

# **FASCISM**

## **A WARNING**

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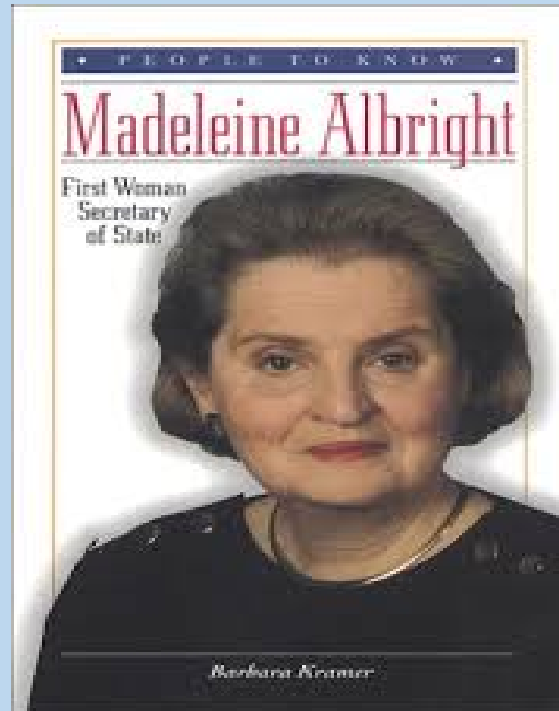
# The Author, Madeleine Albright



# Who is Madeleine Albright?

- Former Secretary of State in the Clinton Administration
- Emigrated from Czechoslovakia with her parents to London in 1939. Raised a Catholic, she later discovered her parentage was Jewish and she lost 3 grandparents in the Holocaust.
- Her father was a diplomat with the Czech gov't. in exile. After Hitler's defeat, they returned to Czechoslovakia only to have the Soviets install another dictator and in 1948, when she was 11, they fled to Colorado. The family were welcomed as immigrants and became American citizens.
- A foreign policy professor, she joined Jimmy Carter's National Security Council, was US Ambassador to UN and later was the first female secretary of state under Bill Clinton.

# Madam Secretary in Clinton Administration



# Why this Topic?

- In last Spring's class someone asked for a definition of Fascism. No one volunteered to offer one. Did we forget?
- "History doesn't exactly repeat itself, but it often rhymes". Mark Twain

# Sources

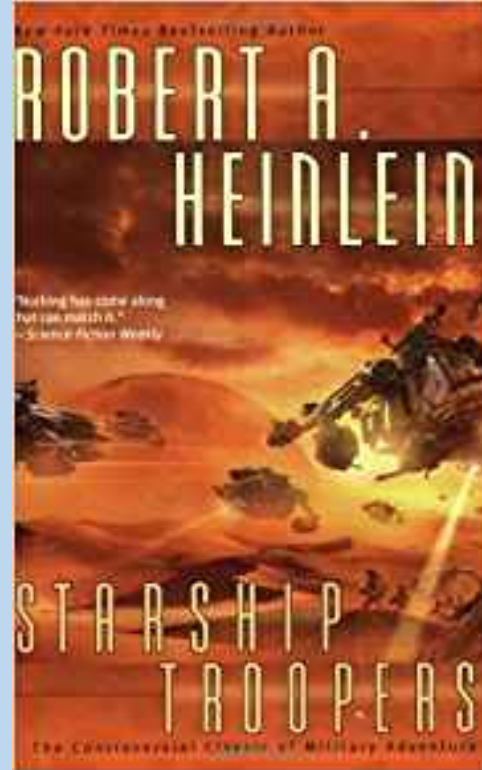
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- Wikipedia
- Websites: The Guardian, BBC, Bloomberg, Politico, NY Times, LA Times

# Suggested Reading/Watching

- Richard Haas, World in Disarray
- Henry Kissinger, World Order
- Sinclair Lewis, It Can't Happen Here
- Robert Heinlein, Starship Troopers (Fiction)
- Robert O. Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism



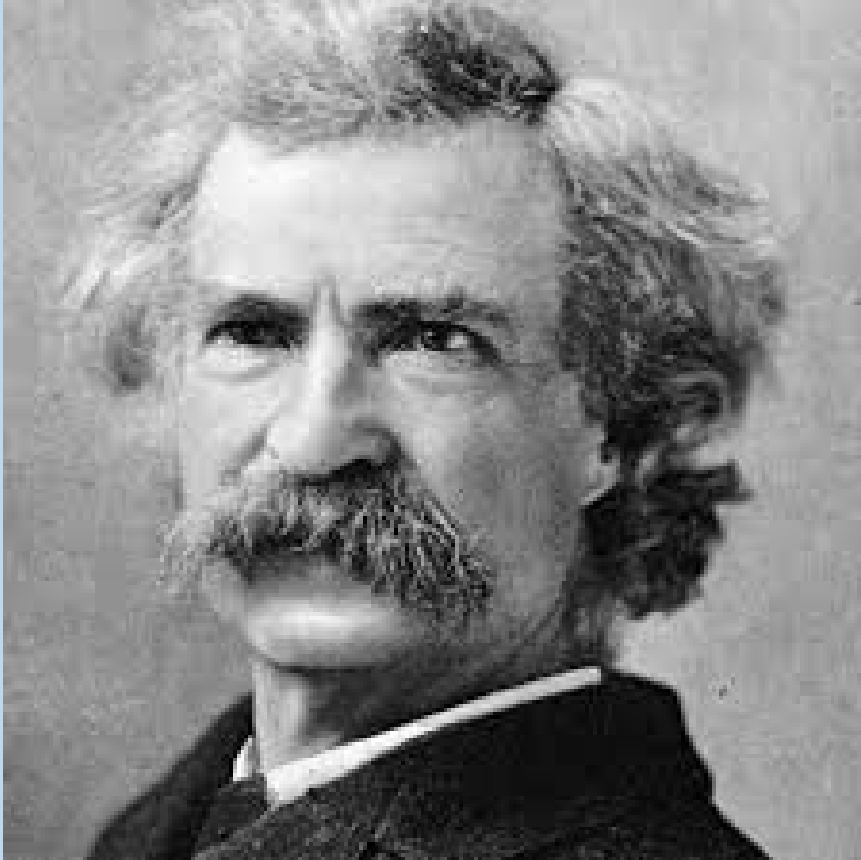
# A Great Movie Too (unless you're afraid of bugs!



# QUOTES

- Mussolini:
- “If you pluck a chicken one feather at a time, no one notices”.
- Albright – “This is the most important quote in the book”.

# Mark Twain



**“Politicians & diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason.”**

# Historian Robert O. Paxton

- "Fascism was the major political innovation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, and the source of much of its pain."

Primo Levi Italian Jewish Chemist &  
Writer, Holocaust Survivor (Auschwitz)

“Every age has its own  
fascism”

# Benito Mussolini

“War is to a man what  
motherhood is to a woman.”

# Adolph Hitler

“Italians are more interested in meatballs and wine than in fighting a war”.

# World-wide Decline of Liberal Democracy and Rise of Global Authoritarianism

- What is liberal democracy?
  - Donald Tusk of European Council, and a Pole, defined it:
  - “The rule of law, respect of rights of the weak by the stronger, it is the freedom of speech, it is a precise and definitive division between the judiciary and the executive.” “This set of rules is not given once and forever –it is something very fragile and unique.”



