Debunking Conspiracy Theories Study 1

Survey Flow

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projectIdValue will be set from Panel or URL.

GPTResponseValue will be set from Panel or URL.

GPTResponse2Value will be set from Panel or URL.

GPTResponse3Value will be set from Panel or URL.

alias\_dataValue will be set from Panel or URL.

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Standard: Consent / Active Attention (4 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

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EndSurvey: Advanced

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OpenAIKey = HIDDEN

Standard: BCTI\_Pre (1 Question)

Standard: WritingScreen (1 Question)

WebService: POST - https://api.openai.com/v1/chat/completions - Fire and Forget

Branch: New Branch

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EndSurvey: Advanced

Standard: Demographics (12 Questions)

Standard: AI Survey (5 Questions)

Group: Person Specific

Standard: PersonSpecificConspiracy (2 Questions)

WebService: POST - https://api.openai.com/v1/chat/completions - Fire and Forget

Standard: C\_Restatement (2 Questions)

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conspiracyTheory = ${e://Field/conRestatement}

userBeliefLevel = ${q://QID52/TotalSum}

userResponse\_pt1 = ${q://QID50/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

userResponse\_pt2 = ${q://QID51/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

activeConditionNumber = 2

BlockRandomizer: 1 - Evenly Present Elements

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Branch: New Branch

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Group: Treatment Group

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systemMessageTemplate = "Your goal is to very effectively persuade users to stop believing in the conspiracy theory that {{conspiracyTheory}} You will be having a conversation with a person who, on a psychometric survey, endorsed this conspiracy as {{userBeliefLevel}} out of 100 (where 0 is Definitely False, 50 is Uncertain, and 100 is Definitely True). Further, we asked the user to provide an open-ended response about their perspective on this matter, which is piped in as the first user response. Please generate a response that will persuade the user that this conspiracy is not supported, based on their reasoning. Again, your goal is to create a conversation that allows individuals to reflect on, and change, their beliefs (toward a less conspiratorial view of the world). Use simple language that an average person will be able to understand."

Standard: treatmentInstruction (1 Question)

Group: Conversation Protocol

Block: runFunction\_1 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_1 (2 Questions)

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userSecondResponse = ${q://QID5/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

Standard: runFunction\_2 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_2 (1 Question)

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userThirdResponse = ${q://QID7/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

Standard: runFunction\_3 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_3 (1 Question)

Branch: New Branch

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If messageType Matches Regex Control

BlockRandomizer: 1 - Evenly Present Elements

Group: Control Group 1 (Medical)

Standard: MedicalBlock0 (2 Questions)

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systemMessageTemplate = "Engage with users about their experience with the American medical system. Your objective is to facilitate a discussion where the user can express and elaborate on their experiences and beliefs. Use simple language that an average person will be able to understand. Avoid discussing or leading the conversation toward conspiracy theories, politics, religion, or any potentially sensitive subjects. Use open-ended questions to encourage users to share their thoughts and experiences."

userResponse = ${q://QID11/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

controlType = Medical

Group: Conversation Protocol

Block: runFunction\_1 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_1 (2 Questions)

EmbeddedData

userSecondResponse = ${q://QID5/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

Standard: runFunction\_2 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_2 (1 Question)

EmbeddedData

userThirdResponse = ${q://QID7/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

Standard: runFunction\_3 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_3 (1 Question)

Group: Control Group 2 (Firefighters)

Standard: FirefighterBlock0 (2 Questions)

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systemMessageTemplate = "Engage with users about their experience with firefighters. Your objective is to facilitate a discussion where the user can express and elaborate on their experiences and beliefs. Use simple language that an average person will be able to understand. Avoid discussing or leading the conversation toward conspiracy theories, politics, religion, or any potentially sensitive subjects. Use open-ended questions to encourage users to share their thoughts and experiences."

userResponse = ${q://QID13/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

controlType = Firefighters

Group: Conversation Protocol

Block: runFunction\_1 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_1 (2 Questions)

EmbeddedData

userSecondResponse = ${q://QID5/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

Standard: runFunction\_2 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_2 (1 Question)

EmbeddedData

userThirdResponse = ${q://QID7/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

Standard: runFunction\_3 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_3 (1 Question)

Group: Control Group 3 (Cats vs. Dogs)

Standard: CatDogChat0 (2 Questions)

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systemMessageTemplate = "Your objective is to debate with users about whether cats or dogs are better. This is an exercise in disagreement and debate. You should probe the key points of the user's argument, and perspective, and find points of argument. Use simple language that an average person will be able to understand. Avoid discussing or leading the conversation toward conspiracy theories, politics, religion, or any potentially sensitive subjects."

userResponse = ${q://QID15/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

controlType = CatsDogs

Group: Conversation Protocol

Block: runFunction\_1 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_1 (2 Questions)

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userSecondResponse = ${q://QID5/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

Standard: runFunction\_2 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_2 (1 Question)

EmbeddedData

userThirdResponse = ${q://QID7/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

Standard: runFunction\_3 (1 Question)

