In order to understand why many Americans currently feel that the existing Republican Presidency and Congress as Fascist, and therefore worth protesting, we must look at nothing more than the definitions of these words. Since much of American law uses the Merriam Webster Dictionary as the basis for definitions, let us examine that:

What is Antifa?
Antifa is short for anti-fascist.

What is fascism (as defined by the Merriam Webster dictionary)?

1. *often* Fascism : a populist political philosophy, movement, or regime (such as that of the Fascisti) that exalts nation and often race above the individual, that is associated with a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, and that is characterized by severe economic and social regimentation and by forcible suppression of opposition.
2. a tendency toward or actual exercise of strong autocratic or dictatorial control.

Why are people calling current Republican policies fascist?

January 2025 Executive Order- Donald Trump:

1. **Deportation threat**: In a fact sheet for the order, Trump issued a notice to "resident aliens who joined in the pro-jihadist protests" that they would be found and deported in 2025. He also vowed to cancel the student visas of "Hamas sympathizers".
2. **Broadening legal tools**: The executive order, titled "Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism," directs federal agencies to report on all legal tools available to combat unlawful antisemitic harassment and violence. Critics view this as an attempt to stifle criticism of Israeli policy and Palestinian advocacy.
3. **Creation of task force**: The Department of Justice (DOJ) formed a multiagency task force to combat antisemitism on campuses, which includes representatives from the Department of Education (DOE).

Why is this fascist?
This EO directly targets the expression of a personal belief regarding Israel's behavior in their war against Hamas. The protesters did not express support for Hamas, they were protesting against the perceived injustices committed by Israel against Palestinian civilians.

This therefore directly seeks to remove the right to freedom of expression as detailed in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which applies to ALL Americans, as well as those of non-American citizenry who are within the country on a legal visa. As students in a university, they can be assumed to have entered the country on a legal visa, or they would not have been permitted to attend the university.

The correlation by the government of antisemitism and disagreement with acts of the Israeli state is definitively incorrect.

Why is this correlation incorrect?
What is antisemitism (as defined by the Merriam Webster dictionary)?
: hostility toward or discrimination against Jews as a religious, ethnic, or racial group.
The definition of antisemitism does NOT include mention of political nationhood or states. Therefore a protest against the actions of a political state CAN NOT be correctly correlated to mean a protest against a religious, ethnic, or racial group.

Therefore, by definition, this executive order seeks not to protect members of a religious, ethnic or racial group, but to remove the First Amendment rights from a group of people who were protesting the perceived actions of a **political** organization (Israel) by another **political** organization: The Federal Government of the United States.

Why is removing first amendment rights a fascist move?

What is the First Amendment?
The First Amendment text states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances". It protects five fundamental rights: freedom of religion, speech, the press, assembly, and the right to petition the government.

1. Freedom of Religion:

Prevents the government from establishing an official religion and protects the right to practice any religion (or no religion) freely.

2. Freedom of Speech:

Protects an individual's right to express themselves verbally and through other forms of expression, such as symbolic actions.

3. Freedom of the Press

Guarantees the right to publish and report information without government censorship.

4. Freedom of Assembly

Protects the right of people to gather together for a common purpose in a peaceful manner.

5. Right to Petition.

Ensures the right of citizens to ask the government to address a problem or correct a wrong.

Definition-based conclusion regarding this EO

This EO therefore seeks to remove from these groups comprised of both citizens and non-citizens to whom the First Amendment applies:

1. Freedom of Speech.
2. Freedom of Assembly.
3. Right to Petition

Why is this EO considered fascist?

This move is fascist as it is an expression of (as Fascism is defined by Merriam Webster): severe economic and social regimentation and by forcible suppression of opposition.

The social regimentation aspect is expressed by the desire to remove First Amendment freedoms from a group of citizens who the government views as being in opposition to it, thereby suppressing the opposition through social regimentation by directing that only one view- that of the government- is permitted.

Definition-based conclusion regarding the January EO by Donald Trump (leader of the Republican Party):

By definition alone, the EO issued by the leader of the Republican Party- Donald Trump- on the first day of the new Congress and Federal administration, IS a fascist document consistent with the legal definitions of the terminology “Fascism”.