Conspiracy LLM Follow-up (2 months)

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**This survey is expected to last 2 minutes.**   
 Please only continue if you are interested in completing a 2 minute survey. Thanks!

Consent This survey is part of a MIT scientific research project. Your decision to complete this survey is voluntary. If you give us permission by completing the survey, we plan to discuss/publish the results in an academic forum. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified. Only members of the research team will have access to the original data set. Before the data is shared outside the research team, any potentially identifying information will be removed. Once identifying data has been removed, the data may be used by the research team, or shared with other researchers, for both related and unrelated research purposes in the future. Your anonymized data may also be made available in online data repositories such as the Open Science Framework, which allow other researchers and interested parties to use the data for further analysis. Clicking on the arrow at the bottom of this page indicates that you are at least 18 years of age and agree to complete this survey voluntarily.

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Start of Block: SpecificConspiracy

SpecificConspiracyDV On a previous survey that you participated in, we asked you to identify a "conspiracy theory" that you found credible and compelling. We then used an artificial intelligence tool to summarize your statement. You may remember that the result was the following statement:   
     
**${e://Field/conRestatement}**   
 Now that some time has passed, we are again interested in your views on this matter.   
   
 **On a scale of 0% to 100%, please indicate your level of confidence that this statement is true.**

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Problem If there is a problem or error, please make a note here (e.g. if the conspiracy is wrong or you do not remember participating in the last survey)

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Start of Block: BCTI

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BCTI\_matrix There is often debate about whether or not the public is told the whole truth about various important issues. The following questions are designed to assess your beliefs about some of these subjects.   
  
**On a scale of 0% to 100%, please indicate your level of confidence that each of the following statements are true.**

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| A powerful and secretive group, known as the New World Order, are planning to eventually rule the world through an autonomous world government, which would replace sovereign governments. (1) |  |
| COVID-19 was produced under laboratory conditions by the Chinese government. (2) |  |
| The US government had foreknowledge about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, but allowed the attack to take place so as to be able to enter the Second World War. (3) |  |
| US agencies intentionally created the AIDS epidemic and administered it to Black and gay men in the 1970s. (4) |  |
| The assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., was the result of an organised conspiracy by US government agencies such as the CIA and FBI. (5) |  |
| The Apollo moon landings never happened and were staged in a Hollywood film studio. (6) |  |
| Area 51 in Nevada, US, is a secretive military base that contains hidden alien spacecraft and/or alien bodies. (7) |  |
| The US government allowed the 9/11 attacks to take place so that it would have an excuse to achieve foreign (e.g., wars in Afghanistan and Iraq) and domestic (e.g., attacks on civil liberties) goals that had been determined prior to the attacks. (8) |  |
| The assassination of John F. Kennedy was not committed by the lone gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald, but was rather a detailed, organised conspiracy to kill the President. (9) |  |
| In July 1947, the US military recovered the wreckage of an alien craft from Roswell, New Mexico, and covered up the fact. (10) |  |
| Princess Diana’s death was not an accident, but rather an organised assassination by members of the British royal family who disliked her. (11) |  |
| The Oklahoma City bombers, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, did not act alone, but rather received assistance from neo-Nazi groups. (12) |  |
| The Coca Cola company intentionally changed to an inferior formula with the intent of driving up demand for their classic product, later reintroducing it for their financial gain. (13) |  |
| Special interest groups are suppressing, or have suppressed in the past, technologies that could provide energy at reduced cost or reduced pollution output. (14) |  |
| Government agencies in the UK are involved in the distribution of illegal drugs to ethnic minorities. (15) |  |
| The CIA conducted secret experiments on human subjects in the 1950s and 1960s as part of Project MKUltra in an attempt to develop mind control techniques. (16) |  |
| The U.S. Department of Defense created proposals for acts of terrorism to be committed on U.S. soil to justify military intervention in Cuba, known as Operation Northwoods. (17) |  |
| The tobacco industry deliberately hid evidence about the health risks of smoking from the public for many years. (18) |  |

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screen2 We would like to get a sense of your general preferences.  
  
  
Most modern theories of decision making recognize that decisions do not take place in a vacuum. Individual preferences and knowledge, along with situational variables can greatly impact the decision process. To demonstrate that you've read this much, just go ahead and select both red and green among the alternatives below, no matter what your favorite color is. Yes, ignore the question below and select both of those options.   
  
  
What is your favorite color?

* White (1)
* Black (2)
* Red (3)
* Pink (4)
* Green (5)
* Blue (6)

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Comments Do you have any additional comments, questions, or concerns you would like to share?

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debrief\_text Thank you for your participation in our study.   
 We assure you that all data collected during this study, including your responses, are strictly confidential. They will be used solely for research purposes, and any publication of the study results will be done in a way that ensures your anonymity.  
  
If you have any questions, concerns, or require support regarding the content of the discussions or any other aspect of the study, please contact Thomas Costello, PhD (thcost@mit.edu) or Professor David Rand, PhD (drand@mit.edu). If you are interested in the outcomes of this study, please feel free to email us (at the above addresses).   
 Thank you once again for your time and effort.

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