

WARNING SIGNS OF FASCISM

RECOGNIZE THEM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

1. EXTREME NATIONALISM

Fervent belief in national superiority that places the nation above all else, promoting an "us vs. them" mentality.

2. DISMISSAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Treating human rights as subordinate to the state's goals, with rights becoming conditional rather than universal.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF ENEMIES AS A UNIFYING CAUSE

Creating scapegoats to blame for problems, usually targeting vulnerable groups to unite supporters.

4. SUPREMACY OF THE MILITARY

Disproportionate resources devoted to military spending, with military values dominating civilian society.

5. CONTROLLED MASS MEDIA

Information tightly controlled through censorship, intimidation of journalists, or concentration of media ownership.

6. RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT INTERTWINED

Religious doctrine influencing government policy, with leaders using religious language to justify actions.

7. CORPORATE POWER PROTECTED

Business interests taking precedence over labor rights and public welfare, with close government-corporate alliances.

8. LABOR POWER SUPPRESSED

Workers' organizations weakened or outlawed, with collective bargaining rights restricted to maintain corporate power.

9. CONTEMPT FOR INTELLECTUALS

Academic freedom restricted, with experts dismissed as "elites" disconnected from ordinary people.

10. DISDAIN FOR THE ARTS

Creative expression devalued, censored, or controlled to serve state ideology and propaganda.

11. OBSESSION WITH CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Harsh punitive measures emphasized over prevention or rehabilitation, with police given extraordinary powers.

12. FRAUDULENT ELECTIONS

Democratic processes undermined through voter suppression, intimidation, or manipulation of results.

13. MASS DEPORTATIONS

Forcible removal of targeted groups, often under inhumane conditions and with limited due process.

14. ELIMINATION OF DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

Dismantling programs that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in government, education, and private institutions.

15. WHITEWASHING OF HISTORY

Rewriting historical narratives to align with nationalist ideologies, removing mention of past injustices.

16. CULT OF PERSONALITY

Creating an idealized image of a leader through propaganda and media control, often with quasi-religious devotion.

17. SYSTEMATIC CENSORSHIP

Comprehensive suppression of information and ideas that contradict official narratives or challenge authority.

18. MILITARIZATION OF POLICE

Law enforcement adopting military equipment, tactics, and mindsets, blurring the line between police and military.

19. SUPPRESSION OF SCIENTIFIC FREEDOM

Scientific research restricted, defunded, or manipulated to conform to state ideology and political goals.

20. ECONOMIC NATIONALISM

Extreme protectionist policies justified through nationalist rhetoric, often leading to isolation.

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