

Trial of Mahatma Gandhi- 1922

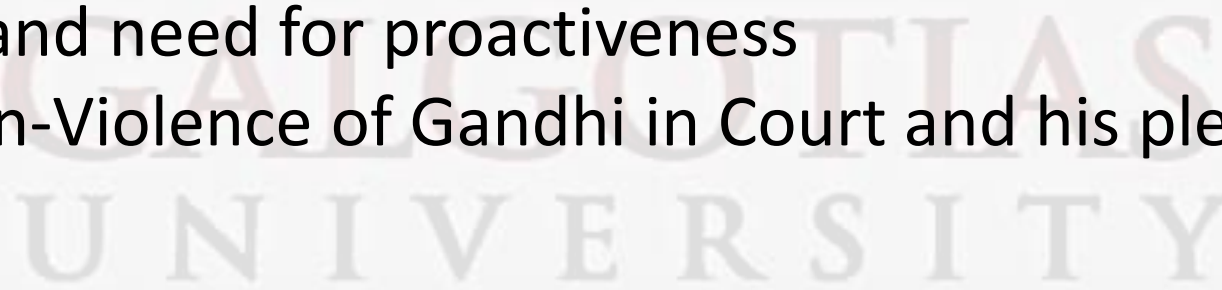
A Plea for Severest Penalty By Mahatma Gandhi

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Observations and Questions to be discussed:

- Short Summary of the Text of the Speech
- Excerpts from Gandhi's Young India Articles
- Political Climate of 1922 and Gandhi's transformation in attitude towards the British
- Identifying the points and ideologies worth critiquing
- Definitions of Law and need for proactiveness
- Challenging the Non-Violence of Gandhi in Court and his plea for severest penalty



An Illustrated Image of the Trial of 1922



M.K. Raina's Play on the Trial Statement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKQmJNUokb8&t=2096s>

Observe the reactions of the audience and perceive the impact of the statements being made

Dwell upon the questions being raised on a) Gandhi and b) the Judge himself

Gandhi taking up the role of the Proactive citizen attorney

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Excerpts from Gandhi's Articles in Young India

Tampering with Loyalty-

sepoys have been used more often as a hired assassin than as a soldier defending the liberty or the honour of the weak and the helpless. The Governor has pandered to

Lord Reading is puzzled and perplexed. Speaking in reply to the addresses from the British Indian Association and the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce at Calcutta, His Excellency said: "I confess that when I contemplate the activities of a section of the community, I find myself still, notwithstanding persistent study even

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since I have been in India, puzzled and perplexed. I ask myself what purpose is served by flagrant breaches of the law for the purpose of challenging the Government in order to compel arrest?" The answer was partly given by Pandit Motilal Nehru when he said on being arrested that he was being taken to the house of freedom. We seek arrest because the so-called freedom is slavery. We are challenging the might of this

Political Climate In British India- Around 1922 Trial

- The Anarchial and Revolutionary Crimes Act or Rowlatt Act,1919 in resonse to which Rowlatt Satyagrah was started by Gandhiji in 1920
- Chauri Chuara Incident,1922–Clash btw Police and protesters of Non=Cooperation Movement
Khilafat Movement,1919- A successful attempt to intensify disaffection against British Government when Muslim Movement to protect the Caliphate joined hands with the Non Cooperation Movement
- Malabar Rebellion- Rebellion of the Indian Muslims in S India against British and Upper Class Indians co-opted with them
- Punjab Martial Law- Not more than two people can congregate at a time just before Baisakhi Festival
It was a conversion born out of the womb of a deep disillusion," writes J. M. Shelat, chief Justice of the High court of Gujarat in 1965, in the book Trial of Gandhiji.

Theories worth Discussion

Colonialism

Sedition Law-Section 124A of IPC

Nationalism

Ignorance of History

Non Violence

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Definitions of Law and need for Pro-activeness

Core objectives of studying law
To equip the development of active citizens with specialised knowledge so that they could act proactively to build a society of freedom, equality and respect for the other esp the disadvantaged. Aimed at peace in society and happiness among human beings

Law is made to be able to govern
Aristotle- the rule of law is better than the rule of an individual.
Mikhail bakhtin- all rule of law is has at its object go confirm and exalt into a system the exploitation of the workers by a ruling class.

All is equal before the law.

Questioning Gandhi's Postulate of Non -Violence

Is accused and admits to knowledge of consequences of his writings despite being a propagator of Non Violence

On the other hand, dismisses the movement of Non Cooperation of Chauri Chaura

Quotes- **Non-co-operation with evil is as much a duty as is co-operation with good.**

Non-violence is the first article of my faith. It is also the last article of my creed.

Maddest Risk a sane man can run

Administration has been prostituted consciously or unconsciously in favour of the exploiter.

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