

FASCISM

- The word Fascism is derived from a Italian word Fasces, which means 'Bundle of Rods', which means power lies in unity.
- Fascism is 20th century ideology. it is opportunistic ideology. therefore, Mussolini said that we believe in **action not talk**.
- **Ultranationalist:**
- Fascist are the ultranationalist, which means, Mussolini said that when I say nation, rest of the things are understood. He also said that , there is nothing out of state and nothing against the state, because nation has its own greatest personality.
- According to Mcgovern, there are four basic features of Fascism. He wrote a classical book- from **Luther to Hitler**.
- **(1)Idealism:**
- Fascists are describing, the state like a god, therefore Fascists thoughts are more idealistic.
- They said that individual should be ready to sacrifice his life on the name of state.
- Moreover, individual should **believe, obey and fight**. State has its own personality and like an organ. State is not a machine it is neither result of a contract.

- Power and glory of state is more important than liberty or right.
- **(2) Social darwinism:**
- Fascists believe in the principle of survival of fittest. Therefore dream of peace is an example of cowardliness. Hitler believe in **Lebensraum** which means expansion of state is inevitable. Lebensraum literally means **living space**. Mussolini said that **war is to men what maternity is to women**.
- Fascists believe in loyalty, duty, obedience and self-sacrifice. Life is an unending struggle. Therefore, power of state is a guarantee survival of state.

- **(3)Anti-rationalism:**
- For Fascists, human being are guide by intuition rather than by reason. Fascists said that **will to power** is more important than reason.
- Mussolini gave the slogan of rediscovering of golden past of Italy. They propounded **political myth** which is influenced by French thinker George Sorel.
- Hitler says that Aryan race is the purest in the world and Hitler classifies the races in three categories:
- (a)Creator of Civilization-Aryans race.
- (b)Career of Civilization.
- (c)The race which destroys civilization-Jews.

- **(4) Traditionalism:**
- Hitler said that industrialization and urbanization create selfish egoist individual. Hitler gave slogan of '**Blood and Soil**'. Fascist ideology is revivalist which portrayed a mythical past. It is not a progressive ideology like liberalism and socialism.
- Hitler want to make a new religion which teaches power and struggle as essence of life rather than love and fraternity.
- Fascist leaders rejected liberalism, communism, peace and internationalism. They styled themselves as the leader- Mussolini proclaimed himself to be **Duce** while Hitler proclaimed himself as **Fuhrer**.

TOTALITARIANISM

- Fascists criticized democracy as a form of government. Democracy is the fundamental cause of decline of Italy and Germany. They believe in **one-party government and personality cult**.
- Mussolini described totalitarian government in form of **corporate state**. Entire Italy was divided in 22 corporations. Corporate states is a middle path of capitalism and socialism. Corporations were created for management of economic activities and these corporations were comprised of the industrialists and laborers. They were bound together in organic and spiritually unified whole.
- Parliament was not elected by the people but it was comprised of the various corporations.
- Hitler propounded the concept of **nationalist socialism**, where each and every economic activity is under control and guidance of state. Religion, culture, educational institutions, media all were subject to control of state

CAPITALISM AND FASCISM

- Neo-marxist scholar Gramsci said that Fascism is capitalism both are two sides of same coin. Laski also believes that capitalist utilize the democratic institutions and democratic values for running the nation but in case of crisis capitalist destroy **democratic institutions** and **values**. And they use **fear and coercion** to run the government.
- Mussolini and Hitler protected capitalism from the mass movement of workers and trade unions. Mussolini and Hitler permitted the private property therefore capitalist always supported Mussolini and Hitler.
- On the contrary, liberals criticized marxist and they said marxist believe in a totalitarian government like Fascist.

LIBERALISM AND FASCISM

LIBERALISM

- Dignity of individual is primary.
- Capitalist economy is better.
- Limited constitutional government.
- Society is comprise of various interest groups and state resolve the conflict.
- Incremental change.
- State and democracy are important tool for change.

FASCISM

- Worshiping of state.
- Corporate state.
- Totalitarian government.
- State is only and supreme association.
- Believe in leadership.
- Opposing democracy and constitutional government.

MARXISM AND FASCISM

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MARXISM

- Economic determinism.
- Positivist and scientific.
- Dictatorship of proletariat.
- Economic impact of capitalism.
- State is an instrument of exploitation and coercion.
- Emphasis over structure.

FASCISM

- Idealism.
- Traditionalism and racial purity.
- Dictatorship of party.
- War economy.
- State worship.
- Ultra nationalism and expansionism.

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MUSSOLINI

- Worshiping of state.
- Ultra nationalist.
- Revival of past glory of Italy.
- Believe in modernism.
- Corporate state.
- Colonial expansion.
- Idealism.

HITLER

- State is most important.
- Racialist.
- Claiming the superiority of Aryan race.
- Peasant ideology.
- State socialism.
- Expansion across the world.
- Survival of the fittest.

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- Liberals also said that crisis of capitalism is not basic reason behind the emergence of fascism.
- Fascist were anti-liberal therefore they destroyed democratic government.
- **LIBERALISM AND FASCISM**
- Liberals said that there was social and psychological reasons behind origin of fascism.
- Hannah Ardent said that fascism emerge because of the atomistic or mass society due to industrialization and urbanization. Where individuals were willing to obtain material goods and sacrifice liberty and rights.
- Propaganda machine becomes more influential in atomistic society. Material want of people became more important than liberty and rights which destroy democracy and paved the way for emergence of fascism.

CRISIS OF CAPITALISM AND FASCISM

- **Robinson** said that capitalism is facing crisis since 2008 onwards and economic slowdown is visible across the world.
- Socialism is already declined in various parts of the world. And the nationalist tendencies are growing in every part of the world.
- Europe is facing the crisis of BREXIT. The tendency of nationalism is becoming stronger in USA. Now religion, culture are becoming a powerful force for shaping the discourse of politics in the world.
- Therefore, the threat of fascism is likely to emerge. Although the idea of Robinson is not absolutely true because democracy becomes the most accepted form of government.