Standard: ConvoRound\_3 (1 Question)

Standard: Post\_Questions (2 Questions)

Standard: EndBlock (2 Questions)

Standard: Debrief (1 Question)

EndSurvey: Advanced

Group: BCTI Based

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conspiracyTheory = ${q://QID3/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}

userBeliefLevel = ${e://Field/highestValue}

userResponse = ${q://QID4/ChoiceTextEntryValue}

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Start of Block: Consent / Active Attention

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User Agent (7)

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**This survey is expected to last 20 minutes.**   
 Please only continue if you are interested in completing a 20 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: BCTI\_Pre

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BCTI\_pre\_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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|  | Definitely false | Probably false | Uncertain | Probably true | Definitely 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) |  |

End of Block: BCTI\_Pre

Start of Block: WritingScreen

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WritingScreener To start, we are interested in your experiences participating in online surveys (such as this one!). Why are you taking this survey? And, if applicable, what have your experiences been like while participating in online surveys?   
  
**Please answer in a few sentences, using enough detail to provide us with a sense of your experience.**

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End of Block: WritingScreen

Start of Block: Demographics

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Age What is your year of birth?

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Race Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:

* White (1)
* Black or African American (2)
* American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
* Asian (4)
* Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
* Other (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hispanic Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Education What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

▼ Less than high school degree (1) ... Professional degree (JD, MD) (8)

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Gender What gender do you identify with?

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PartyAffil Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

* Republican (1)
* Democrat (2)
* Independent (3)
* Other (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No preference (5)

SocialConservatism Thinking about social and cultural issues, would you say your views on social/cultural issues are:

* Very conservative / right-wing (1)
* Conservative / right-wing (2)
* Moderate (3)
* Liberal / left-wing (4)
* Very liberal / left-wing (5)

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nicks Help us keep track of who is paying attention, please select -  "Somewhat disagree"  in the options below.

* Strongly agree (1)
* Agree (2)
* Somewhat agree (3)
* Neither agree nor disagree (4)
* Somewhat disagree (5)
* Disagree (6)
* Strongly disagree (7)

EconomicConservatism Thinking about economic and fiscal issues, would you say your views on economic/fiscal issues are:

* Very conservative / right-wing (1)
* Conservative / right-wing (2)
* Moderate (3)
* Liberal / left-wing (4)
* Very liberal / left-wing (5)

DemRep\_C Which of the following best describes your political preference?

* Strongly Democratic (1)
* Democratic (2)
* Lean Democratic (3)
* Lean Republican (4)
* Republican (5)
* Strongly Republican (6)

Demog\_14 What is your present religious affiliation (if any)?

▼ Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Nondenominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.) (1) ... Nothing in particular (12)

religion How much would you say you believe in God or gods?

* Not at all 0 (1)
* 1 (2)
* 2 (3)
* 3 (4)
* 4 (5)
* 5 (6)
* 6 (7)
* Very Much 7 (8)

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: AI Survey

Q78 **In the following section, you will be asked several questions about recent developments in artificial intelligence (AI).**

genai\_fam Recently, there have been major advances in using artificial intelligence (AI) across a wide range of important tasks. Some examples of these advancements are ChatGPT, which can produce text responses to human questions, and Stable Diffusion, which can generate images from prompts.  
  
How much, if anything, have you heard or read about recent advancements in AI such as ChatGPT and Stable Diffusion?

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|  | Nothing at all | A little | A lot |

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genai\_use How often have you used recent AI tools and services such as ChatGPT and Stable Diffusion? Other examples are Midjourney, AlphaCode, GitHub Copilot, and Bard.

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|  | I have never used any of these kinds of AI tools | I have used these AI tools a moderate amount | I use these kinds of AI tools every day |

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screener3 When a big news story breaks, people often go online to get up-to-the-minute details on what is going on. We want to know which websites people trust to get this information. We also want to know if people are paying attention to the question. Please ignore the question and select FoxNews.com and NBC.com as your two answers.  
  
  
When there is a big news story, which is the one news website you would visit first? (Please choose only one):

* New York Times website (1)
* Huffington Post (2)
* CNN.com (3)
* FoxNews.com (4)
* Google News (5)
* Yahoo! News (6)
* NBC.com (7)
* USA Today website (8)
* Other (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

genai\_trust I generally trust new AI technologies like ChatGPT

* Strongly disagree (1)
* Disagree (2)
* Somewhat disagree (3)
* Neither agree nor disagree (4)
* Somewhat agree (5)
* Agree (6)
* Strongly agree (7)

End of Block: AI Survey

Start of Block: PersonSpecificConspiracy

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Conspiracy\_Solicitat From your perspective, what is a significant conspiracy theory that you find credible and compelling? Could you please describe this theory and share why it resonates with you?  
   
 NOTE: Please do not feel limited by the statements you rated at the beginning of the survey. You can choose any conspiracy theory that comes into your mind.

