

**INEXTRICABLE LINKS:
FASCISM,
RADICAL-RIGHT
DOMESTIC
TERRORISM, AND
WHITE SUPREMACY**

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A noose over the Capitol Building – January 6th Insurrection

RESEARCH QUESTIONS & THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

- How can fascism, radical-right domestic terrorism, and white supremacy be understood within the context of one another?
- What are the implications for contemporary American society and politics?
- Critical Race Theory (CRT)



A man holds a confederate flag in the Capitol Building – January 6th Insurrection

OPERATING DEFINITIONS:

Democracy

White Supremacy

Domestic Terrorism

Fascism

CONCEPT SYNTHESIS CASE STUDIES



A Trump Rally in DC - 2020



A Klan March in DC - 1926

■ **The Ku Klux Klan**

- Coercion through violence
- Hate crimes are ‘close cousins’ to terrorism (Mills et al, 2017).

■ **Trumpism**

- American fascism disguises itself as patriotism, “wrapped up in the American flag and heralded as a plea for liberty and the preservation of the Constitution” (Churchwell, 2020)



England: Brexit Supporters Celebrate Victory, 2020



India: Hindu Nationalists show support for Trump, 2016

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

- **Radical right politics as a backlash against globalization**
 - Nationalism is the 'master concept' of the radical right (Rydgren, 2018).
 - Politicization of a neutral phenomenon
- **American cultural export**
 - Normalization of fascism
 - American notions of power and race

CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The United States is at a critical political turning point.

2. Domestic terrorism in the United States is white nationalism, and white nationalism is fascist in nature. They are inextricably linked and woven together into a coherent ideology.

3. This ideology needs a name to be studied further.

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