



15 Anti-Bharat Statements Made by Rahul Gandhi Abroad (2017–2025)

This report has compiled 15 Anti Bharat statements (2017-2025) by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. These remarks, made during various international engagements, have sparked significant controversy and criticism.




On April 20, 2025, in Boston (United States), Rahul Gandhi alleged that the Election Commission is compromised and said, "something is very wrong with the system."




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Anti Bharat Statements- United States		
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1.	<p>Rahul Gandhi called Election Commission "compromised"</p> <p>Date: 20 April 2025 Location: Boston, United States Event: Address to Indian community</p> <p>Statement: "The Election Commission provided us with a voting figure for 5:30 pm, and between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm, 65 lakh voters cast their votes. This is physically impossible to happen. At an average of three minutes per vote, the numbers would have required polling stations to remain open till 2 am - something that didn't happen.</p> <p>When we asked them for the videography, they not only refused but they also changed the law so that now we are not allowed to ask for the videography.</p> <p>More people voted in the Maharashtra Assembly elections than there are adults in the state of Maharashtra.</p> <p>I have said this multiple times. The Election Commission is compromised and something is very wrong with the system."</p>	 <p>India Today WATCH Times Now</p>
2.	<p>"The idea of non-violence is under attack in India": Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 12 September 2017 Location: University of California, Berkeley, United States Event: Lecture on India at 70</p> <p>Statement: "The idea of non-violence is under attack today, yet it is the only idea which can take humanity forward."</p> <p>"The only response to a person having a bad idea is love and compassion. Using violence against a person infected by a bad idea results in the idea spreading. This non-violent philosophy has spread far beyond India. Non-violence is hard work. It is this idea that is viciously under attack today."</p>	 <p>Firstpost</p>

3.	<p>Rahul Gandhi called Indian democracy "broken"</p> <p>Date: 11 September 2024 Location: National Press Club, Washington DC, United States Event: Interaction with journalists and audience</p> <p>Statement: "Indian democracy for the last 10 years was broken. It's fighting back, but it was broken. I'm the only person in Indian history to get a prison sentence for defamation, and even a chief minister is in jail right now. Indian democracy has been attacked and weakened, but I'm confident it will fight back."</p>	 <p>Indian Express WATCH Times NOW</p>
4.	<p>"Will Think of Scrapping Of Reservations When India is Fair": Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 10 September 2024 Location: Georgetown University, Washington DC, United States Event: Interaction with students and faculty</p> <p>Statement: "We will think of scrapping of reservations when India is a fair place and India is not a fair place."</p>	 <p>NDTV</p>
5.	<p>"Fight In India Is Whether A Sikh Will Be Allowed To Wear A Turban, Kada": Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 10 September 2024 Location: Herndon, Virginia, United States Event: Interaction with Indian community</p> <p>Statement: "The fight is about whether a Sikh is going to be allowed to wear a turban in India... whether a Sikh will be allowed to wear a kada in India or will be able to go to the Gurudwara... that's what the fight is about, and it is not just for Sikh, it is for all the religion."</p>	 <p>ANI Republic World</p>
6.	<p>"90% of people in India lack access to opportunities": Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 10 September 2024 Location: Georgetown University, Washington DC, United States Event: Interaction with faculty and students</p> <p>Statement: "As a politician, I don't want to live in a country where 90% of the people lack access to opportunities. I am not interested."</p>	 <p>India Today Global</p>

Anti Bharat Statements- United Kingdom		
7.	<p>"In Kashmir, militants were looking at me": Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 03 March 2023 Location: Cambridge University, United Kingdom Event: Lecture "Learning to Listen in the 21st Century"</p> <p>Statement: "So, we have been told we are going to be killed. And we are walking. And people are coming and one guy looks at me and he says, 'Call me.' So, I am like, 'Come' ... And the security people have said, 'Please don't do this ... please don't call people, because it is putting everyone at risk.' So, he comes and he starts walking next to me. So he says, 'Mr Gandhi, you have come here to listen to us.' I am like, 'yes'.</p> <p>He said, 'That is interesting.' He is like, 'You really come here to listen to us.' I am like, 'yes' and he is like good. And then he says, 'You see those guys over there?' And we are walking. I ask, 'Who?' He says, 'Those boys over there.' He is like, 'They are militants.' Now militants should normally kill me ... In that environment, militants should kill me.</p> <p>He said they are there and they are looking at you. So, I look at them and they are giving me this sort of look and I am like, okay, I am now in trouble because this guy has just told me this ... They give me this look and I give them this look back and then we carry on. Nothing happens.</p> <p>Why I am telling you this is because they actually couldn't do anything. They actually didn't have the power to do anything even if they wanted to. Because I had come into that environment listening. And I had come into that environment completely with no violence in me at all. And a vast number of people were saying that. That to me was an indicator of listening and non-violence."</p>	 <p>Hindustan Times</p>
8.	<p>"Modi is destroying the architecture of India": Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 03 March 2023 Location: Cambridge University, United Kingdom Event: Lecture "Learning to Listen in the 21st Century"</p> <p>Statement: "In my view Narendra Modi is destroying the architecture of India. So, I am not bothered about two or three good policies that he is doing if he is blowing our country to smithereens. I think that is what he is doing. He is imposing an idea on India that India cannot absorb. India, as I said, is a union of states. It is a negotiation and if you try to force one idea on a union, it will react."</p>	 <p>Indian Express</p>
9.	<p>"I had Pegasus on my phone, Indian democracy under attack": Rahul Gandhi at Cambridge lecture</p> <p>Date: 03 March 2023 Location: Cambridge University, United Kingdom Event: Lecture "Learning to Listen in the 21st Century"</p> <p>Statement: "I myself had Pegasus on my phone. A large number of politicians had Pegasus on their phones. I have been called by intelligence</p>	 <p>Economic Times Times of India</p>

