

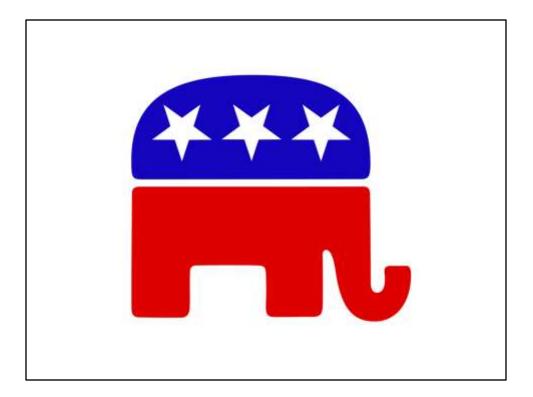
# **Real Conspiracies**

- Companies conspire to fix prices.
- · Political parties conspire to get elected.
- Graft, bribery etc. occur.
- Sometimes it's hard to tell the real from the fake.



# My Concern

- Conspiracy theories involving control of the whole world by shadowy groups are becoming mainstream.
- Otherwise sensible people accept them, in whole or in part, without careful thought.
- Can cause great harm while also preventing solutions to real problems.



The elephant in the room.



# Conspiracy 101

- A secret, sinister group controls (or wants to control) the whole world.
- · Events are manipulated to ensure this.
- · Seemingly unrelated events are linked.
- Any evidence to the contrary has been planted by the controlling organization.
- Traditionally associated with the right wing but the left is also susceptible.

## The Usual Suspects

- Some real but extinct.
- Some real but not actually responsible for ruling the whole world.
- Some fictitious.

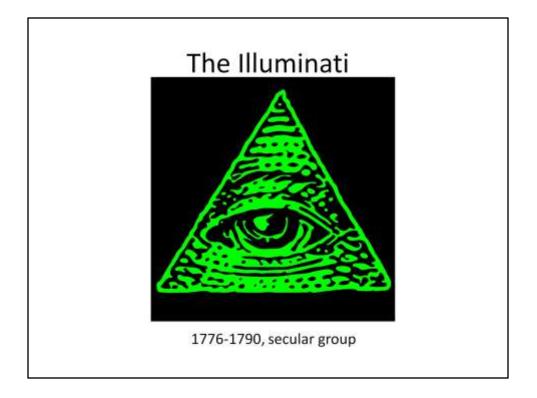


Still very much around, antisemitism has become unfashionable in the west but has re-emerged under other names Khazaria existed from CE 650 to 1048 approx. Buffer between Byzantine empire and Persia. Now part of several other countries. Some of the rulers converted to Judaism and some theorize that Ashkenazi Jews come from there.

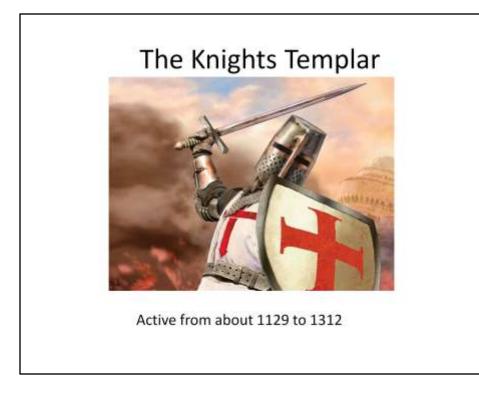
Protocols published 1903, Russian forgery. Claimed to be late nineteenth century document.



From the website renegadetribune.com. David Icke promotes the idea that "shape-shifting lizards" not Jews, were the people referred to in the protocols.



