#1 - The Italian soldier marches towards victories that began with Imperial Rome
#2 - “The reconstruction of the human patrimony is the foundation of national reconstruction. Thus we must strictly monitor the destiny of the race, we must take care of the race, starting from maternity and childhood” -- Benito Mussolini
#3 - “Let us defend our savings”
#4 - “Do not take away the bread from our workers’ children. Buy Italian products”
#5 - “Buy Italian products.”
Economic nationalism was a crucial component of Italian fascism, especially after the invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 and the sanctions imposed by the League of Nations.
#6 - “There where we were, where our dead are waiting for us, where we left powerful and indestructible traces of our civilization, there we will return.” Italy has just lost its East African Empire during WWII.
#7 - The ideal Italian colonial settlers. Contrast with the image of the urban, uprooted “wop”, emigrated to the US and lost to the national community.
Discussion questions:

1. Are left-wing as well a right-wing forms of populism gaining ground in the US and in other western societies? What are the main differences between right-wing and left-wing populism?

2. What are the factors that have made right-wing populism increasingly appealing in recent decades in so many western societies?

3. What could be some plausible responses to the rise of right-wing populism? Would you rather see the political system and society at large appeasing the populist forces or opposing them in an uncompromising way?