

UN Declares War on 'Dangerous' Conspiracy Theories: 'The World Is NOT Secretly Manipulated By Global Elite'

Description

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The United Nations has declared war on conspiracy theories, describing the rise of conspiracy thinking as “worrying and dangerous”, and providing the public with a toolkit to “prebunk” and “debunk” anybody who dares to suggest that world governments are anything but completely honest, upstanding and transparent.

The UN also warns that George Soros, the Rothschilds and the State of Israel must not be linked to any “alleged conspiracies.”

UNESCO has teamed up with **Twitter, the European Commission and the World Jewish Congress** to launch the [campaign](#) dubbed #ThinkBeforeSharing: Stop the spread of conspiracy theories.

The UN wants you to know that events are NOT “secretly manipulated behind the scenes by powerful forces with negative intent” and if you encounter anybody who thinks the global elite are conspiring to consolidate power and dictate global events, you must take action.

According to UNESCO, “if you are certain you have encountered a conspiracy theory” on the internet then you must “react” immediately post a relevant link to a “fact-checking website” in the comments.

(Never mind the fact that “fact checkers” are mostly [untrained and unqualified hacks](#) performing “fact checks” from the [comfort of their bedroom](#) in between posting far-left political content on personal blogs and [getting high](#).)

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CONSPIRACY THEORIES

What are they? Why do they flourish?

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1. What are they?

→ The belief that events are secretly manipulated behind the scenes by powerful forces with negative intent.

2. Conspiracy theories have these 6 things in common

- 1 An alleged, secret plot
- 2 A group of conspirators
- 3 'Evidence' that seems to support the conspiracy theory
- 4 They falsely suggest that nothing happens by accident and that there are no coincidences; nothing is as it appears and everything is connected.
- 5 They divide the world into good or bad.
- 6 They scapegoat people and groups.

3. Why do they flourish?

→ They offer an explanation of events or situations which are difficult to understand and bring a false sense of control and agency. This need is heightened in times of uncertainty like the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. How do they take root?

→ Conspiracy theories often start as a suspicion. They ask who is benefiting from the event or situation and thus identify the conspirators. Any 'evidence' is then forced to fit the theory.

Once they have taken root, conspiracy theories can grow quickly. They are hard to refute because any person who tries is seen as being part of the conspiracy.

5. Why do people spread them?

→ There are different reasons: Most believe they are true. Others deliberately want to provoke, manipulate or target people for political or financial reasons. Beware: They can come from many sources e.g. Internet, friends, relatives.

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THE FIRST STEP TO PREVENT CONSPIRACY THEORIES IS TO KNOW THAT THEY EXIST. BE AWARE. STOP THE SPREAD.



European Commission

UNESCO also provide advice for anyone who encounters a real live conspiracy theorist in the flesh. According to the UN agency, you must not under any circumstances be lured into an argument with the conspiracy theorist. “Any argument may be taken as proof that you are part of the conspiracy and reinforce that belief” and the conspiracy theorist will probably “argue hard to defend their beliefs.”

Instead you must show “empathy“, avoid “ridiculing them“, and if you are a journalist you must “report” them to social media and “contact your local/national press council or press ombudsman.”

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Concrete counter actions

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IF YOU ARE CERTAIN YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED A CONSPIRACY THEORY, REACT RATHER THAN IGNORE. HERE ARE SOME CONCRETE WAYS:

On social media:

- Comment with verified information (e.g. from fact-checking website)
- Do not share the post

On websites and blogs:

- Contact the author or the web manager with verified information and ask them to make corrections
- Do not share the website or blog post

On media outlets:

- Contact the editorial board
- Contact your local/national press council or press ombudsperson
- Do not share the material

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RELY ON VERIFIED INFORMATION.
COUNTER FALSE INFORMATION.
STOP THE SPREAD.

European Commission

Remarkably, hidden in the fine print, **UNESCO admit that conspiracy theories do exist.** Under the heading “What is a real conspiracy?” the United Nations bureaucrats explain that “real conspiracies large and small DO exist.”

According to the UN, it's only a REAL conspiracy theory if it's “unearthed by the media.”

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Looking for A REAL CONSPIRACY?

 In 2006, the U.S. District Court in Washington DC (USA) ruled that major cigarette companies were guilty of conspiracy. For decades, they had hidden evidence of health risks attached to smoking to promote higher sales.

—LA Times, 2006

There is just one problem with the UN's definition of a “real” conspiracy theory. The media has been fully bought and paid for by the elite. And it's the elite who are conspiring against the masses.

Ask yourself, when was the last time the media unearthed a conspiracy?

Also ask yourself, when was the last time the media covered up a conspiracy?