

Independence Day Topic:
Rising Fascism

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Fascism Defined

- Authoritarian government
- Works for business and money
- Against labor, democracy, environmentalism
- Seeks return to mythical glorious past
- Rallies people against mostly imaginary enemies
- Fosters superiority, jealousy, victimhood
- Belief in racial or ethnic purity
- Expansionistic, militaristic

Related Systems

- Various ways to concentrate power & wealth in selfish sociopaths aka spoiled brats:
- Fascism – rule of the proud & insecure
- Plutocracy – rule of the rich
- Oligarchy – rule of the few
- Kleptocracy – rule of the thief
- Theocracy – rule of the clergy
- Communism – rule of the Marxist
- Opposite is democracy – government for the many

Online Fascism Checklist

- A Strong Sense of Nationalism.
- Patriotism Revolves Around The Defeat of a Common Threat or Cause.
- Human Rights are Unworthy of Consideration or Respect.
- Government Controlled Mass Media.
- Glorification and Ascendancy of the Military.
- Fixation on National Security.
- Power for Corporations is Preserved and Protected.

Checklist Part 2

- Power for Labor Unions is Suppressed.
- Widespread Sexism.
- Fixation with Crime And Punishment.
- Contempt for Academia And The Arts.
- The Government and Religion Are Strongly Connected To Each Other.
- Widespread Corruption.
- Counterfeit Elections.

Online Fascism Steps

11 STEPS TO FASCISM

- 1. Invoke a threat.**
- 2. Establish secret prisons.**
- 3. Develop a paramilitary force.**
- 4. Surveil ordinary citizens.**

More Steps

- 5. Infiltrate citizen's groups.**
- 6. Arbitrarily detain citizens.**
- 7. Target key individuals.**
- 8. Restrict the press.**
- 9. Cast dissent as treason.**
- 10. Subvert the rule of law.**
- 11. Disarm the citizen.**

Scary Online Historical Comparison



STOP AND I.D.



STOP AND FRISK



More Historical Comparison



SAFETY CHECKPOINTS



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WARRANTLESS SEARCHES

**BUT DON'T WORRY, THAT
COULD NEVER HAPPEN HERE.**

Louisiana Protest



Sioux Falls Protest



Local Recent Protest

- Peaceful, had a permit per https://www.reddit.com/r/SiouxFalls/comments/voke4y/july_1st_womens_rights_protest_important/
- Started on sidewalk, moved to street
- Declared an “unlawful assembly”
- Crushed by riot police with smoke bombs
- Typical “law and order” approach

Recommendations

- Respect the will of the people
- Reclaim government
- Stop glorifying power
- Police should prevent violence instead of starting it
- Break tradition of finding excuses to crush anti-establishment protests
- A little civil disobedience is safer than militaristic police with smoke bombs

Celebrate
And
Protect
Freedom