# Rise of Global Authoritarianism

- International Order is changing from liberal democracy to that of strongman authoritarianism, with the waning of international law and a slide into unruliness and lawlessness.
- US traditional role – upholds rule of law. Serves as exemplar of moral leadership (most of the time). BBC

# Rise of Global Authoritarianism

- The US is no longer acting as the global policeman. America will only act if its own citizens are threatened or own interests harmed. It no longer claims global leadership by example or action. CNN
- US President is not condemning bad behavior (but Congress is). This is being interpreted as allowing “anything goes”.  
E.g., Putin and MBS - Madeleine Albright

BillDaye.com



# Terminology - Labels Thrown Around Interchangeably

- A Fascist will likely be a tyrant, but a tyrant isn't necessarily a Fascist.
- Dictator
- Despot
- Tyrant
- Autocrat
- Plutocrat
- Authoritarian
- Totalitarian - (a degree higher than authoritarian)

# Questions

- What is Fascism?
- How can we be forewarned, if we don't know what it is?
- How is it Defined?
- Applications in History. The Results.
- What should we look for in present day?
- Is it present in the world today? Where?
- New threats - Big Data, AI, Genetic Engineering (Eugenics)
- How can it be prevented?

# Fascism Defined - Wikipedia

- A form of radical authoritarian ultra-nationalism characterized by:
  - Dictatorial power with control of judiciary and press
  - Forcible suppression of opposition (use of violence)
  - Strong regimentation of society
  - Strong regimentation of the economy
  - One-party state with a strong leader
  - Usually (not always) at the far right of the spectrum of left-right politics.

# Fascism Defined Con't...

- Opposed to:
  - Liberalism (democracy, liberty, freedom, human rights)
  - Marxism
  - Anarchism
- The Purpose of the State led by a strong leader is:
  - To forge national unity and maintain a stable & orderly society.
  - Achieve national rejuvenation by political violence, war and imperialism.
  - Advocate a mixed economy to achieve national self-sufficiency through protectionist and interventionist economic policies.

# Fascism Described - Albright

- The word “fascism” is thrown around loosely & often used to criticize someone you disagree with or find annoying.
- I don't think fascism is an ideology. I think it is a method, it's a system. It's a means to gain and keep political power.
- Tactics include:
  - An emotional link to the crowd
  - A central figure/personality, as in a cult
  - Bringing deep and ugly feelings to the surface



# Fascism – Described, Albright con't...

- Draws energy from upset over the loss of:
  - A job or a war
  - Humiliation
  - A sense that the country is in decline
- Fascists are typically masters of political theater.
- They tell supporters there are simple fixes to complex problems.
- They often ascend to power through the ballot box, then undermine democracy from within.

# Super Heroes Fight the Fascists!



# Fascism Described – Albright, Con't...

- Use negative emotions
  - Mentality of “us” versus “them”
    - Fear of another ethnic or religious group
  - Feeling of being denied what is rightly theirs
  - Use of violence to achieve goals
  - Conformity is good
  - Informing on others is good – watchers on every block, in every home
- The individual is a cell in the organism of the state
  - Cell has value only as it serves the organism
  - Must benefit the state to be of value
  - The state dictates to the individual what he must do for the state, no more, no less

# Features of Fascism

- Fascism identifies strongly with and claims to speak for a whole nation or group, is unconcerned with rights of others, is willing to use whatever means necessary, including violence, to achieve goals.
- Leader is always male. He is a patriarchic figure who believes only he can save the nation back to some mythical glory that once existed.
- Has broad appeal in times of trouble. Unites the country and provides easy answers.

# Dr. Seuss and Political Cartoons



# Formula to Bring Fascists to Power

- Take a country that was once great, such as a former Empire - That suffered a calamity, humiliation or economic recession.
- Add an ambitious male personality with great oratory skills, organizational skills or develops a cult of personality & throw him in jail. Let him out early.
- Add a written manifesto, full of emotional blame for an enemy plus some slogans ("One people, one leader, one party!").
- Hold rallies and fire up the crowd into a frenzy.



# How Fascists Come to Power

- Get appointed by your predecessor, win an election/ revolution or a coup d'état.
- Dismantle democratic institutions with a liberal dose of violence to achieve goals.
  - Control media/press.
  - Control judiciary, police – no rule of law except yours
  - Add more security loyal to you – Storm troopers, National/Revolutionary Guard.
  - Ban opposition parties, jail opponents or kill them.

# How Fascists Came to Power

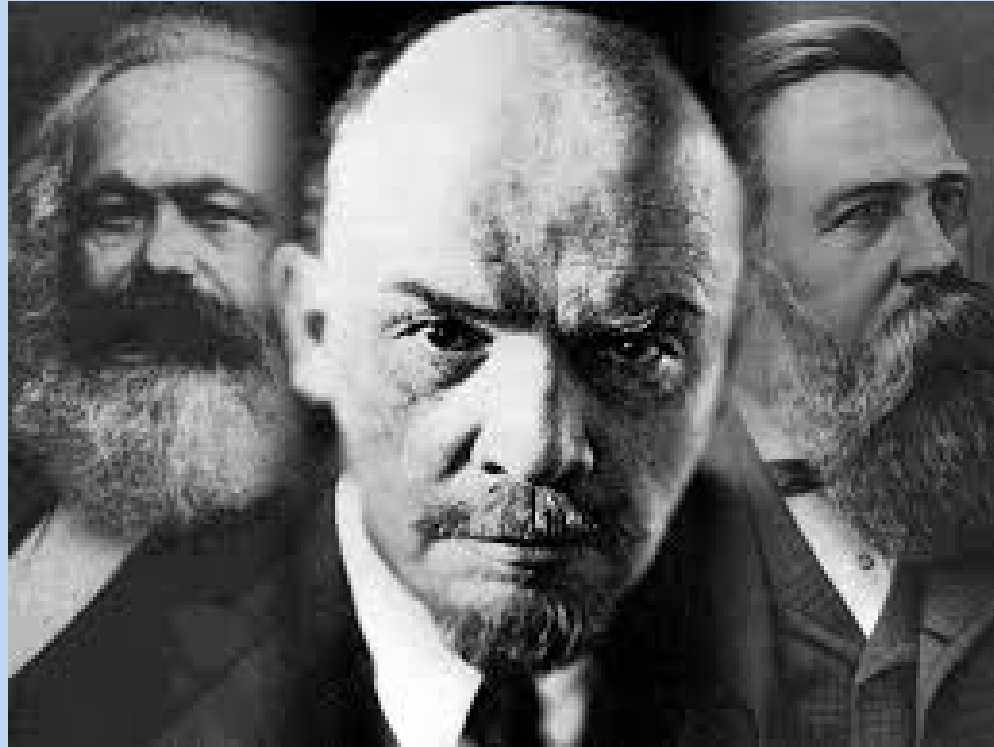
- Terrorize population that opposes you, exile them, put in camps or gas them (Soviet Union, Syria, North Korea).
- Tear up Treaties You Don't Like and Make Sham Ones You Do.
- Use liberal dose of propaganda. Say something often enough and it rings true.
- Promote expansionism to unite your people living next door.
- Get loans to pay for popular projects or find a foreign benefactor.
- Create a crisis, and go to war with enemies to unite your population and stay in power.



