

**Re: Caste Out, Nikki Van Der Gaag,
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This writer complains that advertisements for Hindu and Sikh marriages often specify a preference for a partner from a particular caste. Yet in Canada and the West, personal ads often specify a preference for one's own race or ethnicity; this is called "personal choice." Similarly, "caste-based groups" that offer professional networking and socialization are no different than various other ethnic or nationality-based groups.

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