



the Rise of Fascism

"the darkest pages of history were written between the two world wars..."

3 of Human history's most despised dictators:
Stalin, Mussolini, and Hitler,
caused most of the suffering during these years...
(one communist, two fascists)

which is on the left of the political spectrum? communism

which is on the right? fascism

A new, authoritative political and social order, Fascism, was developed in these two countries:

1. Italy
2. Germany

Fascists:

1. are extremely nationalistic
2. unlike communism, have no clear program or ideals
3. oppose communism violently
4. scorn democracy
5. deny individual rights; the state is supreme
6. suppress freedom of speech and the press
7. encourage militarism
8. use and promote violence and brute force
9. manipulate the population with propaganda
10. appeal to their citizen's lowest human impulses, like racial discrimination
11. once in power, outlaw all political parties but their own
12. gain emergency powers from "Parliament," then never give them up
13. promise world conquest
14. charismatic leader with special nickname and salute

True/False: Mussolini started out as a socialist militant (on the political left). **(true)**

What were the "fasci" (pronounced **fash-ee**)? armed military units formed by Mussolini

"National Fascist Party" boasted 700,000 members by 1922

Due to the fascist "march on Rome" in 1923 which was more like a parade or a show of force than an invasion, the Italian King (Victor Immanuel III) allowed Mussolini to form a new government. As President of the Council, Mussolini passes a law that automatically guarantees the fascists an automatic 65% majority in the Senate and the House of the Italian legislature. Mussolini gets the nickname "**IL DUCE,**" which means **The Leader**, in 1925. He may make laws without consulting anyone else...the party system is done away with...secret police is established...freedom of the press is abolished...

The Germans are bitter because: World War I was blamed solely on Germany,
and they felt humiliated.