# 20th Century - Experimentations in Political Systems

- Old Models: Monarchies, Empires, Democracies, & Dictatorships
- New Experiment: Marxist-Leninism in Russia espousing the Spread of International Communism (Not based on Nationalism) Dictatorship of the Proletariat.
- Fascism was a reaction against Marxist-Leninism.

# Lenin, Marx and Engels



# The Soviet Wave is Coming! Papa Save Me!



# 20<sup>th</sup> Century Experimentations

- Later, Stalin was considered a Fascist on the Left. A “Red Fascist”. Had complete control of state and population, their lives, imprisoned, executed, exiled masses. Expanded empire.
- New Experiment: Italian Fascism had left, center and right wings
  - On the left, advocated for dictatorship of the dispossessed.
  - On the right wanted authoritarian corporist state (organized state capitalism). Mussolini was on the right.
  - In the center wanted a return to monarchy.

# Stalinism - Red Fascism



# Fascism Put Into Practice

- Rise of Mussolini – Came to power in 1922.
- Rise of Hitler in 1933, who borrowed from Mussolini, then over-shadowed him.
- Francisco Franco – 1936 rebelled against Republican coalition parliamentary government led by a socialist, backed by the King. 1936-1939 civil war. In power until his death in 1975.

# Features of Fascism

- An extreme form of authoritarian rule. Citizens must do exactly as told.
- Turns power order upside down
  - In a liberal democracy: citizens give power to the state in exchange for protection of rights.
  - In a fascist state – power goes to the leader and people have no rights.
- Under Fascism – Mission of the citizen is to serve, the government's role is to rule.

# Other Features of Fascism

- Tactics: Demagoguery, Fear and Blame
- Use of Symbols, Salutes and Uniforms
- \*\*Why people/masses join in:
  - Provides a meaningful quest, a purpose.
  - Often feel pride of membership in the club to which others are excluded.



# Slogans

- "Ein Volk, ein Reich, ein Führer"
- "Un Estado, un país, un jefe"
- "One State, one country, one leader"

# Effects of WWI on Italy

- WWI – was a total war with total mass mobilization of society
  - Distinction between civilians and combatants broken down, a military citizenship arose.
  - Rise in a powerful state that mobilized millions of people to serve on the front lines and provide economic production and logistics to support them. Unprecedented authority to intervene in the lives of its citizens.
- Italy humiliated by allied powers during 1919 peace negotiations.
  - Not invited to talks.
  - Not granted territorial gains promised during war
  - Country felt betrayed. Returning soldiers heckled, no jobs.
- Socialist Victory in Parliamentary Elections in 1919

# Benito Mussolini, Founder



# Founder of Fascism: Benito Mussolini

- Mussolini attended an elite boarding school, but was poor and bullied. Got into fights, stabbed 2 people on different occasions. Studied and earned a teaching certificate. At 19 moved to Switzerland and worked as a laborer, got arrested for vagrancy.
- WWI changed him into a patriot. He found a purpose.
- He founded the Fascist Revolutionary Party in Italy in 1915.
  - Urged nation to join war on side of England and France, served in army for 17 months as a journalist. Severely wounded. Italy defeated October 1917 at battle of Caporetto. 10,000 killed, 30,000 injured, 225,000 surrendered.

# Benito Mussolini WWI



# King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy



# Fascism in Italy

- Weak King Victor Emanuel III, had series of prime ministers in Parliament. Could not keep pace with industrial revolution.
- Technological changes occurring – electricity, automobiles, steamships, telephones brought world together, but farmers and others out of jobs.
- Farmers moved to the cities.
- Aristocracy discredited by WWI – led to economic ruin
- Religion under scrutiny
- Russian revolution – fear of spread of communism.

# Socialists vs. Fascists in Italy

- Goal to rescue capitalism & Roman Catholicism from Leninist hoards. Defending tradition & monarchy.
- King Emanuel zigged & zagged between Socialists and Fascists. Asked Mussolini to replace latest prime minister.
- Turned backs on “parasites” to “fend for themselves” – the foreign, the weak, politically unreliable.



# Fascism in Italy, continued...

- Economic hardships
- Ambition of political leader
- Prejudice against “others” – ethnic, religious, foreigners, etc.
- Fear and nostalgia for Roman Empire and Caesar. Make Rome Great Again.

# March on Rome 1922 Brought Victory to Fascists



# Symbols of Italian Fascism

The Fasces rods & axe – Roman Consul



Mussolini and the Fez



## Inspecting the Troops in Ethiopia, The Salute



## Italy's Arditi Corps 1918 holding Daggers



# Socialists vs. Fascists in Italy

- Socialists – pro-Bolshevik, anti-bourgeois, peasants wanted land, workers waged strikes. Rejected capitalism. Socialists outnumbered Fascists, but Fascists were more ruthless and respected out of fear.
- Fascists = Unity. Feared events in Russia. Self-sufficiency would bring prosperity.
- Classes to unite to form a common front against world. Students, workers, soldiers, business people to unite and look out for one another.
- Recruited jobless veterans to form armed squads to shoot labor leaders, beat up workers & peasants. Police sympathetic to armed gangs.



# Mussolini vs. Hitler's Views

- Mussolini rejected Hitler's racist views.
- Both favored machismo rhetoric of nationalists and were anti-communists.
- Both relied on tactics of violent gangs.
- Met each other in 1934 in Venice without an interpreter. Mussolini didn't understand what Hitler said. Next day they insulted each other with slights. Hitler talked too much. Mussolini used to doing all the talking. Mussolini took revenge by taking the controls of a plane on way to Berlin. Hitler terrified.
- Then, Mussolini invaded Ethiopia.

# Mussolini/Hitler Alliance

- 1938 Air Force bombed Barcelona on behalf of Franco during Spain's Civil war. After 15 years of Fascist rule, Italy was in no shape to wage war.
- 1939 – Germany-Italy signed a mutual defense treaty, but Italy not ready to fight.
- 1940 – Italy invaded Greece without telling Hitler. Tanks stuck in mud, planes grounded in fog, ships saw high seas. Hitler had to rescue Italians. This delayed Hitler's invasion of Russia by 4 months and doomed Germans to Russia's brutal winter.

# Mussolini with Hitler, An Uneasy Alliance





# Restore the Greatness of Rome and Caesar Augustus



# Italy Lost the War Because

- There were not enough men to fight.
- They ran out of ships, guns and uniforms. Not prepared.
- Had no domestic weapons factories.
- Dependent on imported food & fertilizer
- No navy to keep ports safe.

# Mussolini Rescued by Germans only to be Captured by Italian Communists and Executed



# Mussolini's End

- In 1943 160,000 allied troops invaded Sicily. Mussolini was hated at home. Lost trust of the King who demanded he resign. New gov't. agreed to Armistice w/ Allies.
- Germany invaded Nor. Italy & freed prisoner Mussolini; made him head of puppet gov't. in Italy's North.
- April 28, 1945, Mussolini was captured and shot by an Italian Communist Firing Squad. Later publically hung upside down.



