

Conspiracy Theory - Vocabulary

conspiracy theory - a belief that a particular group or organization is responsible for a situation or event through secret planning

paranoia - strong and unreasonable feeling that other people don't like you or want to harm you

a cover-up - an organised effort to keep something a secret

evidence - something that makes you believe that something is true or exists

a hoax - an act intended to trick or deceive, a fraud; (v.) to trick, deceive

the deep state - organizations such as military, police, or political groups that are said to work secretly in order to protect particular interests and to rule a country without being elected

an inside job - a crime, especially theft, committed by someone in the organisation in which they work

to debunk - to demonstrate that a theory is not true

to fact check - to demonstrate that a theory is not true

to make something up - to invent an excuse, a story, etc., often in order to deceive

to deceive - to persuade someone that something false is the truth, or to hide the truth

to spread (rumours, lies, information) - to cover, reach, or have an effect on a wider or increasing area

to prove - to show something is true

to claim - to say that something is true, although you cannot prove it and it might not be believed

to manipulate - to control something or someone to your advantage, often unfairly or dishonestly

to expose - to reveal

to fake something - to make something that isn't true appear to be real

paranormal - strange things that can't be explained by science, for example, ghosts

unsubstantiated - not supported by evidence

elitist - organized for the good of a few people who have special interests or abilities

mainstream - considered normal, having or using ideas, beliefs, etc. that are accepted by most people

gullible - a gullible person is easily persuaded to believe something

susceptible - easily influenced or harmed by something

fraudulent - based on lies and deceptions

myth-busting - saying or showing that something generally thought to be true is not, in fact, true,

misleading - tending to give a wrong idea, often on purpose