

Study Guide

Further Discussion on the Nature of Fascism

In this pamphlet, we have only touched on many important questions required to fully understand the nature of the fascist menace in the U.S. today and how to fight it. The following outline attempts to organize further discussion, for the reader, on four essential elements. Complete citations are provided in the bibliography. Where works are no longer currently available, UNITE! will try to provide them, or offer a reproduction. Many works listed in the Selected Bibliography are rare. We have chosen the following items partly on their availability.

We welcome further additions to the bibliography or suggestions for discussion.

The Nature of the State and Imperialism

The basis to correctly understand the nature of bourgeois democracy and fascism is to grasp the essentials of the evolution and character of the state and the nature of imperialism. While many works on these questions exist, the writings of V.I. Lenin stand out as classics,

Lenin, *The State and Revolution*

Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism

UNITE!, "No Vote in November!", a collection of articles on the 1980 presidential elections.

The Nature of Fascism

As noted in the bibliography, countless works have appeared on the history and nature of fascism. The two selected here stand out as the most widely accepted treatments on the subject.

Dimitrov, *Report to the 7th Congress of the Communist International, Part I*

Dutt, *Fascism and Social Revolution*, (Chapters 4 - 10)

The American Road to Fascism

The works selected here present a broad view of several aspects of the history of repression and fascism in the U.S., as well as the present character of the conservative, or New-Right, movement. They are suggested as introductory texts, but are certainly not complete.

Foster, Fascist Tendencies in the U.S.

Is the U.S. in the Early Stages of Fascism?

Dennis, The Fascist Danger

Magil, The Peril of Fascism

Goldstein, Political Repression in Modern America

Nash, The Conservative Intellectual Tradition in America

Roberts, The Conservative Decade

Heatherly, Mandate for Leadership

Crozier, The Crisis of Democracy

Weisberg, The 1980 Elections, the Working Class and the Party

Tactics of the Anti-Fascist Struggle

No discussion of the danger of fascism is complete without an evaluation of how to fight the menace. The tactics of the anti-fascist struggle will differ from country to country, in accord with the historical period and conditions. Works are included here which represent the general anti-fascist experience in the world, and the particular history of the U.S. They offer background to the democratic front required today.

Dimitrov, Report to the 7th Congress of the Communist International, Part II

Magil, The Peril of Fascism, Chapter XI

American League Against War and Fascism, A Program Against War and Fascism, 1936