# Mussolini's Fate



# Germany

# German Experience with Fascism

- German Fascism –List of demands
  - Feeling Superior (Nordic/Aryan Race) and Blaming
    - Jews
    - Immigrants and Gypsies
    - Capitalists
  - List of Reforms
    - Wanted higher age-old pensions
    - Wanted more educational opportunities for the poor
    - Wanted an end to child labor
    - Wanted improved maternal health care.

# Fascism in Germany

- Hitler was born in 1889, a listless young man, a drop out, an artist, but a good soldier in WWI. Disillusioned with Treaty of Versailles and its humiliation.
- 1923 – joined the National Socialist German Workers' Party – the Nazis. Had good organizational & oratory skills. Copies Mussolini's March on Rome with his Beer Hall Putsch. But he was arrested & tried for treason. Friendly judges sentenced him to 5 years and he served only 9 months. Spent time in jail writing his manifesto Mein Kampf the Blue Print for the Master Race. Advocated expansion of German living space because they were superior people.





# Great Orator, Moves the Masses



# Uniforms

**Brown Shirts & Boots - SA**



**Brown Shirt – Storm Troopers**



# Fascism in Germany, Con't...

- Meanwhile, the Great Depression meant no more loans for Germany, high unemployment and weakening of the Weimar Republic.
- Out of jail and active in politics, conservatives wanted to use Hitler's charisma to gain power, but they couldn't control him. President Paul von Hindenburg, the elder Prussian soldier invited Hitler into the ruling coalition. Hitler demanded full executive power, but was denied.
- Re-elections favored Nazi Party. With a stalemate, Hindenburg gave in and Hitler given power without a majority vote, but had legal means. He was made Chancellor in 1933.

# Fascism in Germany, Con't...

- Establishment leaders underestimated Hitler and failed to fear him, fooled by his charm. He quickly set out to destroy democratic institutions:
  - Freedom of assembly – except for Nazi rallies.
  - Replaced local governors with Nazis.
  - Sent storm trooper thugs to beat up opponents. Sent some to concentration camps. Established the SS secret police, Gestapo.
  - Shut down unions and purged civil servants.
  - No free press, burned banned books.
- The old Prussian, von Hindenburg died leaving Hitler in charge of the government, head of state and commander of the military.

# Fascism in Germany, Con't...

- Hitler left alone big agriculture, industry and the military and turned them towards preparing for war.
- He created public works, building cars, highways, buildings. Unemployment dropped from 6 million to 1 million.
- Created Hitler youth, League of German Girls so as to brainwash children and their parents.
- Jobs more important than liberty.
- 1938 - Kristallnacht
- 1938 - Fascism spreads to Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Romania. Only Czechoslovakia remains a democracy.

# Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact 1939



# Fascism in Germany, Con't...

- 1939 – Hitler/Stalin Non-Aggression Pact - Hitler invades Poland and goes from there.
- Frustrated by Mussolini who invades Greece and needs rescue. This delays Hitler's advance into Russia by 4 months dooming German troops who run into Russia's winter.



# Hitler in Paris



# Francisco Franco



# Franco and Mussolini



# Spanish Experience

- Scholars say Franco's Spain was not Fascist, but what is clear is that he was closely allied with them when he found it beneficial.
- He was a conservative monarchist who provided assistance to Hitler & Mussolini and gave them access to Spain's ports.
- 1931 King Alfonso XIII was forced out & a democratic republic proclaimed. Left & right divided. Several weak parliamentary governments ensued with assassinations and crippling strikes occurred. Left & right deeply divided.

# Franco's Spain, Civil War 1936-1939

- 1936 – a coalition was formed headed by Socialist Francisco Largo Caballero as Prime Minister. Franco invited the Fascist Falange party into his coalition and then swallowed it up.
- But later in 1936 Caballero was thrown out by the military and wealthy families – “enough democracy”!. The army rebellion began led by Francisco Franco starting the Spanish Civil war lasting until 1939.
- Franco was not charismatic, charming, nor handsome. He had a squeaky voice and was called “Miss Canary Island”. But he was a strong military leader not afraid to use brutal tactics.

# Franco's Spain

- Civil war was a cause celeb. George Orwell and Ernest Hemingway joined in the fray. Orwell was shot by a communist sniper but survived.
- Franco requested military help from Russians, Hitler and Mussolini to help win the civil war. Russians sent in unmarked tanks and troops without identification (just like Berlin in 1961 and E. Ukraine in 2014).
- But later, when Hitler & Mussolini requested Franco's help against allies in WWII & to secure the Mediterranean, he declined, infuriating the Fascist leaders.

# Franco's Spain

- Franco was shrewd and not swayed by flattery.
- His regime shared many features of Fascism. 400,000 died in concentration camps by forced labor or executions.
- Franco didn't want to end up like Mussolini or Hitler.
- 1950s – He liberalized a bit becoming an authoritarian with limited pluralism permitted.
- Restored the monarch King Juan Carlos I who transitioned Spain to a parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarch.
- Died in his own bed at age 82 in 1975.

# Other European Experiments with Fascism

- British – Sir Oswald Mosley and his Black shirts founded British Union of Fascists. Joseph Goebbels hosted his 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding in 1936 with Hitler as a guest. Eventually put under house arrest by Churchill. His party faded away.
- Fascism as well as communism were very popular and people openly espoused these views.
  - The King of England, Edward VIII, a Fascist sympathizer. Abdicated throne to marry American Wallace Simpson. Together they self-exiled during WWII because of fascist sympathies to neutral Portugal and Spain. Encouraged to move to Bahamas to get them out of European theater.



Edward VIII visited Hitler in 1937. In 1940 there were reportedly Nazi plans to abduct him and re-install him as a puppet leader after the invasion of England. Churchill & Roosevelt kept this information under wraps.



# European Flirtation with Fascism

- Portugal – Antonio de Liveira Salazar rejected rebellion against the church or its doctrines. Neutral during the war.
- France – Blue-shirted Solidarite Francaise openly pro-Nazi, “France for the French” party banned by the socialist government in 1936.

# Other European Experiments with Fascism

- Czechoslovakia was in Third Reich's shadow led by Konrad Heinlein, attached self to Nazi movement, followed Hitler's instructions using Berlin's money. Brought sympathy of Europeans to ethnic Germans' plight in Czechoslovakia.
- In 1938 France & Gr. Britain agreed to Hitler gobbling up 30% of Czech territory, 1/3 of population and >50% of its minerals. Six months later, Hitler came back for the rest.

# Fascism in US

- The U.S. had its own Fascist experience, but it didn't catch on. In January 1933, William Pelley founded the Silver Legion of America after Hitler ascended the Chancellorship. It was headquartered in Asheville, NC with 15,000 members.
- Their slogan was "Love, Loyalty & Liberty".
- 1936 – Pelley ran for President "Down with the Reds and Out with the Jews". He only received 2,000 votes and was only on the ballot in one state: Washington.
- They dispersed, but their sentiments lived on in the KKK.

