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A brief theoretical explanation of the main characteristics of fascist regimes, ideologies and movements:

- Authoritarianism and elitism as the ideals of the political organization of society and methods of management, decision-making within the movement.
- Nativism as a preference in the rights of people determined by ethnic origin, "anthropological" type, etc., the opposition between "our" people and the "other" ethno-nationalism, racism, xenophobia.
- Populism as a way of providing simple and attractive answers to complex social issues, political demagoguery, manipulation of facts and myths, and other ways of proving one's point and moral authority.

- Anti-liberalism/anti-communism/anti-feminism and other types of self-presentation through the opposition of other political trends, movements, ideologies or groups.
- Radicalism as a way of political struggle, allowing to carry out activities without the mediation of public institutions where it is required by law.
- Extremism as a way to achieve the desired results through extreme forms of conflict resolution violence, etc.

This list is not exhaustive, yet it helps to easily identify typical fascist regimes, ideologies, or movements.