

Fascism and Communism

Task 1 : Find definitions for these two systems, the key concepts and a brief history.

Fascism (/ˈfæʃɪzəm/) is a form of radical authoritarian ultranationalism, characterized by dictatorial power, forcible suppression of opposition and strong regimentation of society and of the economy, which came to prominence in early 20th-century Europe. The first fascist movements emerged in Italy during World War I before it spread to other European countries. Opposed to liberalism, Marxism and anarchism, fascism is placed on the far-right within the traditional left–right spectrum. (Wikipedia, 2018)

In political and social sciences, communism (from Latin communis, "common, universal") is the philosophical, social, political, and economic ideology and movement whose ultimate goal is the establishment of the communist society, which is a socioeconomic order structured upon the common ownership of the means of production and the absence of social classes, money and the state. (Wikipedia, 2018)

Task 2 : Write a brief description of each political system and compare and contrast. What is different between them? What is the similar?

The biggest difference between the systems is that Communism puts equality among people and erases classes, while Fascism aims to have pyramidal power structure, having one man, the dictator, ruling over all the lower levels, prioritising a capitalism approach, which instead Communism has the goal to erase from the society, as it retains its root of the society issues; the fascist system also strongly remarks the difference and the power between the genders, lowering the society value of females with men at power. If in Fascism there is very centralized ideal, only careful of itself, Communism extend its attention and solidarity to other communist systems spread in other countries.

Concerning war, the fascist system glorifies it, as it can give strength to the idea of solid and cohesive nation, while Communism believes it should be avoided. Nonetheless both are on the same position concerning its not negative impact for the economy, justified by the second one as a good stimulation for the production. Another similarity can be found in the fact that the communist system abolish religion and propriety, and so expression of personal belief and decision on what personally posses; not actually similar in precise terms to Fascism, as it does not repress them, but close to fascist ideals of general repression, even if aiming to an equal status for each individual, it generates anyway negativity. (Diffen, 2018)

Task 3 : Write a section analysing the information that you have researched and written about. Ask yourself "Why are these systems setup the way they are?"

The two systems have a completely different perspective of the individual, with Communism putting it at its core to create the community equality and Fascism marking its absence of meaning while elevating the power of who rules, so it's quite impossible finding a common and positive shared-existence, as they conflict at their nature, considering values, priorities and goals.

Communism, revolutionizing classes and creating equality between individuals, has the aim to switch the role of people in society, but it has never been actually established in reality following its complete list of elements, as none of the countries had a status perfectly similar to the theory key-points.

Fascism on the other side, with the aim of power and authority, has found fertile ground in few societies after the end of the WWI, and gradually fell into violence due its control and repression of the different; there has to be a particular and unstable social situation to let it rise and affirm. While Communism seems to try creating a different social status, Fascism tends to focus its action on the imperialism hunger.

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