# Fascism in U.S.

- Robert Paxton, historian at Columbia, names a fascist in American History as Huey Long, Governor of Louisiana in 1930s. He was a welfare anti-capitalist, wanted to tax the rich, but thinks he would have rejected the title.
- Hitler sympathizer - George Lincoln Rockwell – Founder of American Nazi Party. Influenced by Senator Joseph McCarthy.
- Hitler sympathizer - Father Coughlin prominent radio broadcaster in suburbs of Detroit, violently anti-Semitic.

# WWII Ended Fascism in Europe

# Post WWII

- Borders again redrawn in Europe with Soviet, American and British spheres of influence. Democracy restored in Western Europe with demilitarization of former national axis powers and massive aid for rebuilding via the Marshall Plan.
- Soviet Sphere not rebuilt. Warsaw Pact guaranteed no more invasions from the West into Russia.
- America emerged as a great power in a bi-polar world.

# Rise of the Strongmen

- Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey
- Kim Jong-un of No. Korea
- Vladimir Putin of Russia (rehabilitates Stalin)
- Bashir Al-Assad
- Viktor Orbán
- Rodrigo Duterte
- Hugo Chavez/Nicolas Maduro
- Mohammad bin Salman
- Victor Orbán of Hungary



# Recep Tayyip Erdogan



# Turkey

- Albright says “power went to his head”.
- Gained power by election. Consolidated power by 2012. Kept power via strong economy which he ultimately mismanaged.
- Controls media. 73 journalists have been jailed in past 2 years, with fresh arrests regularly.
- No rule of law – controls judiciary and police.
- No separation of powers.

# Turkey

- 2016 Coup attempt. Blamed Fethullah Gulen followers. Purged military, bureaucracy, teachers, elites. Coup may have been planned by himself – had arrest lists ready to go.
- Enemy = Kurds, Kamalists, Gulen and after 2016 coup attempt: US.
- Followed the Putin model after 2014 to see how much he can get away with (a lot) without U.S. sanctions.
- Wants to restore the glory of the Ottoman Empire.

# Turkey, Con't...

- Erdogan backed the Muslim Brotherhood, but gained enemies, including Mohammed bin Salman (MBS). Turkey became a safe haven for Islamist dissidents and has harbored critics of other Arab regimes.
- Anti-Erdogan Bloc: Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE.
- Constraints on his regime:
  - In debt: Mega projects paid for by loans
  - Devaluation of lira makes paying off difficult/impossible
- Desires now to improve relations with US, using Saudi murder in Istanbul as leverage. "Erdogan's democracy, however flawed, is better than the Saudi alternative". Bloomberg

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# Erdogan - the Next Sultan of Ottoman Empire?



# Cult of Personality in North Korea - The Hermit Kingdom



# North Korea is a Fascist State despite being "Communist"

- Regime modeled after Stalinist Regime.

# North Korea

- Kim regime continues family dynasty.
- Regime Controls all aspects of people's lives.
  - Rigid caste system "Songbun" classifies every person from birth into status based on their parental ancestors during the Japanese colonial period and Korean War.
  - Everyone is potential enemy of Kim family. Any criticism is dealt with imprisonment of entire family, cousins, aunts & uncles, parents & children.
  - Supreme Guard Command protects the Kim family not from outside threats but from their own people.
  - In Nor Korea you are brainwashed from a young age. You are taught the Kim family are gods.
  - Threat from America.



# Choco Pies As Good as Gold In N. Korea



# Nor. Korea

- Guiding principle – Juche self-reliance. But not self-reliant. Need aid from China, reliance on drug trade, counterfeiting, weapons sales.
- Famine in 1990's after collapse of patron, the Soviet Union. Millions starved to death. People had to eat grass.
- Economic policy loosened slightly in response. Workers in Kaesong Industrial Zone (currently closed) were payed with Choco Pies (marshmallow cookie covered in chocolate) as a black market currency.
- Kim's uncle Chang Song-Thack executed by anti-aircraft fire for coup attempt.

# Kim Jong-Un Happy with his Missiles



# Gets his Summit with Pres. Trump



# Kim's Goals

- Stop the U.S. from coming to South Korea's aid if and when Pyongyang decides to "reunify" and invade.
- Nuclear weapons are for deterrence and potential use in forceful reunification.

# Stalin



# Red Fascism

- Term used to describe Stalin's transformation of Soviet Union into a Fascist State from Marxist-Leninist.
- One party rule – Communist Party.
- Police state – Beria-run Secret Police.
- 1930s purge of Party members suspected of disloyalty. Show trials. No rule of law.
- Purge of Military left S.U. in fight against Hitler.
- Gulags in Siberia. Executions
- Collectivization of agriculture causing famines. Whole villages under siege with no food. After winter thaw bodies collected.

# Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact

- Soviets annexed the Baltic states, ½ of Poland and invaded Finland.
- Hitler violated the pact and came for it all invading the Soviet Union in 1941.




# Molotov Ribbentrop Pact 1939-1941



# How Many People Did Stalin Murder?

- Numbers vary and have changed since some records have been made public. Putin has made it illegal to impugn Stalin's reputation during the war.
- Collectivization of agriculture in Ukraine, especially against the Kulaks ("rich peasants") causing famine, claimed between 5.7-7 million.
- 1933-1945 Imprisoned in the Gulag prison system – 10's of millions.
- 1937 – Great Terror and purge 950,000 – 1,200,000
- Scholar Richard Pipes estimates population declined by 9-10 million between 1932-1939.

# Russia under Putin


 \*Политика\* Политкач (16+)

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# Putin's Russia

- Appointed Prime Minister by Boris Yeltsin, then won subsequent elections.
- Created crisis of apartment bombings by FSB, blamed Chechens. Started second Chechen war uniting Russians.
- Good economy fueled by higher oil prices.
- Made bargain with oligarchs – keep out of politics & you can keep your money.
- 2005 – called collapse of the Soviet Union greatest calamity of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- Mission from God to Restore Russia to past glory.
- Gave power back to the Church. Championed traditional conservative values.
- Ultranationalist – wants to unite Russians wherever they may live. (Moscow is multi-ethnic due to its imperialist past).

# Support of another Dictator Inspires Other Dictators: Erdogan & Duterte



# US Reluctant to Intervene Further in Mideast - Leaves Assad Alone

- US tired of Mideast interventions. Retreats from foreign interventions.
- Obama's Red Line crossed, unchallenged.
- Assad turns to Putin for military help, gases own people. Turns Aleppo to rubble (like Grozny, Chechnya).

# Strongman in the Kremlin





# Putin's Annual Address to Nation. Restoring Nation's Past Glory





# Putin makes Russia a Superpower Again

- Comment Albright overheard – “We used to be a superpower and now we’re Bangladesh with missiles”. Putin aims to change all that.
- Putin Invades Crimea, gets a referendum.
- “Little Green Men” (from Russia) invade East Ukraine, shoot down Malaysian civilian airline.

# Saudi Arabia



# Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- Formerly considered in the West as a “reformer” – Developed close ties to Jared Kushner
  - Women can drive
  - Diversify economy
  - Moderate the clergy
- Guardian of Islamic Holy Sites, e.g., Mecca, et al.
- Imprisoned relatives, tortured, made them “pay up”.
- Kidnapped and held Prime Minister of Lebanon Hariri
- Orchestrated Torture, Murder & Dismemberment of Wall Street Journalist and US Resident Khoshoggi
- President Trump created an environment of impunity.

