

fascism noun

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fas·cism | \ 'fa-,shi-zəm also 'fa-,si-\

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Definition of *fascism*

- 1 *often capitalized*: a political philosophy, movement, or regime (such as that of the Fascisti) that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition
- 2 : a tendency toward or actual exercise of strong autocratic or dictatorial control
// early instances of army *fascism* and brutality
— J. W. Aldridge



Literally what you're doing
by presuming the right to control
the bodies of 50,000
LA City workers.

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fascist \ 'fa-shist also -sist \ noun or adjective, often capitalized

fascistic \ fa-'shi-stik also -'si-\ adjective, often capitalized

fascistically \ fa-'shi-sti-k(ə-)lē also -'si-\ adverb, often capitalized

The Italian Origin of *Fascism*

The words *fascism* and *fascist* have long been associated with the Fascisti of Benito Mussolini and the fascis, the bundle of rods with an ax among them, which the Fascisti used as a symbol of the Italian people united and obedient to the single authority of the state. However, Mussolini did not introduce the word *fascista* (plural *fascisti*) with the 1919 organization of the *Fasci di combattimento* ("combat groups"), nor did the fascis have any direct connection with the origin of *fascista*. In Italian, the word *fascio* (plural *fasci*) means literally "bundle," and