, it nevertheless has the obligation under the [Jus Cogens Norms](#) and [Principles of UDHR](#), such as [Non-Refoulement](#). This policy of the Government of India has been [condemned internationally](#) on several occasions by the [UN](#) and [Treaty bodies](#). Indian Home Minister Amit Shah has in the past called Rohingyas '[termites](#)' and [adopted push-back and deportations](#), which were even [sanctioned by Indian courts](#).

While it is pointed out by one of the panellists on the show that the French government is categorical in maintaining that the rioters (on both sides) are French citizens, News India anchors persistently call the rioters 'Muslim refugee seekers', and far-right groups 'French aboriginals'. Thus, they draw degrees of separation between groups of citizens based on their '[national origin](#)', '[Religion](#)', and '[Race](#)' and discard all media ethics including [India's own commitment](#) to the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) including [Global Compact on Refugees and Migrants](#).



'बर्निंग फ़्रांस', 'शरणार्थी' पर दुनिया 'सावधान' !

Like Comment Share

17K · 3.6K comments · 274K views

Another leading Indian news channel, [Zee News](#), ran the [following commentary in their newscast](#) of the counter-protest in France:

*"To save their country, the French aboriginals (Moolniwasi) have clashed with refugees and migrants. The aboriginals of France want to protect 'their nation' from the rioters(implying Muslim migrants and refugees). Several pictures are going viral on social media, in which it can be seen that the French aboriginals are beating the rioters with sticks and rods. The rioters (implying Muslim migrants and refugees) have burnt the schools, looted the banks, and set fire to the library. The rioters also set houses of common people (French people) on fire and burnt down vehicles after which the patience of the aboriginal French people broke and they started to counter-protest. French aboriginals themselves decided to hit the road to deal with the rioters. One can only assume that this violence is now going to be seen all over Europe and will not end soon.*

*After seeing the effect of the riots in France, neighboring countries like Britain is horrified to see the situation in France. Rishi Sunak, The PM of Britain has given more powers to the police to deal with protests in order to avoid a France-like situation in the UK. These rights can be used by the British police to crush any protest, including environmental protests where protestors can be strictly monitored.*

*Poland has also deployed 500 personnel of the Counter Terrorist Unit and Riot Police on its borders. Earlier, Poland had already stationed 5000 border guards and 2000 soldiers on its border. The neighboring country of Hungary has played an even bigger role in this. An American journalist ([Christiane Amanpour](#)) was shown her place by the Hungarian Minister, for her questions on refugees during an interview with Viktor Orban. This is the very same American journalist who interviewed [Barack Obama on the issue of Indian Muslims](#). This American journalist asked the Hungarian minister about the country going to bring in stricter laws against refugees and if it is right to do so. The Hungarian minister responded "If I am not judging your country, then you too should not give judgment on our internal matters. We are a Christian country and will remain so. We don't want any illegal refugees."*



देश बचाने के लिए दंगाइयों से भिड़े फ्रांस के लोग, दुनिया हैरान !

Like Comment Share

31K · 1.7K comments · 326K views

The video was once again widely shared, receiving 31,000 likes, and 326,000 views. The commentary clearly 'otherizes' French aboriginals (people of European descent) to those who have immigrated from elsewhere. It rationalizes revenge-violence by stating that 'Aboriginal French' people are counter-rioting against 'Non-French Others' by taking the law into their own hands. It makes the act of riot as an act of gallantry needed to protect one 'homeland'. The video peddles misleading claims that the French riot triggered [UK anti-protest laws](#), whereas these developments were already in place for some time (since May 2023). It further tries to vilify a female journalist, [Christiane Amanpour](#), who recently asked tough questions on the issue of [Indian Muslims to ex-President Obama](#), by stating that the female journalist was '[shown her place](#)' by a far-right male leader known for his [strong-man image](#). This vilification of Amanpour is similar to a pattern of [vilification received by vocal female journalists](#) questioning Narendra Modi's policies.

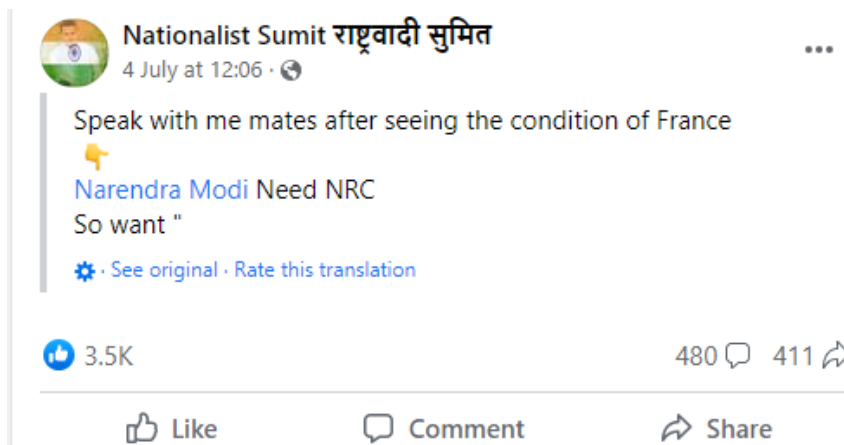
## Applauding French far right

The Indian far-right was also quick to co-opt the French far-right narrative and [applaud the French far-right](#) for '[brutally trashing the Jihadis \(Muslims\)](#)' who are seen by both the far-right as violent actors waging a religious war. Self-proclaimed BJP supporter and National President of [Bhagwa Kranti Sena](#), [Sadhvi Prachi](#), along with [Hemant Sharma](#), who claims to be a 'Hindu leader', indirectly blame the immigrants for the ongoing French violence.

