

Conspiracy theories

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Conspiracy theory: Starbucks purposefully spells your name wrong

Evidence: Have you ever gotten your Starbucks order back and they've spelt your name wrong? What do you do? Why you take a picture and share it with people obviously. The Starbucks Company is actually smarter than you think, they get their staff to purposefully spell your name incorrectly to get you to show everyone, this is then free publicity as you are sharing their product without them paying a single penny.

Conspiracy theory: the Simpsons can predict the future

Evidence: have you ever noticed something happen then realise you've seen something like in on TV before? Well this has happened a lot on the show 'the Simpsons.' In case you didn't know, the Simpsons is a comedy TV show about a normal family who encounter things/people that the everyday family wouldn't making it comedic for a wide audience. The show has been running since December 17th 1989 to the present day, meanwhile the creators have predicted some pretty wild stuff. For example, in season 9 episode 3, aired in 1997 marge held and offered to read a book titled "curious George and the Ebola virus" then 17 years later in 2014 the Ebola virus outbreak affects and kills thousands in West Africa. Another thing that the Simpsons predicted was Donald trump becoming president. In season 11 episode 17, Bart travels from the year 2000 to the future to when his sister Lisa is president. It is in this flash forward Lisa says "as you know we've inherited quite a budget crunch from President Trump" only for Trump to soon become president 16 years after the episode was made. And last but not least the creators predicted the Lady Gaga halftime show in America, in 2012 in episode 22 season 23, the famous Lady Gaga took people's screens with a soaring experience for the lady herself to later do in 2017.

Conspiracy theory: the Mandela effect, explained

Evidence: the Mandela effect started because of the man himself, Nelson Mandela. It was believed that the famous role model died in the 1980s during his time in prison. Many people believed this for years till he was later released from prison after everyone assumed him dead; many people said they remembered hearing about his death while he was in jail. He soon died in 2013. The whole idea of the Mandela effect is that a large group of people believe they heard something that is in fact wrong and are shocked when the truth is revealed. Examples of this include:

For all you Star Wars lovers, what is the very iconic line from Darth Vader to his very own son Luke Skywalker? If you were thinking “Luke, I am your father,” you are wrong. Many fans recall hearing their favourite bad guy exposing himself by using that line but in fact he actually says “no, I am your father”...

Before you read this next one, listen to “we are the champions” by Queen and listen to how the song ends.

Everyone knows this legendary Queen’s song, whose final lyrics are “No time for losers, cause we are the champions... of the world!” But in fact, there is no “of the world!” The song just ends with “cause we are the champions,” and it’s driving so many people crazy because they feel 100% sure that they’ve heard otherwise in the past.

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Conspiracy theory: Walt Disney's body is frozen

Evidence: As we all know, Walt Disney died on December 15th 1966, but the announcement of his death was delayed and no one ever recalled seeing or hearing about his funeral once we found out. Rumours say his body is buried but frozen ready for scientists to create immortality. Scientists have found a way to freeze bodies and bring them back to life (what Walt Disney has allegedly done) and this is what scientist are calling immortality, but is it? Many people started becoming curious and started investigating; the web was soon full of websites bursting with information about freezing bodies and what proof they had about Walt Disney doing it himself. However, it is now harder to find all these websites and theories due to Disney brining out 'Frozen' in 2013. It has now dominated the search for 'Walt Disney frozen' and is said to be a distraction from the theories.

Conspiracy theory: artificial pigeons

Evidence: Have you ever seen a baby pigeon? Well, neither have most people; it's pretty weird seeing as there are always loads of pigeons in the streets. It is said that the Government have been making fake pigeons, with cameras in, to spy on people and see where they go. It's not really a surprise as the amount of pigeons have increased over the last few years and why would the Government not want to watch us? Some people believe they listen to us through our phones, so why not watch us though everyday birds?

Conspiracy theory: psychic abilities

Evidence: This isn't about having super powers or anything, it's just that we can all do more than we think mentally. So everyone has some type of psychic abilities, whether they think so or not. Psychic doesn't just mean being able to tell the future, which in reality is one of the less common abilities. Being psychic can include feeling the emotions of others as if they were your own; being able to tell if something is wrong (even if everything seems okay); walking into a room of strangers and instantly knowing who's a friend or foe; being able to sense spirits; being able to see auras (often seen as a white mist around someone when your eyes are relaxed),

going to a new place and knowing you've been there before; the list is endless. But so many people push these abilities away so they have been seen as crazy in society. However, 9/10 of people with these gifts are completely sane but won't accept it.

Conspiracy theory: the Titanic didn't actually sink

Evidence: There are theories that the Titanic wasn't actually the boat that sank; the Titanic had a sister ship called the Olympus. It is said that the Olympus was becoming unfit to sail, however it was bringing in lots of money and fame so they made a new boat called the Titanic. The Titanic was 'brand new' and was perfectly okay for the insurance dealers. So, on the day of the voyage, they swapped the names on the ships and sailed the Olympus as the Titanic. Everyone knows how the ship hit an iceberg, but what if the captain hit it on purpose? Think about it, the Titanic had all the right qualities for the insurance so if it was to sink, the company would get the insurance money, but the Olympus was unsafe and unfit, so they get to get rid of the old Olympus ship, get a big payday and still get to sail the world's greatest ship...

Conspiracy theory: the Government are manipulating us to accept cookies

Evidence: Whenever you go onto a website, the first thing you see is a notification asking you to accept cookies. Some even stop you from seeing the content till you accept. Legally the government can't save/use what you search but if you accept these sweet backed goods to "improve your experience" they can do what they like. Have you ever searched something and a few minutes later you keep getting ads for what you just searched up? Well, that's because of cookies; you have accepted for the Government to save your searches so they advertise it to get you to buy it so eventually they get money from the company you bought it from.

Conspiracy theory: the words "conspiracy theories"

Evidence: The Government have realised people have posted conspiracies about them, so they make media outlets use the term theory/theories in a certain way to make the public think that theories aren't true, so when they read something labelled "conspiracy theory" they immediately think it's not true. Stopping people from believing bad things about the Government.

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