

Conspiracy Theories - Introduction

Discussion

What do you know about the events captured in these photos?



- 🔊 How much of what you know about these events/stories do you believe to be true and how much do you think could be fake?
- 🔊 Why do you think these stories are subject to three of the most enduring *conspiracy theories*?
- 🔊 What other *conspiracy theories* have you heard of?
- 🔊 How would you define a *conspiracy theory*? Are they always based on real events?

Vocabulary

Compare these pairs of words. Are they synonyms? How do we use them differently?

Rumour – Gossip

Misinformation - Fake news

Plot - Conspiracy

These are adjectives we can use to describe opinions or ideas. Put them into the chart according to whether you think they express moderate or extreme views. Try to identify and group together adjectives that have similar meanings

Preposterous
Plausible
Radical
Feasible

Credible
Outlandish
Far-fetched
Dangerous

Conventional
Logical
Accepted
Ridiculous

Absurd
Ludicrous
Rational
Reasonable

Neutral/Moderate	Extreme

Seven of these adjectives can take the opposite meaning by adding a prefix such as **un-**, **ir-**, **im-** or **il-**. Write down the adjectives with their correct prefixes:

un_____

in_____

il_____

un_____

im_____

ir_____

un_____