Conclusions: Consensus and Regimentation
-many groups did benefit from fascism, supporting the regime for material gain, social status, conservative defense of 'law and order', or real, if misguided, ideas of national resurgence
-claims of consensus are, however, a different matter
-assumption that the only alternative to an activity controlled by repressive measures is an area of freedom of choice between 'consent' or 'dissent'
-people had little choice in their behaviour not only because Italy was a police state that efficiently repressed opposition, but because so many areas of normal civil activity were also controlled by fascism
-the vast majority had no choice, and were forced to toe the line if they wanted to lead normal lives; antifascism was generally just not an option
-the fact that Fascism ensured that people had no choice, the real totalitarian nature of fascism, means that it is comparable to Nazism, and counters the campaign of fascist justification based on the idea of 'consensus'