

Why are NRI's involved in supporting Modi in Gujarat Elections? (Based on the NY Radio interview with Organizers).

Make your choice between democracy and dynasty, between development and corruption, between security and terrorism, between unity and division for your beloved motherland.

1) How did the idea of NRI's involving on elections in Gujarat, India came about?

As NRI's we have seen how Modi made phenomenal contributions to Gujarat and we are all proud of what he has done. The testimony to this is the 60 awards the state received from international and national organizations including Rajiv Gandhi Foundation. Today Gujarat is fast becoming the jewel of India where no place is left out and no person/child is left out and where people are not threatened by terrorism plaguing the whole country. As elections came closer and as Gujarat is ready to go to polls, we were appalled to see how the sections of the media in India was projecting him with biased and false news about him and completely ignoring the great contributions Modi has done to the state and the country.

Spontaneously various individuals and groups across the country and the world felt that there is a need to do something about these. They wanted to let the World know about what Modi's contributions to Gujarat and India and why it is important to support him. That is why the Support Gujarat Group was started.

2. Tell us more about contributions Modi has done to Gujarat?

What Modi has done during last 5 years is phenomenal in the history of India. He showed what India can do if there is political will and honest and strong person leading it. As was mentioned, the 60 accolades and awards received by Gujarat from international and national organizations including Rajiv Gandhi Foundation headed by Sonia Gandhi, speaks for itself. These awards ranges from best governance to best sanitation, from welfare of a girl child to that of poor pregnant mothers, interlinking rivers, best in class infrastructure of roads, ports and airports, 100% villages getting power 24 hours that is changing the landscape of villages to become economic hubs and reducing city slums and you name it, Gujarat made so much accomplishments. The awards are from United Nations, Common Wealth, Asian Innovation awards and many Indian Organizations. Rajiv Gandhi Foundation declared Gujarat as best state. Our professionally done website <http://supportgujarat.org> provides wealth of information.

3. If he has made so much contributions, isn't Modi popular in his state?

Modi is popular not only in his state, but also in the country. He was voted best CM in India ORG-MARG survey consecutively for 3 years and voted the best person of the year by popular Chitrlekha ahead of Amitabh Bachan and others.

4. If he is very popular, would he not be voted again into office?

Modi is popular and we believe he will be voted into office. However, in order to continue his mandate without having to yield to power brokers in opposition and even within his own party, he needs to have a strong mandate. With the media and other forces continuously maligning him and not putting any attention to the tremendous achievements, there is a great possibility he would not be able to win at a level he can continue the tremendous work he has started. That is why we are urging NRI's to call their family and friends in Gujarat to get out and vote for him. This is very critical because what is at stake is the progress of Gujarat and India.

5. Let us come to media attention to Godhra? What is your objection to media coverage?

We all know riots happened in response to a ghastly incident. Sections of the media, particularly English media, is not telling the whole story. It is projecting that only Muslims died, the truth is about 30% Hindus also died and it is in response to a ghastly incident in Godhra. While the truth is Modi called in Army on March 1st after the event occurred on Feb 28th, some news media reported that he waited 3 days to call in army (by counting non-existing Feb 29th, 30th and 31st!!). Is this journalism or propaganda?

Why was this being done just before elections? Anyone who claims they have committed a crime should be investigated and the law should take its course. No one can take an innocent citizen's life but riots are spontaneous reactions to the build up of anger and frustration over time. Media has a responsibility to analyze objectively and provide unbiased news and not make it a hot button before elections with biased and outright false news.

