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Analyze the distinguishing features of the notion of Equality in the Constitutions of the USA and India.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · GS II · 15 marks · Indian Constitution

Indian Constitution - historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.

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U.S. Fourteenth Amendment (1868)

Equal protection, due process and citizenship clauses aimed at Reconstruction after slavery.

Articles 14-18, Constitution of India

Equality before law, non-discrimination, public employment, abolition of untouchability, abolition of titles.

Articles 15(4) and 16(4)

Textual engine of protective discrimination for backward classes, SCs and STs.

Indra Sawhney (1992)

Leading Indian statement on reservations and the 50 per cent idea, illustrating substantive equality.

Brown v. Board of Education (1954)

U.S. holding that segregated public schooling violates equal protection - judicial, not textual, social repair.

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