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MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES

“By forcing people to hide, intolerance creates its own cynical logic: when a large portion of a group goes unrecognized, it only makes marginalizing the whole easier. Visibility, on the other hand, creates acceptance.”

— Christian Rudder, [Dataclysm: Who We Are](#)



MARGINALIZATION

What is this? Result of Overt Actions or Tendencies of Human Societies.

And, Why the need? According to the Government, 'for their own protection and development'.

Understanding Marginalization

A metaphor to a process of making people (individuals or groups) marginalize or, say, outsiders.

- So the question is who are the outsiders? Those who migrate from outside the country? Here, in this context, the outsiders are the individuals or groups who are marginalized.
- Now, how the term 'marginalization' came into existence?
- The origin of this term goes back to Robert Ezra Park (1864-1944) who coined the term in his work '*Marginal Man*' published in 1928.
- Recently, this term has been superseded by a new term 'exclusion', especially in Europe.



Where goes the concept of 'Equity' when we talk about marginalization?

- The important question that comes first is what is it from which the individual or groups are marginalized and what is the reason?
- From culture to culture this issue of 'marginalization from' varies and why is mostly, in the hands of people, or, say, authorities who judge.
- As Chris Guillebeau states, "Unreasonable," "unrealistic," and "impractical" are all words used to marginalize a person or idea that fails to conform with conventionally expected standards."
- And who does this? I would argue the fear of unknown, those who judge others as different and not as civilized and knowledgeable as they are, unable to understand the reasoning and practical life of the ones categorised as outsiders, as marginalised.

Marginalized Communities

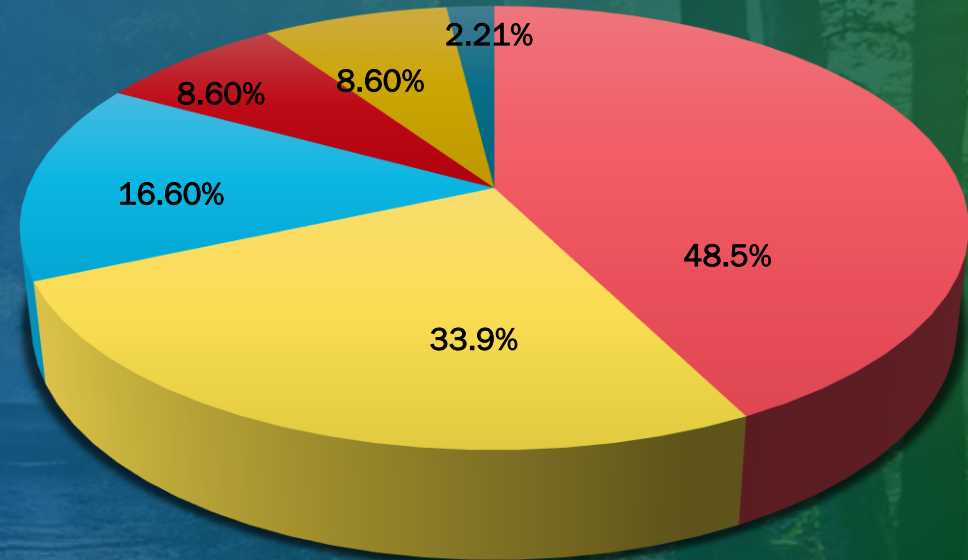
- What are marginalized communities?
- Answer would be groups or communities that face social exclusion.
- What does this term social exclusion means?
- It would mean that those people who are marginalized are kept outside the mainstream of society, of social system that comprises of all different aspects such as economic, political, cultural, and social. Thus they are the 'outsiders'.
- The 'outsiders' who are barbarians, evil (indulge in criminal activities), uncivilized, inferior (in whatever way you can think of), are not suitable to live in mainstream society. This thinking of so-called civilized people, who have always been main think tanks of the government, made the opinion of government about marginalization of such groups.
- Thus, these marginalized communities were the result of discrimination that led to their social exclusion.
- However, *these marginalized communities were not evil, they were just different.*

Marginalized Communities in India

- In almost all parts of the globe lies the *Marginalized Communities*.
- So, who are the marginalized communities in India?
- These include: Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women, PWDs (People with Disabilities), Sexual Minorities, Children, Elderly, etc.
- And surprisingly this population consists of most part of total population of India.
- These marginalized people are weaker and oppressed sections of society.

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Population (in Percent) of marginalized communities in India (2011 Census)



■ Women ■ Children ■ Scheduled Castes ■ Scheduled Tribes ■ Elderly ■ PWDs

Marginalized Sections in India





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