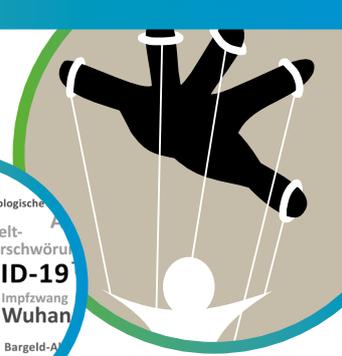
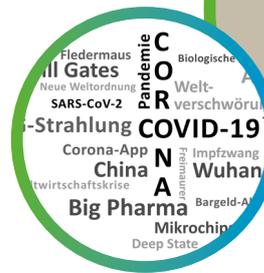


Recognize conspiracy theories



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
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