Curb Stomp Fascism

Fascism: What is it? How to Identify it & What to Do About It

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Curb Stomp Fascism, largely inspired by the inherently political nature of the Riot Grrrl zines, critiques past punk movements’ associations with fascism and usage of fascist imagery. This zine also educates the reader about their Constitutional rights, how to identify common fascist dog whistles, and comments on the United States’ current political state and its troubling relationship with fascism. Highlighting the 2017 Charlottesville “Unite the Right” rally and the recent 2022 Club Q shooting, Curb Stomp Fascism discusses the future implications these increasingly worrying events have for the future of the United States as a country.
GURB STOMP FASCISM

fascism is capitalism in decay!

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Dear reader,

I wanted to write this zine to educate about fascism, how to identify it, its impacts in the U.S., and what to do about it.

_Fascism_ is "a political philosophy, movement, or regime, that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized and autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition." (Merriam-Webster) In other words, fascism is a far-right authoritarian ideology/movement characterized by its militarism, that focuses on "ensuring a future for the white race," typically through the destruction of anyone who deviates from the white conservative cisgender Christian norm.

While there are too many to include, this zine can hopefully help you identify fascist (specifically antisemitic) dog whistles. Recognizing how fascists communicate will save you from falling for their propaganda and letting fascism infiltrate our communities.

Every day, the U.S. descends closer to fascism. In an increasingly polarized country the far-right gains more support every new election cycle. It’s important to understand that a fascist take over of the U.S. is much more likely than any leftist one, for the simple fact that fascism does not threaten capitalism in the same way socialism/communism does. It is also then necessary to acknowledge that no extent of reform could fix America. Only through dismantling the system and starting from the ground up, will we be able to progress in a fulfilling way that provides a better future for all!

I hope the contents of this zine will motivate you to want to do something about America and its rising fascist movement. In solidarity,

an angry Jewish queer
MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN
pussy riot

A BETTER FUTURE IS POSSIBLE!

"Sometimes—HISTORY NEEDS A LITTLE PUSH."

vladimir lenin

ARE YOU ANGRY? COUS—YOU SHOULD BE, DO NOT FALL FOR THE Nihilistic "NO FUTURE!" MINDSET! THAT'S WHAT THE OTHER SIDE WANTS YOU TO THINK! BE PRODUCTIVE WITH YOUR ANGER! ORGANIZE! UNIONIZE! REVOLUTIONIZE THIS WORLD FOR THE BETTER!!!

what is the average length of an empire

About 49,000,000 results (0.57 seconds)

250 years

Studies show that an empire survives, on average, a mere 250 years. Did you know that? To put that into context, the world's oldest person recently died at 124 years old; so, she lived nearly half as long as most empires do. Dec 27, 2021

https://katv.com/news/armstrong-army-strongive-are_many_they_are_few"

"SHAKE YOUR CHAINS TO EARTH LIKE DEW, YE ARE MANY, THEY ARE FEW."

—Masque of Anarchy
Percy Shelley
fascism in punk
the original punk scenes’ association with leftist anarchist politics has been widely inflated and grossly exaggerated throughout time. when the average person thinks of punk, they mistake punk as a whole for the more politically active leftist black and riot grrrl scenes that preached about systemic issues and advocated for change. they think of the movement as one cohesive scene with a united set of anti-authoritarian, anti-conformist, and anti-government values.

though the reasoning is completely different, these values are equally embodied by leftist punks as they are by fascist “punks.” ambiguity in punk songs’ lyrics leaves room for leftist and fascist interpretations. though White Riot by the Clash was written in support of the 1958 Notting Hill “race riots” and as a critique of white complacency with racism, fascists have interpreted the lyrics “white riot, i want a riot of my own” and “black man gotta lot of problems, but they don’t mind throwin’ a brick” as support of their own racist white supremacist ideals.

the adoption of fascist symbols by non-fascist punk bands only creates a space that excludes poc/queer/non-christian punks and welcomes fascists. while the “ironic” usage of these symbols was meant to be offensive and shocking, it ignores the insanely dangerous environment it fosters. making people question who is/isn’t a fascist only allows real fascists to infiltrate these scenes, organize, and cause actual harm. this use of Nazi imagery within the punk scene only legitimatized and normalized the resurgence of fascist politics.

