

WHAT IS FASCISM?

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE MEANING OF FASCISM



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MODERN DEFINITION:

fascism: a populist political philosophy, movement, or regime that exalts nation, and often race, above the individual, that is associated with a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, and that is characterized by severe economic and social regimentation and by forcible suppression of opposition

ALTERNATIVE DEFINITIONS:

A far-right, authoritarian, and ultra-nationalist political ideology and movement. A governmental system led by a dictator or ruling party having complete power, forcibly suppressing opposition and criticism, regimenting all industry and commerce, and emphasizing an aggressive nationalistic and often racist. Extreme militaristic nationalism, contempt for electoral democracy and political and cultural liberalism, a belief in natural social hierarchy and the rule of elites, in which individual interests would be subordinated to the good of the nation.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FASCISM:

- POWERFUL AND CONTINUING NATIONALISM
- DISDAIN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
- IDENTIFICATION OF ENEMIES/SCAPEGOATS
- FIXATION ON NATIONAL SECURITY
- SUPREMACY OF THE MILITARY
- RAMPANT SEXISM, RACISM, & MISOGYNY
- GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED MASS MEDIA
- OBSESSION WITH NATIONAL SECURITY
- RELIGION & GOVERNMENT INTERTWINED
- CORPORATE POWER IS PROTECTED
- LABOR POWER IS SUPPRESSED
- DISDAIN FOR INTELLECTUALS & THE ARTS
- OBSESSION WITH CRIME & PUNISHMENT
- RAMPANT CORRUPTION
- FRAUDULENT ELECTIONS

MAKE ART & EXPRESS YOURSELF

Art is political. Expression is protest.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF & OTHERS

Remember that existence is resistance. You must work to be as healthy and strong as you can be. Civilize the mind and make savage the body.

COUNTER-DEMONSTRATE & PROTEST

Attend protests and counter-demonstrations, call your representatives, use your voice to make your disapproval heard. When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty.

ORGANIZE

Mutual aid, volunteering, community organizing, political campaigning, soup kitchens, online forums, whatever it is, find something and get involved.

EDUCATE OTHERS

Talk with those around you, engage in discourse and debate, inform the uniformed and share what you know, you might teach somebody something.

WAYS TO FIGHT FASCISM:

READ & LEARN

Read books, listen to podcasts, study theory, watch documentaries, and write down your thoughts. Education is the resistance to everything bad today.

—Credited to Sinclair Lewis

When fascism comes to America it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

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— Albert Einstein

The essence of fascism is to make laws forbidding everything and then enforce them selectively against your enemies.

— John LeCarrot

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— Jim Garrison

There are many who do not know they are fascists but will find it out when the times comes....We cannot destroy them. But we can educate the people so that they will fear fascism and recognize it as it appears and combat it.

— Ernest Hemingway

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RECOGNIZING FASCISM:

Advocates for the establishment of complete and total government control and unlimited power.

— Lenin

Fascism is capitalism in decay.

— Bernard Russell

When asked how fascism starts: First, they fascinate the fools. Then, they muzzle the intelligent.

— Henry Wallace

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