The Hindu nationalists openly started to applaud the violence against the protestors calling them 'Jihadis'. There are also multiple posts that draws parallels between the French riots and the need of [NRC laws in India](#). The posts try to suggest that if the Indians do not want violence to happen in India as it is happening in France, then they should support the NRC laws which is a [controversial law in the country](#) and whose purpose is to document all the legal citizens of India so that the illegal immigrants can be identified and deported back. Another post also suggests to it's audience that if they do not want India to be France, then they should support the [Uniform Civil Code](#) (UCC). UCC is a proposal in India to formulate and implement personal laws of citizens which apply on all citizens equally regardless of their religion, gender and sexual orientation.



[Sadhvi Prachi](#) is a politician and is the National President of [Bhagwa Kranti Sena](#), which has a group on the Telegram platform sharing far right Hindu and Islamophobic content regularly. Her Facebook page has 956,000 followers. In this post, she conveys that 25 years ago, France eased its laws for immigrants (referred as "brothers" in the post) to come into the country, and now those "brothers" are making the country fodder. The post has 3000 likes and has been shared 675 times.



[Nationalist Sumit](#) claims to be a public figure on his Facebook account, which has 149k followers, and posts [Islamophobic content](#) on a daily basis. In one of his [posts](#), he also calls people reporting his account as anti-Nationals. In this post, he is trying to say that if India does not bring in the [NRC laws](#), then Indian will also witness the violence as in France right now. He also tags the PM of India, Mr. Narendra Modi in his post saying "So want [the NRC laws]." The post has 3500 likes and 411 shares.



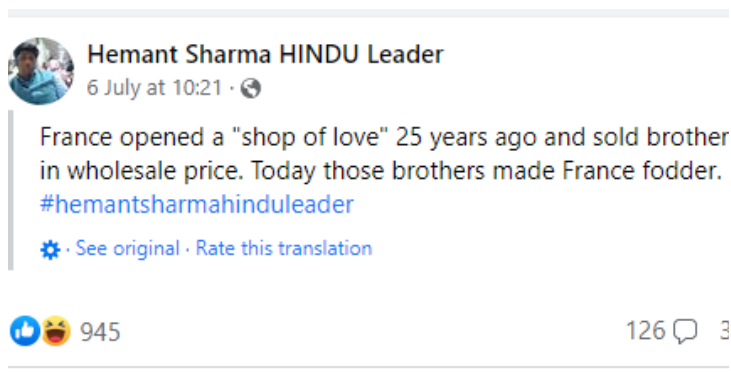


[Ganesh Rankawat](#) is a BJP supporter. Here in this post, he is asking his audience to speak up after seeing the French violence and asks people if they want the [NRC laws in India](#) or not. The post has 2200 likes and has been shared 113 times.

These posts are done by [Ankita Sharma](#) who is a supporter of PM Narendra Modi. She has 72k followers and regularly [engages](#) in spreading [hate content](#) on Facebook. The first post says that "if you do not want India to become France, then you should support the [Uniform Civil Code \(UCC\)](#) and also aware the people around you". The post has 2200 likes and has been shared 113 times.



Ankita Sharma, in this second post is apparently quoting a person named Nasiruddin Shah, saying 'I'm thinking of going to France for a few days & he's afraid to be in India as there is peace here' She's sarcastically trying to convey that the Muslim man likes violence & that's why wants to go to France rather than to be in India in peace. The post has 1500 likes and has been shared 95 times.



[Hemant Sharma](#) claims to be a Hindu leader on his Facebook profile which has 73k followers. In this post, he is trying to convey the same thing as in the [very first post](#) above in this section, that 25 years ago France eased its laws for immigrants (referred as "brothers" in the post) to come into the country and now those "brothers" are making the country fodder. The post has 945 likes and has been shared 393 times.

# HATE SPEECH

Meta very proudly boasts about its [efficient AI models](#), which have the [ability to detect hate speech](#) content that is getting posted on the platform. On their website, Meta mentions that their AI systems have [detected 97% of the hate speech](#) that got removed from the platform, up from [80.5% in late 2019 and 24% in late 2017](#).

However, we can still see the [spike in numbers](#) in which these hate speech-containing posts are getting posted on a daily basis. By the fact that [Meta is not able to detect](#) or remove this content from its platform, it is allowing the co-opting of the narrative, instigation to crimes and the spread of the disinformation. Among all of the videos shared in this document that glorify the [fake Twitter post](#) of Prof. N John Camm, only one - a [video by News18 Uttarakhand](#) - was flagged by Facebook cautioning the audience about the disinformation. Apart from the current example when Meta is not detecting and rather allowing far right Indians to stoke Islamophobic narratives in connection with the ongoing French violence, there also have been other instances when Meta failed to detect the hate posts. One of the examples are when the [far right Buddhists](#) used Met'a platform Facebook to spur violence against the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.



We urge Meta to buckle up and update its systems and AI models so as to ensure that hateful content, disinformation and content that instigates violence is immediately removed from the platform, before it reaches to such massive audience. We also urge Meta to flag such content in the platform, and also to flag the profiles of the people who engage systematically in posting Islamophobic and narrative confirming contents.

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