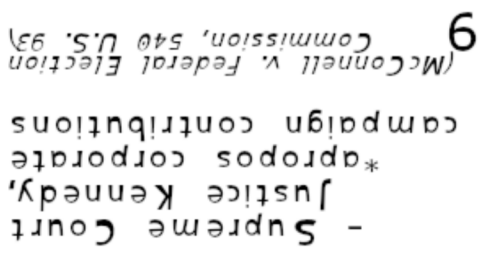




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Controlled Mass Media
Media is controlled (indirectly or directly) by the government, media spokespeople, and/or executives. Censorship, especially in war time, is very common.



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(McConnell v. Federal Election Commission, 540 U.S. 93)

Corporate Power is Protected
A mutually beneficial relationship exists between government leaders and the industrial and business interests that put them in power.
- Supreme Court Justice Kennedy, *apropos corporate campaign contributions
... "there is no such thing as too much"...



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Supremacy of the Military
The military receives disproportionate funding, while domestic issues are neglected. Soldiers and military service are glamorized.

Project 2025's Plan to Dismantle Public Education— And Screw Over Disabled Kids
January 13, 2025

Asian American professor wrongfully accused of spying for China is suing University of Kansas
Story by Kimmy Yam - 2d

Disdain for Intellectuals and the Arts
Hostility toward education and expression through art is openly promoted. Academics and artists are often censored and even arrested.

Sources:
"The 14 Characteristics of Fascism"
by Dr. Lawrence Britt
URL: ratical.org/ratville/CAH/fasci14chars.html

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14 Ways To Spot Fascism



An antifascist field guide
by Dakota Raine
(based on the work of Dr. Lawrence Britt)

Rampant Cronyism and Corruption

Officials appoint friends, family, and associates to privileged positions in the state, often using their authority to prevent accountability.



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Disdain for the Recognition of Human Rights

Under fascism, exceptions are made to deny human rights:

- Examples:
- freedom from slavery (except as punishment for crime).
 - right to assemble (if you have a permit).
 - presumed innocence (unless law enforcement "fear for their safety").



Fraudulent Elections

Elections are manipulated by:

- redrawing of political boundaries.
- influence of mass media.
- smear campaigns.
- assassination attempts of candidates.

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Nationalism

Powerful and Continuing

- Constant use of patriotic mottos, slogans, symbols, songs, and other paraphernalia.
- Flags are seen everywhere, as are flag symbols on clothing and in public displays.

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Obsession with Crime and Punishment

US police killed record number of people in 2024

Police killings on the rise in the United States

- Police wield massive power to selectively enforce the law and abuses are often overlooked.
- Cops are often glamorized in the media.

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Identification of Scapegoats

Examples:

- "Thugs"
- "Bad Hombres"
- "Woke Mob"
- "Terrorists"

An expressed need to eliminate a perceived, common threat (usually a racial or ethnic minority):

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Obsession with National Security

Fear is used as a motivational tool by the government over the masses.

The FBI alleges TikTok poses national security concerns

Biden admin to announce AI rule to 'enhance' national security and economic might

Biden killed US Steel deal even though some US officials rejected national security concerns

Religion and Government are Intertwined

The most common religion in the nation is used as a tool to manipulate public opinion. Religious rhetoric and terminology is common from government leaders.

Donald Trump Suggests He Was Literally Anointed by God

Rampant Sexism

Fascist nations are largely male-dominated and traditional gender roles are made more rigid. Opposition to abortion is high, as is homophobia and anti-gay legislation.

"120 anti-trans bills have already been filed across the United States before 2025 has even started"

- Advocate.com

"2024 brought more dramatic changes in abortion rights across the US"

- npr.org

Labor Power is Suppressed

Worker organizations (eg. labor unions) are eliminated entirely or severely suppressed.

Third Circuit slashes NLRB authority in Starbucks unionization opinion

The labor board can no longer demand compensation for monetary harms caused by employer actions, the circuit court ruled.

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