despite the shock of punk’s lurking specter of fascism, the complete erasure of this truth is even more outrageous. punks’ association with fascism, or at least fascist symbols, was quickly discarded and many bands attempted to distance themselves completely by changing song lyrics or abandoning songs. this erasure is dishonest, damaging, and only clouds the public perception of the past punk movements.
fascists are not punk!
there is no tolerance for any
association with fascism, whether its
siouxsie and the banshee’s “ironic”
fashion or actual fascism in the past
british and u.s. scenes. while a lot of
punks today have seemed to abandon the
no future! mindset and adopt more
outwardly leftist values, fascist punk
scenes still exist. no space, and
especially no punk space, should allow
fascists to feel safe.

NAZI PUNKS FUCK OFF
dead kennedys

punk ain't no religious cult
punk means thinking for yourself
you ain't hardcore 'cause you spike your hair
when a jock still lives inside your head

if you've come to fight, get outta here
you ain't no better than the bouncers
we ain't trying to be police
when you ape the cops it ain't anarchy

ten guys jump one, what a man
you fight each other, the police state wins
stab your backs when you trash our halls
trash a bank if you've got real balls
you still think swastikas look cool
the real Nazis run your schools
they're coaches, businessmen and cops
in a real fourth Reich you'll be the first to go

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**First Amendment**

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Federal Circuit Courts have consistently ruled that filming police is a protected right. Using “colorful” verbal and nonverbal language against cops is classified as freedom of speech and expression. You have the right to flip off a cop, and you should!

**Fourth Amendment**

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Police must have probable cause, acquire a warrant, or be given consent before conducting searches and seizures.

**8th Amendment**

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Police brutality infringes on your constitutional rights. Obviously.

**Your Miranda Rights**

You have the right to remain silent and refuse to answer questions. Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to consult an attorney before speaking to the police and to have an attorney present during questioning now or in the future. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish. If you decide to answer questions now without an attorney present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to an attorney. Knowing and understanding your rights as I have explained them to you, are you willing to answer my questions without an attorney present?

Innocent or not, never talk to police without a lawyer present! Cops are not your friends! They are not on your side!
good rule of thumb: if you think a symbol might be a fascist dog whistle, it's always safe to assume it is!

this is why it's important to...

KNOW YOUR ENEMY !!!

HOW TO RECOGNIZE ANTISEMITIC FASCIST DOG WHISTLES

What is a dog whistle?
A dog whistle is a “coded message communicated through words or phrases commonly understood by a particular group of people, but not others.”

Numerical Dog Whistles

14 (14 Words)
The number “14” or “14 words” refers to the white supremacist slogan: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.”

88
“H” is the 8th letter in the alphabet. “88” or “HH” meaning “heil hitler.”

1488
Combination of the “14 words” and “88 - heil hitler.”

Phrases

Arbeit Macht Frei / Work Will Set You Free
The phrase put on gates of Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration camps.

Blut und Boden / Blood and Soil
Slogan that emphasizes Nazi “racial purity” (blood) and the settlement of land (soil) and “return to the true Aryan ways.”

Blut und Ehre / Blood and Honor
Phrase popularized by the hitler youth and Nazi Germany.

Cultural Marxism / Cultural Bolshevism
Antisemitic conspiracy theory that Jews are trying to overthrow “Western Culture” and destroy “White America.”

You Will Not Replace Us (YWNRU)
Phrase popularized after Charlottesville 2017 “Unite the Right” rally. Another conspiracy theory claiming Jews are trying to “over-run the white race.”

[there is no context needed for these phrases. if you see them, they're a fascist dogwhistle. simple as that!]
there are genuine practitioners of the Norse religions, so this doesn’t automatically indicate white supremacy, but it’s very likely.

Symbols

Thor’s Hammer
Context matters though this Norse symbol has been co-opted by neo-Nazis. Thor’s Hammer is sometimes accompanied by swastikas.

Totenkopf
Hitler’s personal bodyguards wore this as their insignia.

Sunwheel / Black Sun / Sonnenrad
Symbol used by original Nazi party. Currently used by white supremacists as a way to identify each other.

This is how fascists will:
- Do not allow fascist dog whistles to infiltrate pro-Ukraine messages!
- This image was shown everywhere in the news and had the swastika on full display.