6. How do you compare the media coverage of Godhra riots with that of other riots that took place in India?

Yes, this is another question we want to bring up. Three times more people are burnt alive during Sikh riots in 1984 and no justice was done. There is a book that was recently released on these riots called 'When the tree shakes' by Mitta which CNN-IBN reviewed. It says how the current Union minister of Commerce roasted alive two Sikhs right in the vicinity of Lok Sabha. This is the words of the author Mitta says "Much worse than Gujarat, right in the heart of the Capital, not just mobs but influential Congress leaders. No justice till now." What did Rajiv Gandhi say after all this. He said, 'When a Giant Tree Falls, the Earth Shakes'. Why is this not raised against Modi's opposition? How many more died due to terrorism in India due to Vote Bank politics during last three years where families of victims could not even find the remains of their loved ones? It is horrifying to know that the number of terror victims is just next to Iraq? The Prime Minister is losing sleep over terrorist suspects, but never for any terrorist victims. How is that media has little interest in exposing these things.

Why are not these issues raised before Punjab and Central elections? Today Gujarat is terrorism free while rest of India is living in insecurity fearing where and when another terror will strike. How come there is no issue being raised about the terrorism and nothing about how many lives are saved in Gujarat by efficiency of Modi's governance?

Weren't there riots all over the world, as recently as few days ago in Pakistan, France, Los Angeles and many countries. It is unfair to judge Modi by riots alone. Would we judge Bill Clinton presidency just by Monica Lewinsky affair? The kind of targeted, biased and false propaganda by media created disgust among the NRI's.

7. Let us come back to development under Modi? We hear all that development happened in Gujarat? Isn't Gujarat always an entrepreneurial state?

The progress in Gujarat during last 5 years is more than doubled the progress that occurred during last 45 years in many areas. It is Modi's vision of Panchamrut philosophy that made it happen. These are Jnana Sakti (power of knowledge), Urja Sakti (power of Energy), Jal Sakti (power of Water), Jan Sakti (Power of People), Raksh Sakti (power of Security – Physical, Social and Economic) and focussed methodically in these areas.

Today, Gujarat's villages are free of water problems, primary education drop outs reduced from more than 20% to 3%, schools are running smoothly and the infrastructure is so strong. Ratan Tata declared 'You are stupid if you do not invest in Gujarat'. More than 100 billion dollars MOUs are signed during 2007 Vibrant Gujarat Investor summit.

Modi never loses touch with people. He really puts people ahead of himself and his position. Every month, he hears the grievances of his people with all his high level officials and works to resolve them right then. He focused from big to small, from macro to micro. He proved himself to be the most able administrator India has produced. That is why Gujarat will become the second Singapore in Asia if Modi is allowed to continue his progress. That is why investors signed MOU's worth more than 100 billion dollars in 2007. That is why so many awards are given to the state during last 5 years.

8. What is your message to our listeners?

If Modi loses or weakens, it is the whole country that lost something valuable. Here is a person who has no family and called whole India as his family, incorruptible and stood against his own party members for the welfare of the state, benefiting every one of the 5 crore Gujarathis. Where are the minorities really well placed? Is it in West Bengal or Gujarat, in Nandigram or Ahmedabad, in Andhra Pradesh or Gujarat? Think of the choice. Corrupt politicians like Sonia Gandhi's/YS Rajasekhar Reddy's/Deve Gowda's or Narendra Modi? **Now is the time to make your choice between dynasty and democracy, between corruption and development, between terrorism and security, between division or unity of your beloved motherland.**

The media with vested interests are bent on destroying him because he happens to be a Hindu, because he is against minorityism. The media maligning Modi is very powerful with funds from many vested interests. We urge the listeners to call their Gujarathi friends and families in India to go out and vote and ask NRI's who are not from Gujarat to call and talk to their Gujarathi friends to call their families in India.

We have very professionally developed website <http://gujaratsupport.org> that has video clips, white paper, development landmarks and other material about Modi's achievements. We request people to browse <http://supportgujarat.org> to get to know the facts. Our contact number is 847-462-4692 and email is supportgujarat2007@gmail.com.

8. How are you getting your message out?

Our campaign is multi-dimensional, from news media, TV Clips to Web, Phone Calls, Word of Mouth and Emails.