# Kingdom's Woes

- Yemen – Proxy war with Iran against Houthis. Bombing civilians. Gross human rights abuses.
- Dispute with & Blockade of Qatar.
- Cult of Personality has gotten him nowhere.
- Authoritarian security state. No due process.
- Economic mismanagement. Davos in the Desert boycotted after journalist's murder.

# Hungary's President Viktor Orban



# Anti-Orban Protests in Budapest





# Hungary's Victor Orban

- In 1980's everybody's favorite dissident. Helped liberate Hungary from communists.
- Funded by George Soros to go to Oxford University.
- Calls self an "illiberal democrat". Founded the Youth Party "Fidesz" now is ruling party. The age limit rose as Orban grew older.
- Orban's transformation in office has taken Albright by surprise. "I don't think any of us saw this coming".
- Vehemently opposed to migrants & refugees. Obsessed with external enemies.
- Scare mongering over Islam and threats to Europe's Christianity.

# Vicktor Orban, Con't...

- Steve Bannon calls him a “real hero”
- Controls judiciary & media.
- Talks of Hungarian victimhood & redemption, humiliation at hands of Ottoman Empire, loss in WWI & II, control by Soviets. Now feels threatened by globalists in the West led by George Soros.



# Vicktor Orban con't...

- Obsessed with George Soros and his organization. Banned in Hungary. All NGOs that receive >25,000 from foreigners must register as foreign organization mirroring Putin.
- Paternalistic, heavy-handed.
- Benefits from membership in E.U. Has ties to Merkel's Bavarian sister party (also anti-immigrant)
- Praises Trump and Putin

# Suicide of a Nation - Venezuela

# Hugo Chavez/Nicolas Maduro



# Venezuela – Chavez/Maduro

- Once wealthy nation in 1970's had economic downturn.
- Chavez's oratory & anti-Americanism brought him popularity. Elected.
- Adored spotlight. Intolerant of dissent.
- Centralized power. Strong security apparatus.
- Chavez nationalized energy, steel, all other industries, run by incompetent cronies.
- Oil prices fell.
- Pervasive corruption.
- Nationalized banks, control & collapse of currency.
- Price controls – runaway inflation.

# Chavez Legacy - Failed State

- Reliant on foreign loans, can't repay.
- Experienced farmers replaced by peasants.
- Turned country to ruin. Failed state.
- Becomes Vassal state of Cuba's - paying them with oil.
- Collapse of basic institutions
  - Schools
  - Medical System - rise of measles and malaria
  - Food Supply - shelves bare, agriculture ruined
  - Millions have fled country
- Maduro named successor to Chavez - a socialist closely tied to Cuba. Educated in Cuba to be a revolutionary. No plans or ability to improve things.

# Brazil - Army Cap't. Jain Bolsonaro on Far Right. Stabbing raised his poll #s





# Brazil - Fernando Haddad Left Wing



# Brazil - Elections - 2 Candidates

1. Far-right candidate Army Captain Jair Bolsonaro is likely to win. Supporters called "fascists". Advocates free market, tough on crime. Makes derisive comments about women, homosexuals and opponent. Made more popular by being stabbed in September.

Platform Slogan: "Beef, Bible & Bullets"

Wants to use armed forces to patrol the streets as "country is at war".

Will Increase social assistance by 20%



# Brazil - 2 Party Candidates

2. Worker's Party Leader, Fernando Haddad. Supporters called "communists".

Name calling: Ignorant, corrupt, wimp, fascist, feminize Bolsonazi. Ordinary people engage in screaming matches in elevators, cabs, neighborhoods, dividing friends, family & colleagues.

# Brazil Con't...

- Brazil experienced a recession, polarization in politics a reaction to economic woes with 12 million unemployed. Media coverage of accumulation of cash by politicians in a kickback scheme called "Carwash".
- Election not based on policy, but a cultural war.
- Political violence is on the rise.
- Social media affected – including dating apps, family chat rooms turning vicious over politics.

# Rodrigo Duterte of Philippines



# Duterte - Says he has personally killed 3 men. Executes Drug Dealers



# Philippines - Duterte

- Elected in 2016, a self-described populist & nationalist.
- Enjoyed popularity up to 80% with recent dip down to 50-60% due to tax policy, soaring inflation of groceries, a rice shortage and dilapidated transportation.
- His promises remain unfulfilled after two years.
- Jokes about rape and murder and makes misogynistic remarks.
- Advocates open season killing of drug dealers. Police can plead guilty and he will pardon them.
- Pivot to China and Russia. Putin is his "idol".
- Must adhere to U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty though.

# Rise of Populists in Europe Today

- Poland's Andrej Duda
- Boris Johnson – Pro-Brexit (PM Theresa May Anti-Brexit)
- Dutch PM Gert Wilders – Anti-Muslim
- French Marine Le Pen (financed by Russia). Her father was right wing predecessor of her Party The National Front.
- Germany – AfD Alternative for Germany – Jorge Meuthert & Alexander Gauland.
- Italy's Salvini - Ruling coalition between 5 star Movement (anti-establishment) and far right League
  - Control southern borders (Tunisia, Morocco & Algeria). Plans to invest 1 billion Euros in North Africa to stem flow of migrants – focus on agriculture, fishing & trade.
  - Tackle security issues
    - Mafia
    - Drug trafficking
    - Terrorism
    - Immigration – migrants right to demand asylum void if commit a crime.

# Steve Bannon & Marine Le Pen

- She distanced herself from Bannon saying Europeans will save the continent from getting orders from the EU, not America. Italy's Salvini agreed. He's setting up a Foundation "The Movement" to boost far-right parties in Europe.



# Poland's President Andrej Duda





# Poland's Andrej Duda (Since 2015)

- Seeks military cooperation with US. Purchased Patriot missile system from US to counter Russian military threats.
- Investing \$2 billion to build a military base to station US military personnel "Fort Trump"
- Spending >2% of GDP for own defense above that required of a NATO member.
- Seeking to counter dependence on Russian energy. GE invested \$2 billion in conventional energy plant there. Building pipeline from Baltic Sea to Black Sea.
- Advocates strong borders.
- Press conference at White House Sept. 18, 2018

