

# GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

**First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco  
Human Rights Working Group  
1187 Franklin Street, corner Geary Blvd  
Martin Luther King Room**

**Sunday, November 12 – 12:30 to 2 pm  
In person only – Lunch – Conversation**

## **India's Narendra Modi – Democrat or Autocrat?**

**Chandru Murthi, Speaker, will lead this discussion.**



Narendra Modi has been Prime Minister of India for the last 9-½ years. How has Indian democracy fared? It's a mixed bag, as he has achieved some good goals, improved the economy, addressed climate-change issues, and enhanced India's world status. But he has also enabled draconian limits on press freedom, individual rights, and Kashmiri autonomy. He unabashedly embraces a Hindu-first philosophy. With a whiff of authoritarianism, Modi is unique in his almost ascetic lifestyle, and is widely acknowledged as not corruptible. We present an overview and welcome a discussion on whether the world's largest democracy is sliding into an autocracy. What does this portend for the diverse Indian population and for other countries?

The intention of this presentation is to open discussion on issues critical to our world today and provide a space where controversial views can be discussed in an atmosphere of potentially sharp, but respectful, debate.

Please join us for a most exciting presentation. All are welcome to join in the conversation, asking questions and providing your own ideas on the subject.

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