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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.

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- 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.