	<p>officers who told me, 'Please be careful about what you are saying on the phone because we are sort of recording the stuff.' So this is the constant pressure that we feel. Cases on the Opposition. I have got a number of criminal liable cases for things that should under no circumstances be criminal liable cases. That's what we are trying to defend.</p> <p>Everybody knows and it's been in the news a lot that Indian democracy is under pressure and under attack. I am an Opposition leader in India, we are navigating that (Opposition) space. The institutional framework which is required for a democracy Parliament, free press, the judiciary, just the idea of mobilisation, moving around, all are getting constrained. So, we are facing an attack on the basic structure of Indian democracy."</p>	
10.	<p>Rahul Gandhi called Indian institutions 'parasitic'</p> <p>Date: 23 May 2022 Location: Cambridge University, United Kingdom Event: Conversation with columnist Shruti Kapila</p> <p>Statement: "The deep state, the CBI and ED, is now chewing and eating the Indian state much like what happened in Pakistan.</p> <p>A soul without a voice means nothing and what has happened is that India's voice has been crushed by an ideology and crushed by the institutional framework of our country itself, which has become parasitical."</p>	 <p>Times of India</p>
11.	<p>Modi is unpatriotic, uses anger of jobless youth to damage Bharat, says Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 25 August 2018 Location: Indian Journalists Association, London, United Kingdom Event: Interaction with journalists</p> <p>Statement: "Modi, instead of calming this anger, instead of telling our country that listen, yes we have a problem called a job problem and we are going to work together to fix it, Modi does something very unpatriotic. He takes that anger and utilises it for himself, and he damages our country.</p> <p>The crime he commits is that he damages his country when he uses that anger for himself... They have created a tremendous amount of damage. A new breed of person will have to repair this damage and solve that problem."</p>	 <p>Hindustan Times</p>
Anti Bharat Statements- Belgium		
12.	<p>"Full-scale assault on democratic institutions of India" : Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 8 September 2023 Location: Brussels Press Club, Belgium Event: Media Briefing</p> <p>Statement: "There is an increase in discrimination and violence in India and there is a full-scale assault on the democratic institutions of our country, that everybody knows."</p>	 <p>Times of India</p>

Anti Bharat Statements- Malaysia		
13.	<p>"I would have thrown demonetisation in the dustbin" : Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 10 March 2018 Location: Malaysia Event: Interaction with Indian community</p> <p>Statement: "If I was Prime Minister and someone had given me a file with demonetisation written on it, I would have thrown it in the dustbin. That is how I would have rolled it out.</p> <p>I would have rolled it out in the dustbin, and out through the doors and into the junkyard... Because that is what I think should have been done with demonetisation."</p>	 <p>NDTV WATCH NDTV</p>
Anti Bharat Statements- Bahrain		
14.	<p>Rahul Gandhi in Bahrain: Govt busy converting fear in jobless youth into hatred between communities</p> <p>Date: 8 January 2018 Location: Bahrain Event: Address to NRIs convention</p> <p>Statement: "The anger is visible in streets and is rising rapidly. The government, on the other hand, is busy converting the fear into hatred between communities."</p>	 <p>The Indian Express</p>
Anti Bharat Statements- Singapore		
15.	<p>"When I went to Jammu and Kashmir I felt like crying": Rahul Gandhi</p> <p>Date: 8 March 2018 Location: Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore Event: Address to the people</p> <p>Statement: "In 2014, when I went to Jammu and Kashmir I felt like crying. I saw what a bad political decision can do to years and years of policy-making."</p>	 <p>India Today</p>