About W. Reich's Mass Psychology of Fascism

Abstract

This article discusses Wilhelm Reich work "Mass Psychology of Fascism" by placing it in the historical context in which it was written. Released for the first time in 1933 the book continues being re-published for its actuality. We highlight the main ideas of the book: 1) why the common person supports fascism in spite of not being in his interest; 2) how repression suffered within family extends to adult's life affecting his choices based on fear and repression; 4) the obstacles to human freedom; 5)and, finally, redemption through the democracy of work in which we emphasize the optimistic view of the author in spite of the pathological situation he describes. *Keywords*: Wilhelm Reich; Mass Psychology; Fascism; Sexual Repression; Sexual Economy.