



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 21.06.2023

Article link : <https://bit.ly/43RpTGU> (The Economy of Evil)

1. The author says that in the beginning, Fascism is "banal" because:

- A. It is not horrific or dramatic as reported by popular media but begins with the merger of corporations and government
- B. It begins with democratic governments being replaced by evil dictators
- C. It begins in a seemingly ordinary fashion, with government functions being replaced by private corporations
- D. All the above

Explanation : C

The main idea of the article is that Fascism is government functions being replaced by private corporations. The author explains that in the beginning, Fascism is banal, and even oddly familiar as it starts with the replacement of public good by private profit. Note that option A is incorrect: 'Fascism isn't the merger of corporations and government that is too vague, and too easy to confuse'. Option B too, is incorrect.

2. According to Corey Robin who wrote in The Reactionary Mind, which of the following annoys leaders of enterprises or those in power the most?

- A. Reforms and government regulations targeting businesses
- B. Deregulation and a reduction in government spending
- C. The existence of a robust social safety net and public services
- D. The assertion of agency by the subordinates of the world protesting and raising demands

Explanation: D

Refer to the line, 'More than the reforms themselves, it is this assertion of agency by the subject

class-the appearance of an insistent and independent voice of demand-that vexes their superiors'.

3. According to the author, the myth of "government-overreach" continues to persist as:

- A. Some overzealous governments enforce regulations that cause significant impediment to private businesses
- B. There is not enough freely available evidence of the horrors of Fascism and the PR industry has whitewashed the deeds of Nazis in the press
- C. Social provisions are often cut under the guise of combating idolatry and reducing government "waste"
- D. Many independent media and news services did not survive McCarthyism, so we are deprived of a first-hand account of the horrors of Fascism

Explanation: D

Note the lines, 'In spite of all this overwhelming, first-hand evidence, which is freely available through the Nuremberg Trial Transcripts in English, why does this myth of "government-overreach" persist? Many unions had independent media and news services. Many of them did not survive McCarthyism. Therefore, we are deprived of a first-hand account of the horrors of Fascism.' Note that option B is incorrect, as it says there is not enough freely available evidence of the horrors of Fascism- this is not true, based on the article.