

## Shivani on Trump and Mussolini

The term 'fascism' is notoriously difficult to define, a characteristic that was proudly pointed out and encouraged by its original practitioners. Today, maybe especially so in the US, it is used so loosely as to be almost meaningless in any historical sense, often conveying little more than a general dislike of a view opposed to our own (of course enlightened) perspective.

But, as Anis Shivani points out in this (warning: long) piece, there are historical and contemporary realities connected to the word, and our current Trumpism has much stronger correlations with the original fascism of Mussolini than with the later Nazi variant of Hitler.

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