# President Andrej Duda, Con't...

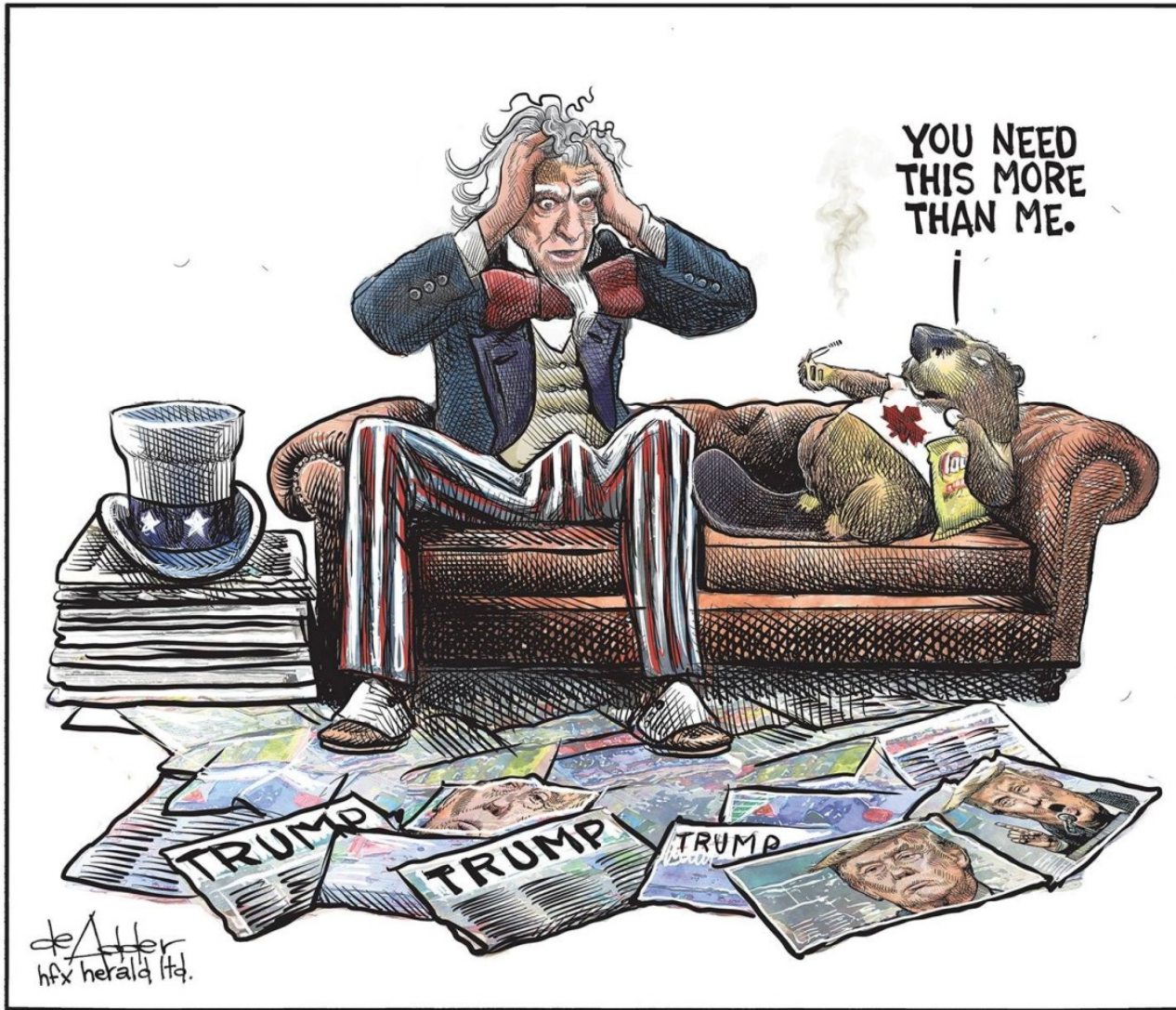
- Seeks closer ties with Baltic states to counter perceived Russian threats. “We are the border of NATO – building anti-Russian alliance”.
- Heir to Lech Kaczynski – killed in plane crash in Russia in 2010 with other high profile gov't. officials.
- Nemesis: Donald Tusk, former PM who became head of European Council.
- Took in only 2,000 refugees from Syria & Eritrea.
- Signed “Holocaust bill” – illegal to accuse Poland of complicity in the Holocaust & other Nazi atrocities.
- Enjoys 75% approval rating.
- Refused to swear in independent national judges & appointed his own.

# Non-State Fascists – Hold Complete Control over Followers Lives

- ISIS – the aspiring Caliphate
- FARQ – Columbia's Marxist Rebels (Leftist Fascists)

# President Donald Trump

- Campaigns are often contentious. The Campaign is Over.
- Continues to hold rallies as if campaigning. Loves political theater.
- The President sets the tone, the mood of the country.
- No one has been able to persuade him to give up his phone and Twitter.
- Goes after opponents/critics on Twitter. (“Lock her Up” slogan, but doesn’t actually jail anyone).
- Defends street violence at protests.



# Advocates Violence

- A year after Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte assaulted a journalist (Ben Jacobs) for the UK's The Guardian when he was asked if he supported the Republican Healthcare plan Trump said:
  - "Any guy who can body slam is my kind of guy". "By the way, never wrestle him".
- The assault slammed him to the ground and broke his glasses.
- The Guardian did not sue after the Congressman apologized.
- This comment was made after WSJ journalist Jamal Khoshoggi was murdered in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

# Violence, Con't...

- To celebrate an attack on a journalist who was simply doing his job is an attack on the First Amendment of the US Constitution by someone who has taken an oath to defend it.

# Trump's Cult Following

- Via Twitter
  - Likes to tweet late at night or in wee hours of the morning.
  - Vents his anger via tweeting.
- Loves the adoration he receives at campaign rallies, which continue throughout his presidency.



# Women Rally for Trump



# Disrespect for Allies



# Trump's Remarks

- Attack on free press: Journalists are “The enemy of the people”.
- Admires and praises dictators because they are “strong”.
- Fails to call out dictators when they abuse human rights. Makes them think they can act with impunity. Anything goes.
- Doesn't take advice of Cabinet, advisors. He listens, but prefers his “gut feelings”.
- Says FBI is “corrupt”.
- Says “Deep State” is out to get him.

# Albright Says Trump Not a Fascist

- But he often talks like one.
- Trump is the first “anti-democratic President in modern US history.”
  - Other presidents: Lincoln accused of tyranny during civil war and Franklin Roosevelt accused of tyranny over the New Deal.
- “Drain the swamp” was coined by Mussolini “drenare la palude” in Italian.
- Has threatened to jail opponents. Calls opponents “treasonous”.
- Says journalists are the “enemy of the people”. The press “always lies”. Stalin first used that phrase against journalists.
- Says judges are biased (sounds like Duterte).
- He admires “strong leaders” (Putin). Admires far-right candidates in Europe encouraging authoritarian regimes.
- Uses Presidential decrees to bypass Congress (so did Obama).

# Temperament

“I’m Trying to be Nice”



# Did Rhetoric Lead to Mail Bombs?



# Is Trump a Fascist? Continued...

- US has always been committed to liberty, justice and peace says Albright. But Trump insults and criticizes our traditional allies and friends.
- Trump has abandoned US leadership in the “free” world. Nature abhors a vacuum, but fascism welcomes one.
- Sees the world as a battlefield where every country is intent on dominating another.
- How should world leaders deal with him? If you tell him how wonderful he is, it’s distasteful. He is unpredictable except when people flatter him and allow him to dominate, but ultimately you have to say what you think and that will preserve your self-respect.
- US Constitution designed to protect country from tyrannical leaders.
- Admits her book is alarmist – that’s the purpose. I’m concerned about complacency. This is a very deliberate warning.
- “If we are not alarmed, it will start to feel normal”. – Jason Stanley of NY Times October 15, 2018 video

