THE FASCIST EMERGENCY PLAYBOOK

Use the emergency to restrict civil liberties (i.e. movement, protest, freedom of the press, a right to a trial, and freedom to gather)

Use the emergency to suspend governmental institutions, consolidate power, reduce institutional checks and balances, and reduce access to elections and other forms of participatory governance

Promote a sense of fear and individual helplessness, particularly in relationship to the state, to reduce outcry and to create a culture where people consent to the power of the fascist state

Replace democratic institutions with autocratic institutions using the emergency as justification

Create scapegoats for the emergency - such as immigrants, People of Color, disabled people, ethnic and religious minorities - to distract public attention from the failures of the state and the loss of civil liberties

