

Reflection Question: What is neo-fascism in our world today, in your community? How can we/you fight that? How can it be combated?

Fascism is

The prison industrial complex locking up millions of black and brown women, queer, trans* people and men.

Heavy police presence, violence, and surveillance in black and brown communities.

Local farmers not being able to earn a living profit from crops due to liberal policies such as NAFTA

Steps to change:

- Group political education
- Community building and engaging in multiple ways to discuss fascist conditions in our lives
- Organized action/ civil disobedience

Fascism is when white people hoard resources and use guns to do it. The ideology and mythology seeps into exploited cultures so that even people of color internalize the fascist IO through racism, hetero-patriarchy, capitalism, etc. New myths and ideologies must be propagated through education.

Fascism is the political principle on which xenophobia, racism, ableism, sexism, etc is allowed to function through. It partners directly with democracy and austerity to create a neo-liberal state dependent on oppression. It is a political motivation to maintain order and hierarch. Often I see it through deportation (removal and cleansing of immigrants) but they are secretly kept in detention of free labor. Fascism is sly in it prisoners.

I think that fascism is a way to suppress the people and maintain control financially and physically. We can combat this with education and propaganda. The powers that be operate without resistance but if enough people saw or understood what was going on here and in the islands it would be halted.

Neo-fascism in my life looks like the control of media by corporations and regulated by the government. Neo-fascism is the division of labor and how it's also controlled by corporations. Neo-fascism is also the government using its military as a way to control people. And the government tracking and watching people whether or not they pose a threat. And just the pure inability for folks to be able to live their lives free of corporate or government intervention.

Neo-fascism in its simplest form, I guess is the employment of a dominant viewpoint used to control the lives of all. Dominant here not referring to majority, but power. I suppose this idea shows up in several parts of our lives, and is in a conflict of conspiracy vs. reality and once its recognized as reality, what can be done to convince the many that it's worth the fight to ignite a change? An incentive? Because do people ever do anything without an incentive. After all, the oppressed are acting out of the desired incentive of liberation. No answer

I see elements of fascism in the public and personal cases of economic plunder, state and vigilante terrorist violence, mass criminalization and incarceration, and many other forms of oppressions and exploitation that are occurring locally, nationally, and globally. Many people avoid seeing these realities because they want so much to believe in the propaganda that if they only work hard, they can achieve a middle class life complete with comfort, safety, freedom, even power without having to consider whose oppression pays for these versions of security. In addition, there is confusion between the importance of granting human rights to individuals and assuming incorrectly that individuals are responsible for their circumstances, whether they be good or bad. We need to fight all of this through education about the realities of the institutionalized issues of the past and of present while forming coalitions of people to support each other and to connect the actions on all fronts of struggle.