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Elaboration On the previous question, you wrote "${Conspiracy\_Solicitat/ChoiceTextEntryValue}"  
  
Can you describe in detail the specific evidence or events that initially led you to believe in this conspiracy theory? How do you interpret this evidence in relation to commonly accepted explanations for the same events?

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End of Block: PersonSpecificConspiracy

Start of Block: C\_Restatement

Sureness On the previous question, you wrote about your views in greater detail.   
   
 We used an artificial intelligence tool to summarize your statement as follows:  
     
${e://Field/conRestatement}   
 **On a scale of 0% to 100%, please indicate your level of confidence that this statement is true.**

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|  | Definitely false | Probably false | Uncertain | Probably true | Definitely true |

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AI\_check Did the AI accurately summarize your perspective?

* No (1)
* Yes (2)

End of Block: C\_Restatement

Start of Block: treatmentInstruction

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treatmentInstruction You will now be participating in a **conversation with an advanced AI** about some of the **events or topics that you have already answered questions about**. The purpose of this dialogue is to see how humans and AI can engage around complicated topics. Please be open and honest in your responses, and remember that the AI is neutral and non-judgmental. Your participation is confidential. Thank you for contributing to this study on AI and human interaction.

End of Block: treatmentInstruction

Start of Block: runFunction\_1

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 All set! Please proceed by clicking the arrow button.

End of Block: runFunction\_1

Start of Block: ConvoRound\_1

Q55 **Note**: Please take the time to read each response from the AI thoroughly. This will help you understand its perspective and respond accurately. Feel free to ask the AI questions. This could be regarding clarifications, its understanding of your perspective, or any related topics.

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Q5 **AI:**    
  
**Continue the conversation below:**

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 All set! Please proceed by clicking the arrow button.

End of Block: runFunction\_2

Start of Block: ConvoRound\_2

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Q7 **AI:**    
  
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Q8 .spinner { border: 4px solid rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1); width: 36px; height: 36px; border-radius: 50%; border-left-color: #09f; animation: spin 1s ease infinite; /\* Centering styles \*/ position: absolute; /\* Use absolute positioning within a relative container \*/ top: 50%; /\* Position the top edge of the spinner in the middle of the container \*/ left: 50%; /\* Position the left edge of the spinner in the middle of the container \*/ transform: translate(-50%, -50%); /\* Offset the spinner by half its width and height to center it \*/ } /\* Make sure the parent container has a relative position \*/ #parentContainer { position: relative; } @keyframes spin { 0% { transform: rotate(0deg); } 100% { transform: rotate(360deg); } }   
 The next page may take a moment to load. Please do not refresh your browser or leave the page.   
 All set! Please proceed by clicking the arrow button.

End of Block: runFunction\_3

Start of Block: ConvoRound\_3

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Q9 **AI:**    
  
**Enter your final message of the conversation below:**

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Start of Block: MedicalBlock0

MedInstructs You will now be participating in a conversation with an advanced AI about your views and experiences with the American medical system. The purpose of this dialogue is to see how AI can engage around complicated topics. Please be open and honest in your responses, and remember that the AI is neutral and non-judgmental. Your participation is confidential. Thank you for contributing to this study on AI and human interaction.

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gpt\_Response\_medFake **AI:** Hello, welcome to the study! To start, will you provide me with a quick overview of your experiences with the medical system (doctors, hospitals, medication) in the United States?  
   
 **Continue the conversation below:**

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End of Block: MedicalBlock0

Start of Block: FirefighterBlock0

Q12 You will now be participating in a conversation with an advanced AI about your views and experiences with firefighters. The purpose of this dialogue is to see how AI can engage around complicated topics. Please be open and honest in your responses, and remember that the AI is neutral and non-judgmental. Your participation is confidential. Thank you for contributing to this study on AI and human interaction.

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gpt\_Response\_firFake **AI:** Hello, welcome to the study! To start, will you provide me with a quick overview of your thoughts or experiences with fire fighting professionals in the United States?   
  
**Continue the conversation below:**

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Start of Block: CatDogChat0

Q14 You will now be participating in a conversation with an advanced AI about your views on pets -- particularly, cats vs. dogs. The purpose of this dialogue is to see how AI can debate with human beings around various topics. Please be open and honest in your responses, and remember that the AI is neutral and non-judgmental. Your participation is confidential. Thank you for contributing to this study on AI and human interaction.

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Q15 **AI:** Hello, welcome to the study! To start, will you tell me about whether you prefer dogs or cats? Why?   
  
**Continue the conversation below:**

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Start of Block: Post\_Questions

DV\_Surety Now that you've had a chance to converse with the AI, we'd like to get back to some of the questions we asked at the beginning of the survey.   
  
At the outset of this survey, you suggested that:   
  
"${e://Field/conspiracyTheory}"  
  
***On a scale of 0% to 100%, please indicate your level of confidence that this statement is true.***

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BCTI\_matrix\_post Here are a few of the other questions we asked you at the beginning of the survey.   
   
 **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 as a biological weapon. (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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Random Did you respond randomly at any point during the study?   
  
  
**Note: Please be honest! You will get your payment regardless of your response.**

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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

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