

Trumpism

Two traits have historically marked off European-style fascism from more home-grown American traditions of illiberalism: contempt for legality and the cult of violence.

Presidential-era Trumpism operated through at least the forms of law.

Presidential-era Trumpism glorified military power, not mob attacks on government institutions.

Postpresidentially, those past inhibitions are fast dissolving. The conversion of Ashli Babbitt into a martyr, a sort of Horst Wessel, expresses the transformation.

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