Wolfsangel
Symbol used by Nazi Germany’s SS Waffen. Represents Aryan and neo-Nazi groups.

Pepe the Frog
An annoying ass meme appropriated by an even more annoying ass group. Did not originate in fascism but has been co-opted by white supremacists. Safe to say that if you’re seeing this outdated meme in the year 2022, it’s a white supremacist dog whistle.

I literally cannot describe how much I hate looking at this meme:

[i will never forgive white supremacists for making me look at this fucking meme.
LITERALLY THE WORST FUCKING MEME TO BE CO-OPTED SHHH.]

I literally cannot like why bro? so stupid
on the Jewish ethics of punching a fascist

Who is "THE WOMAN WITH THE HANDBAG?"
Danuta Danielsson was the daughter of a Polish Holocaust survivor.

This famous photo captured her hitting a Nazi (who was later convicted of torturing and killing a gay Jew) with her handbag.

WHAT'S MY OPINION?
It is always acceptable to punch a white supremacist, and, in fact, our future depends on it!

IF WE DON'T TAKE ACTION, WHO WILL?
BASH YOUR LOCAL FASH


Here he is getting absolutely decked at a protest... and here it happening again at a separate protest...

Note the Pepe the Frog pin. It's Richard Spencer's favorite dog whistle...

Nick Fuentes was also in attendance at the Unite the Right rally and Jan. 6th riots. Fuentes is a white supremacist, Holocaust denier who's been in the news a lot recently with Kanye.

The UNITE THE RIGHT rally was a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville (where Richard Spencer was a guest speaker) that resulted in the death of 32-year-old Heather Heyer and the injury of 35+ others after a rioter drove his car through the counter-protest crowd. Charlottesville was the first instance of "mask off" far-right mobilization in modern U.S. history, and it was the first major warning to future far-right events like the January 6th insurrection.

Rest in Power Heather Heyer
At least 32 transgender people have been murdered this year.

Hate crimes against trans individuals have increased by 587% from 2013 to 2019.

A note from your enby writer:

I'm sick of seeing trans ppl weaponized by conservatives in the media. I'm sick of hearing about trans ppl in bathrooms, in sports, and in schools, blah blah blah. While I of course want trans people to be more accepted and I know this is part of the process, I miss the old days where people didn't even know what being trans was. I wish I didn't have to live on the same planet as transphobic freaks like Matt Walsh and his bullshit "What is a WOMAN?" documentary. Trans rights are human rights, and the alienation and demonization of trans ppl in media is what causes shootings like the one in Colorado Springs. Leave us alone.

Laura Jane Grace setting her birth certificate on fire in protest of the 2016 North Carolina bathroom bill... an icon.

"Goodbye Gender!"

Laura Jane Grace

EAT TRANS PHOBES!

Laura Jane Grace lead singer, songwriter, and guitarist of the punk rock band Against Me!

She is a trans anarchist punk and also the love of my life.

Against Me!

Song recommendations:

1. True Trans
2. Soul Rebel
3. I was a teenage anarchist
4. Osama Bin Laden as the Crucified Christ
5. Norse Truth
DISARM COPS! the club Q shooting...

5 FATALITIES
17 OTHERS WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS

Richard M. Fierro
was the hero responsible for disarming the Club Q gunman. Fierro served in the military for 15 years abroad in Afghanistan and Iraq and awarded the Bronze star twice. As the gunman started shooting in the club, Fierro disarmed him and beat the man with his own pistol. A transwoman stomped on the shooter’s head with her heels. When police arrived, they arrested Fierro and held him in a cop car for an hour plus. His daughter’s boyfriend, Raymond Vance, was murdered.

In recent years, the right has re-set their sights on attacking the queer (though specifically trans) community. After all, the hate that is spurred, I’m not surprised by this result. Conservative commentators who continue to demonize the queer community are directly responsible for this.

This includes Tucker Carlson, Ben Shapiro, Candace Owens, Matt Walsh, Tim Pool and all other fascist fucks who have nothing better to do than agitate white supremacists and encourage them to target vulnerable minorities. This is their fault.

THE CLUB Q SHOOTING IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW COPS DO NOT KEEP US SAFE! WE KEEP US SAFE! DISARM COPS!

For God’s sake, the cops even arrested the man who stopped the gunman.
(p)rick

(SCOFFING) Fascists.