The Fascist Threat

The most definitive study on fascism written in these years was The Origins of Fascism, published in 1925. The book was written by Sir Oswald Spengler, who had been studying the rise of fascist movements abroad. Spengler argued that fascism was a reaction to the decline of traditional European values and the rise of modernism. He believed that fascist movements were inspired by a desire to restore the lost values of the past.

Spengler also argued that fascism was a response to the economic crisis of the 1930s. He believed that the depression had created a vacuum that fascist movements could fill. He wrote: “The depression was the birth of fascism. It was a reaction against the failure of the capitalist system to produce a decent standard of living for the majority of the population.”

Spengler’s book was influential, and it helped to popularize the idea that fascism was a response to the economic crisis of the 1930s. However, it soon became clear that fascists were not merely a reaction to the depression. They were also a response to the political crisis of the 1930s. The rise of fascism was the result of a combination of economic and political factors.
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