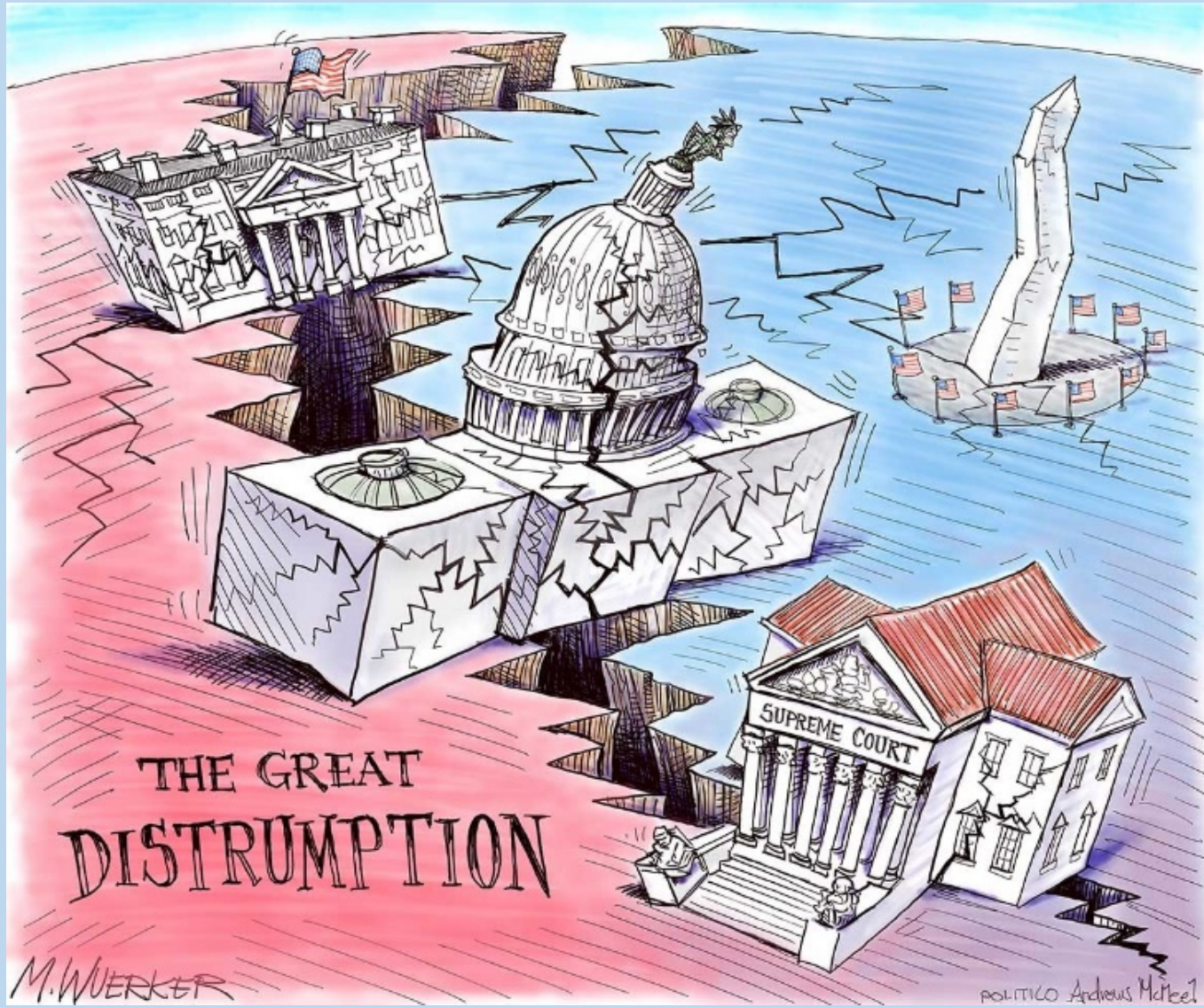
# Albright's Warning

- Albright's father wrote books about perils of tyranny and worried that Americans were so accustomed to liberty – so “very, very free”. He wrote that they might take democracy for granted.
- Supporters rally, chant with fists in air.
- Separation of Powers constrain him from acting like one.
- Undermining the International World Order of Liberal Democracy
- Does not uphold traditional American values of human rights, freedom of press (journalists are enemies), independent judges, ...
- Viewed by allies as unpredictable, unreliable – undermines our alliances.



# Albright's Warning, con't...

- "It's one thing to be patriotic, it's another if my identity hates your identity, and then it's nationalism and hyper-nationalism. That's the dangerous part."
- Democracy is not the easiest form of government. It does require attention and participation...it doesn't deliver immediately.
- I'm an optimist, who worries a lot.



# Other Threats

- Gridlock in US Congress, disrespect among members
- Politicization of US Supreme Court
- Polarization of America – Red/Blue
  - No place for moderates of either party
- Lack of civility in discourse – did it lead to pipe bombs sent to Democratic leaders and CNN?
- Role of social media reaffirming existing viewpoints
- Violence between opposing sides at marches/protests

# Need To Change

- Talk of civil war heard from both sides.
- Lack of free speech on college campuses.
- Young people are not educated in civics and do not know how our country is run or the principles behind it.
- Campaign Financing – Congress more interested in getting re-elected than representing their constituency.
  - Corporations can donate as individuals
  - Foreign money
  - K street Lobbyists – including foreign lobbyists
- Super PACs – don't have to reveal their donors until later, sometimes after an election

# Other Threats in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Use of Big Data – Who controls it can control us. Ted Talk.
- Rise of AI (Warns Elon Musk, Bill Gates, Stephen Hawking).
- Increasing political polarization and violence in U.S.
  - Protests and counter-protests promoted on social media.
  - Antifa vs. Proud Boys – happy to be violent. Street brawls of the fringe. Putin and Trump both fans of cage fights.
- Genetic Engineering (Eugenics). Super humans will have little patience or sympathy for ordinary folks.

# Bonus Slides



# NY Times – RE: John Lewis Gaddis > 30 years ago

- NY Times – Clumpers and Splitters
  - Clumpers cram together Trump, Orban, Hitler, the Confederacy, Rwandan genocidaires and gov't of Myanmar into a one-sentence definition of fascism: “ultranationalism of some variety (ethnic, religious cultural) with the national represented in the person of an authoritarian leader who speaks on its behalf.
  - Splitters – emphasize differences of myriad fascist parties.
  - Similarities: Many politicians rode to power by attacking gov't. corruption, yet practices it even more brazenly himself. “Corruption” refers to lack of purity rather than law. Usurpation of traditional order. Uses fear of sexual violence by immigrants or blacks or “other”. Portray selves as defenders of pure, mythic patriarchal past.
  - Differences:

# NY Times con't..

- Trump victory came about by dislocation brought on by globalization, Participation in labor unions can create class solidarity across racial, ethnic and religious lines. Economic stress buttresses fascist politics.
- CONCLUSION:
- Fascism as a term is thrown around too freely. The term is alien & extreme to spark public alarm. Don't normalize Trump's racist, authoritarian offenses.





# Trumpisms

- Name calling:
  - Rosie O'Donnell – fat pig, dog and slob.
  - Megyn Kelly – feud after moderating a debate.
  - Hillary supporters – “nasty”
  - Elizabeth Warren – “Pocahontas”
  - Marco Rubio – “Little Marco”
  - Ted Cruz – “Ly'in Ted”
  - Carly Fiorina – “Look at that face”
  - Kim Jong-un – “Little Rocket Man”