

# Nationalist

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The University of Wisconsin's Stanley Payne, author of [Fascism: Comparison and Definition](#) and [A History of Fascism, 1914–1945](#), emphasizes that fascism is a "revolutionary nationalist project. Not just a nationalist project, but a nationalist project that is revolutionary and breaks down all the standards and the barriers." Trump and other far-right populists don't count.

## Anti individualist

This runs in sharp contrast to the fascist tradition, which, while emphasizing cults of personality for leaders, is nonetheless fundamentally concerned with the collective, with the state being redeemed and the fascist political organization being built to redeem it. That aspect is foreign ...to 21st century American society in general. "People are extremely individualistic. No one would dream of putting them in identically colored shirts and putting them in regimented youth movements, action squads," Paxton says.

Feldman concurs, arguing that fascism builds a kind of "political religion" in which the nation is considered a real, living, and yet sacred thing to be revered and protected. This goes well beyond mere nationalism. "It's a difference between someone who's patriotic versus someone who sees the nation as a living, breathing organic entity," he says. "Not, 'I want my soccer team to win this match,' but, 'Jews and Muslims are like a festering appendix that must be cut out.' The 300 million Americans are like 300 million cells in the body. The individual is worth nothing. It's one cell in the body."

I asked 5 fascism experts whether Donald Trump is a fascist. Here's what they said. By Dylan Matthews, [Dylan@vox.com](mailto:Dylan@vox.com) May19, 2016

The first meeting of the Fasci of Revolutionary Action was held on 24 January 1915<sup>[94]</sup> when Mussolini declared that it was necessary for Europe to resolve its national problems – including national borders – of Italy and elsewhere "for the ideals of justice and liberty for which oppressed peoples must acquire the right to belong to those national communities from which they descended".<sup>[94]</sup>

[Nationalism](#) is the main foundation of fascism.<sup>[154]</sup> The fascist view of a nation is of a single organic entity that binds people together by their ancestry, and is a natural unifying force of people.<sup>[155]</sup> Fascism seeks to solve economic, political, and social problems by achieving a [millenarian](#) national rebirth, exalting the nation or [race](#) above all else, and promoting cults of unity, strength, and purity.<sup>[32][156][157][158][159]</sup> European fascist movements typically espouse a [racist](#) conception of non-Europeans being inferior to Europeans.<sup>[160]</sup> Beyond this, fascists in Europe have not held a unified set of racial views.<sup>[160]</sup> Historically, most fascists promoted [imperialism](#), although there have been several fascist movements that were uninterested in the pursuit of new imperial ambitions.<sup>[160]</sup>

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