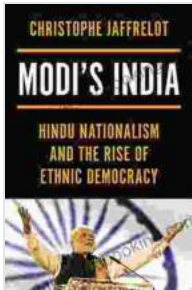


# Hindu Nationalism and the Rise of Ethnic Democracy: A Book Review



## Modi's India: Hindu Nationalism and the Rise of Ethnic Democracy by Christophe Jaffrelot

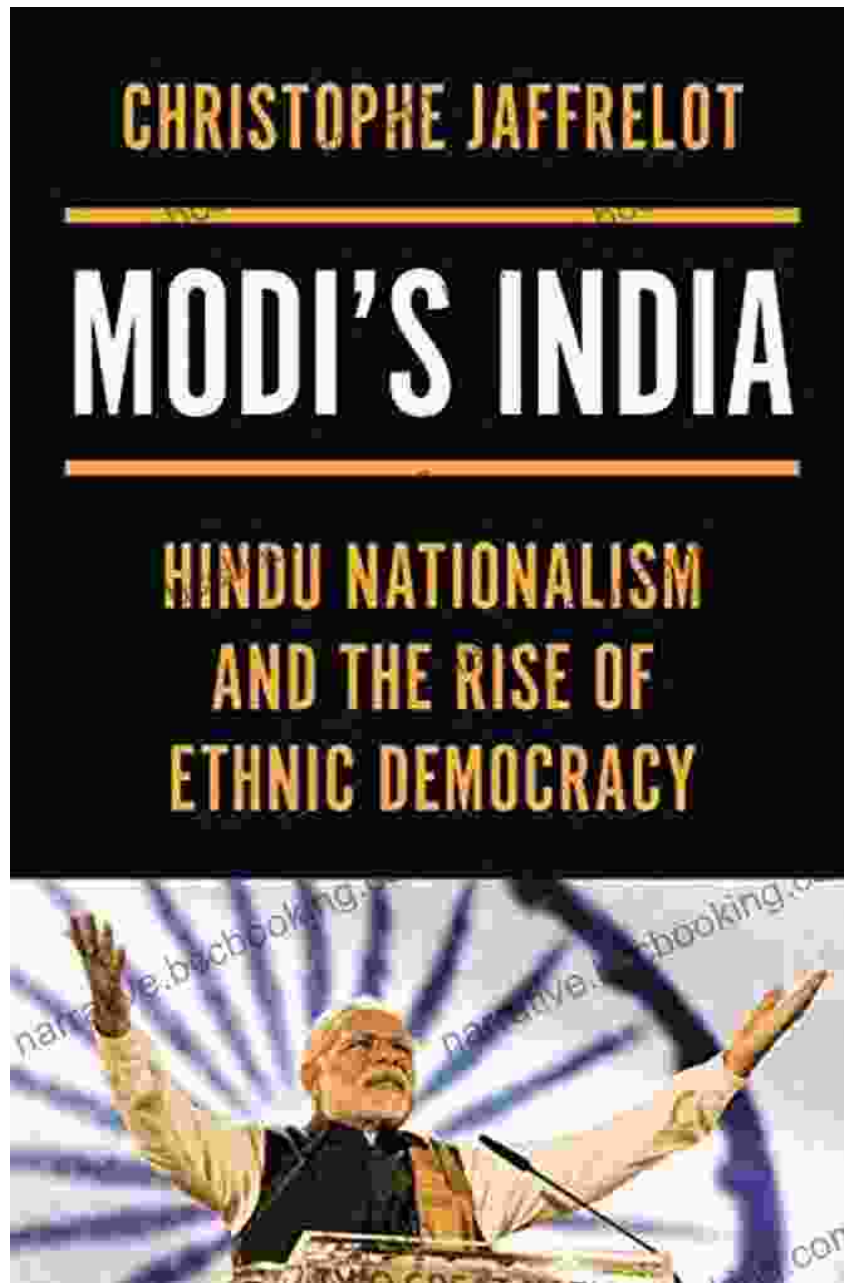
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In their book 'Hindu Nationalism and the Rise of Ethnic Democracy', Sumit Ganguly and Sagarika Dutt provide a comprehensive analysis of the rise of Hindu nationalism in India and its implications for democracy. The authors argue that Hindu nationalism is a form of ethnic democracy, which is a type of democracy that privileges the majority ethnic group over other groups. They contend that this form of democracy is incompatible with the

principles of liberal democracy, which protect the rights of all citizens regardless of their ethnicity.

## **The Rise of Hindu Nationalism**

The authors trace the origins of Hindu nationalism to the early 20th century, when it emerged as a reaction to British colonial rule. They argue that Hindu nationalism was initially a form of cultural nationalism, which sought to promote Hindu culture and values. However, over time, it evolved into a more political form of nationalism, which sought to establish a Hindu state.

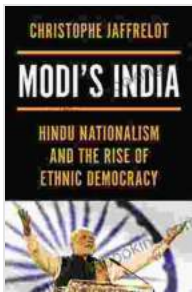
The authors identify a number of factors that have contributed to the rise of Hindu nationalism in recent years. These include the economic liberalization of India, which has led to increased competition and insecurity among Hindus, and the rise of social media, which has provided a platform for Hindu nationalists to spread their message.

## **The Implications for Democracy**

The authors argue that the rise of Hindu nationalism has serious implications for democracy in India. They contend that Hindu nationalism is a form of majoritarianism, which means that it privileges the majority ethnic group over other groups. This, they argue, is incompatible with the principles of liberal democracy, which protect the rights of all citizens regardless of their ethnicity.

The authors also argue that Hindu nationalism is a form of ethocracy, which means that it is a government that is controlled by a single ethnic group. They contend that this form of government is inherently unstable and can lead to violence and discrimination against minority groups.

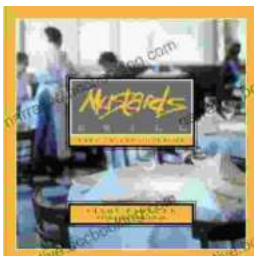
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