

# Review of: "Fichte and the "Humanist Fascism" in the Characteristics of the Present Age"

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The article is interesting and coincides with what can be glimpsed in other research (which takes into account Fichte's Sittenlehre-- where the individual subject should not see himself as an end but as a means to the perfection of the whole-- or The Commercial State closed --where the State determines the activity of citizens in the name of a radical interpretation of the social contract-- among other works). I think the article would improve if it considered these other works and the research that addresses them, also in the German language... It is clear that the German text is not being reviewed because Anstoss is not an appeal or summon, but an obstacle; I suppose the author wanted to refer to the Aufforderung, exhortation, and I suggest in that case to correct the translation and to refer to the Grundlage... As for the approach, I think that Buckhardt and Copson are not enough references for a notion (which is complex) of humanism, and that the author does not support the definition of fascism with any source. Nor do I agree that the individual is necessarily instrumentalized in religion (in this it is possible to conceive, as in the Kantian Kingdom of Ends, teleology without means). I wonder if it wouldn't be better to avoid the questionable construction of "collectivist humanism," with the difficulty of the second concept, and simply talk about collectivism.