Recognize conspiracy theories

Characteristics of conspiracy theories

Conspiracy theory or not? - This is not always apparent at first glance. There are a few characteristics how to spot conspiracy theories.

Conspiracy theories...

- ... ask „Who benefits from it?“ and assume that there is at least one mastermind behind an event.
- ... doubt public statements by, for example, politicians and science and sometimes also see co-conspirators like „The Media“.
- ... divide into „good“ and „evil“, „victim“ and „perpetrator“ or „superiors“ and „underdogs“
- ... do not believe in coincidence, means everything is connected and everything happens for a certain reason or for a certain purpose.
- ... do not allow for counter-evidence. Counter-arguments are twisted to confirm one’s own belief in conspiracies.
- ... are often inconsistent or even contradictory.
- ... partly argue with information that goes beyond known information, sources are either missing or no trusted sources are included.

More information and tips for dealing with conspiracy theories:

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