

Fascism

I prefer the adjective “fascistic” because it recognizes similarities without implying a central core.

The adjective is a cluster concept: a cluster of ideas and values that are found frequently but not universally.

This concept allows us to recognize the fascistic elements of the Klan's 1920s career without branding it as a fascist organization.

Even the American groups that called themselves fascist typically shared some but not all characteristics and ideas.

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