

CYCLOPAEDIA 28 – CONSPIRACY THEORIES

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OVERVIEW

Conspiracy theories abound, especially when we can either not explain something or do not want to believe the explanation given to us. These theories speak of an unwanted conspiracy that contradicts the facts and/or history as we know it. Most often, these theories involve governments or secret societies.

Michael Barkun, in *Chasing Phantoms: Reality, Imagination, and Homeland Security Since 9/11*, discusses how conspiracy theories become a “matter of faith rather than proof” as they build upon themselves, incorporating contradictory evidence as fact, proving their theories. Thus, it becomes a closed loop unwilling to accept the contradictory nature of some of their evidence.

Some conspiracy theories are only intriguing, such as whether Elvis is still alive and in hiding. Other theories seem like science fiction and arouse our curiosity, such as the Roswell Incident and Reptilian Humanoids running world governments. But others have an impact on our history and possibly our daily lives, such as chemtrails and the hoax theories of 9/11. Each conspiracy theory must be evaluated individually, including the impact it has on our lives.

Before the Internet and social media, most conspiracy theories were shared via word of mouth or printed stories, so they did not disseminate or gather followers quickly. Now, these theories spread quickly, amassing huge groups of followers. What do you believe? What should you believe?

FAMOUS CONSPIRACY THEORIES

So many conspiracy theories to choose from, but here are some of the most popular still today.

- 9/11 Faked
- Apollo Moon Landing Hoax
- Area 51/Roswell Incident
- Black Helicopters
- Chemtrails
- Elvis is alive!
- JFK Assassination
- Men in Black
- MK Ultra
- New World Order
- Reptilian Humanoids

Following are sources of information pertaining to Conspiracy Theories to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

ARTICLES

Conspiracy Theories Do they threaten democracy?

By Katel, Peter

Source: CQ Researcher, v19 n37: 885-908

Does it take one to know one? Endorsement of conspiracy theories is influenced by personal willingness to conspire.

By Douglas, K.M.; Sutton, R.M.

Source: British Psychological Society 2011-04

BOOKS

American Conspiracies: Lies, Lies, and More Dirty Lies that the Government Tells Us

By Ventura, Jesse

Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base

By Jacobsen, Annie

Climate Change: The Facts

By Moran, Alan

Conspiracies and Secret Societies: The Complete Dossier

By Steiger, Brad and Steiger, Sherry

Critical Path

By Fuller, R. Buckminster

The Da Vinci Code

By Langdon, Robert

Dreadful Sanctuary

By Russell, Eric Frank

Foucault's Pendulum

By Eco, Umberto

Gravity's Rainbow

By Pynchon, Thomas

Hammer of the Gods: The Thule Society and the Birth of Nazism

By Lührssen, David

Hidden History: An Expose of Modern Crimes, Conspiracies, and Cover-Ups in American Politics

By Jeffries, Donald

History Decoded: The 10 Greatest Conspiracies of All Time

By Meltzer, Brad

Illuminatus!

By Shea, Robert and Wilson, Robert Anton

The Mammoth Book of Cover-Ups: The 100 Most Terrifying Conspiracies of All Time

By Lewis, Jon E.

Mental Liberation in the Age of Thought Control: Deprogramming Satanic Ritual Abuse, MK Ultra, Monarch & Illuminati Mind Control

By Barker, Kerth

The Manchurian Candidate

By Condon, Richard

Mind Wars: A History of Mind Control, Surveillance, and Social Engineering by the Government, Media, and Secret Societies

By Jones, Marie D. and Flaxman, Larry

Ministry of Fear

By Greene, Graham

None Dare Call It Conspiracy: The inside story of the Rockefellers

By Allen, Gary and Abraham, Larry

The Oath of Nimrod: Giants, MK-Ultra and the Smithsonian Coverup (Templars America)

By Brody, David S

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By Balthazar, Axel

The Occult Roots of Nazism: Secret Aryan Cults and Their Influence on Nazi Ideology

By Goodrick-Clarke, Nicholas

Proofs of a Conspiracy: Against All The Religions and Governments Of Europe, Carried On In The Secret Meetings of Freemasons, Illuminati, and Reading Societies

By Robison, John

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By Bernays, Edward

Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion

By Marsden, Victor E.

The Rise of the Fourth Reich: The Secret Societies That Threaten to Take Over America

By Marrs, Jim

The Romanov Prophecy

By Berry, Steve

The Roswell Incident

By Berlitz, Charles and Moore, William L.

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By Marrs, Jim

The Thirty-Nine Steps

By Buchan, John

Unacknowledged: An Expose of the World's Greatest Secret

By Greer, Steven M and Alten, Steve

The Unseen Hand: An Introduction to the Conspiratorial View of History

By Epperson, Ralph

GAMES

Conspiracy: A Spy Game of Bluffing and Betrayal - Tabletop Game

Conspiracy Theory - Tabletop Game

Conspiracy X - RPG

Dark Conspiracy - RPG

Delta Green - RPG

Deus Ex: Invisible War - Video Game

Feng Shui - RPG

Guide to the Technocracy - RPG

GURPS Illuminati - RPG

Hidden Invasion - RPG

Illuminati: The Game of Conspiracy - Tabletop Game

Illuminati: New World Order - Tabletop Game

Illuminatus - Tabletop Game

It's Just a Theory - Tabletop Game

Men in Black: The Roleplaying Game - RPG

The Merchant's Guide to Rokugan - RPG

Over the Edge - RPG

Paranoia - RPG

Secret Hitler - Tabletop Game

Secret Societies of Théah - RPG

A Study in Emerald - Tabletop Game

Unknown Armies - RPG

The X-Files - Tabletop Game

The X-Files - Video Game

CINEMA

24 - TV Series

All The President's Men

Angels and Demons

Antitrust

The Arrival

Blow Out

The Bourne Identity

Burn Notice - TV Series

Capricorn One

Changeling
The China Syndrome
Conspiracy - TV Series
The Conspirator
Conspiracy Theory
The Da Vinci Code
Enemy of the State
Eraser
The Fugitive
Futureworld
The Good Shephard
Hudson Hawk
The Ipccress File
The Insider
The Interpreter
Invasion of the Body Snatchers
Jacob's Ladder
JFK
The Last Boy Scout
Manchurian Candidate
The Man Who Knew Too Much
Marathon Man
Men in Black
Mercury Rising
Minority Report
National Treasure
Nixon
The Parallax View
The Pelican Brief
The Philadelphia Experiment
The Prisoner - TV Series
Seven Days in May
Silkwood
Sneakers
Soylent Green
The Stepford Wives
Syriana
They Live
Three Days of the Condor
Valkyrie
Wag the Dog
The X-Files - TV Series and Movies
Zootopia

LOCATIONS

Area 51
<http://www.area51.org/>

Conspiracy Con
<http://conspiracycon.com/>

HAARP
<https://haarp.net/>

Mantauk Air Force Station
<http://www.illuminati-news.com/montauk-history.htm>

Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
<https://www.jfk.org/>

The Watergate Files
https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/museum/exhibits/watergate_files/index.html

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Gary Allen
Jack T. Chick
Steven M. Greer
David Ray Griffin
Morris K. Jessup
Alex E. Jones
David V. Icke
John A. Keel
John Lear
Jim Marrs
Jordan Maxwell
William L. Moore
Geraldo Rivera
John Robison