

Process Paper

Topic Selection Reasoning

Our topic questions the history behind granting citizenship based on race. Given the current administration's take on immigration, we decided to analyze the patterns of the past and how they might reappear in the future. The annual theme was *Rights and Responsibilities*, our topic showed how rights were stripped away from these people because of their heritage. We learned about the irresponsible use of power to structuralize systems set in place to be discriminatory. To further bring those perspectives justice for their circumstances, we wanted to shine a light on a past once buried.

Conduction of Research

Our teacher recommended a book that gave insight into the Ghadar Party. To gain additional knowledge on the topic we reached out to those who wrote about Bhagat Singh Thind and the organization. We also scouted for primary sources such as interviews with those individuals and their direct descendants and found newspapers from that time period. To supplement our knowledge we also conducted interviews with authors of the literature that conversed about the topic.

Creation of Project

The format of our project was based on how individuals process information. With convenience on our minds, we set on the creation of a website. Websites use multimedia to convey information in a way that is engaging. Initially, we were excited to cover this information in a documentary format however decided against it when we wanted an accessible format that could be displayed to a wider audience in a more commodious manner.

Historical argument

We urge everyone to learn about the prejudice that many immigrants felt due to the rejection by the legal system of the United States. Bhagat Singh Thind took a bold approach to attain rights in a manner that seems accepting of the social disparities however served a wider purpose. By claiming superiority and association with the Aryan race, Thind aimed to provide lawmakers with the reasoning they once used to reject others. As such, this instance allows us to see the discrepancies between the law's promise to protect individuals and how they were broken in the name of racial bias.

Topic Significance

These undisclosed parts of history may repeat if we do not understand the events that took place. By policies revoking the right to birthright citizenship, we are already integrating ourselves into the past and creating a systemic structure that cycles to harm those already at the bottom. History in its own sense is crucial to understand the forces that drive change and equip us with knowledge about the struggles our people have faced in the past. The Ghadar Party and Bhagat Singh Thind show us how humanity comes together even in the worst of times to take initiative and fend for their rights.