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Modi's government has made several other moves in defiance of India's rich tradition of civil liberties, including taking actions to harass the political opposition. Although the government has mostly opted to continue India's long history of free elections, there are concerns about a very uneven playing field when it comes to campaign finance and the opposition's ability to engage in free speech. Members of opposition parties, <u>including Rahul Gandhi of the Indian National Congress</u>, have credibly accused the government of monitoring their private communications, including through the use of Israeli-

Los Angeles. The U.S.-Indian relationship is at a critical stage: Garcetti's nomination needs to be voted upon or abandoned.

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