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Q&A: Discrimination and School Dropout Rates in India



Over 40 percent of India's children drop out of school before finishing 8th grade, despite a recent law designed to provide free and compulsory elementary education for all. Most students who quit school are from the lowest rungs of Indian society. Our new report, "They Say We're Dirty," shows that discrimination by teachers and school officials fail to provide a welcoming and child-friendly school environment for these children. India researcher Jayshree Bajoria talks about the consequences of persistent discrimination and what needs to change to keep these kids in school.

Who is dropping out?

Children from the poorest and the most marginalized communities such as Dalits – so-called “untouchables,” at the bottom of India’s caste system – Muslims, and tribal members. Often these children are among the first generation in their families to have ever stepped inside a classroom, and very few of them make it to grade 8.

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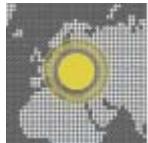


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The brutal and outrageous killing of poet and "Red Shirt" political activist Kamol Duangphasuk, who is widely known for his opposition to Thailand's law banning criticism of the monarchy, can only worsen the already tense political situation in Thailand. The Thai authorities need to quickly investigate this murder and bring whoever is responsible to justice – wherever that investigation leads.

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A ground-breaking European treaty on violence against women moved one step closer to entering into legal force, with Andorra becoming the 10th country to ratify it. This is a defining moment for women in Europe for whom the home is a place of danger, as the treaty will oblige governments to take concrete steps to help women and girls facing violent attacks.

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