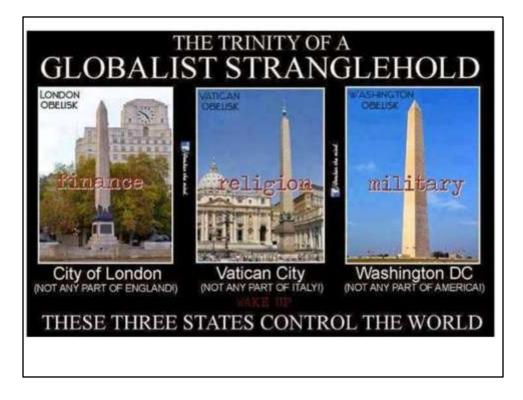
Active in Bavaria 1776 to 1790, secular group: they actually were a politically active secret society



Active from about 1129 to 1312, disbanded and many killed



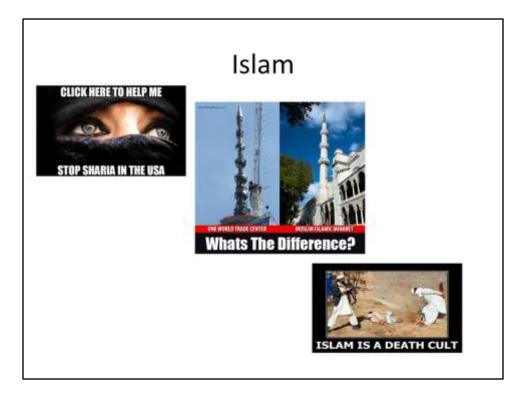
Ancient fraternal order, still exists, doesn't really seem to control the world.



Really? The City of London controls the world's finances? I'd bet it's a surprise to them, especially now. Next, somewhat newer suspects.

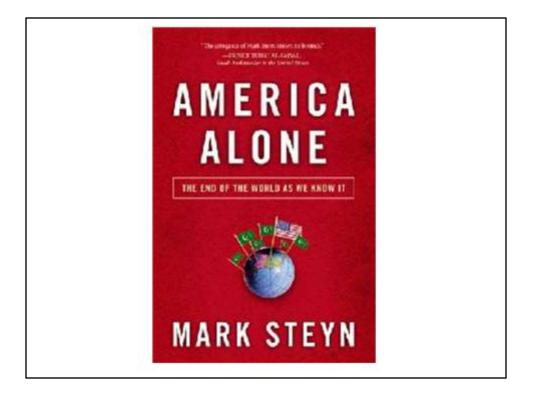


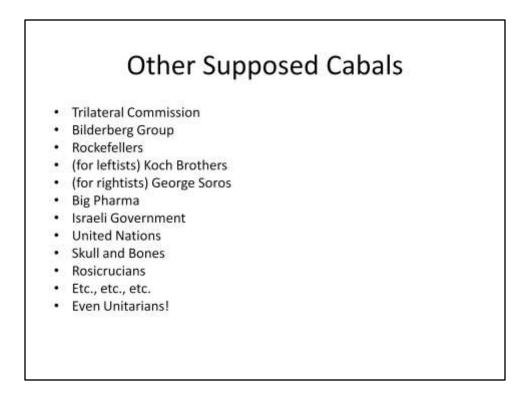
Trudeau?? The word "cabal" keeps coming up in conspiracy theory. See galacticconnection.com and search for cabal. Also soundofheart.org/galacticfreepress and search for cabal.



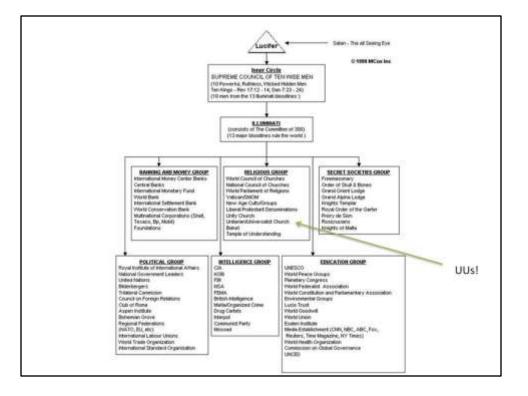
Idea that all Muslims are terrorists and that they are taking over by flooding western countries, having large families, demanding sharia.



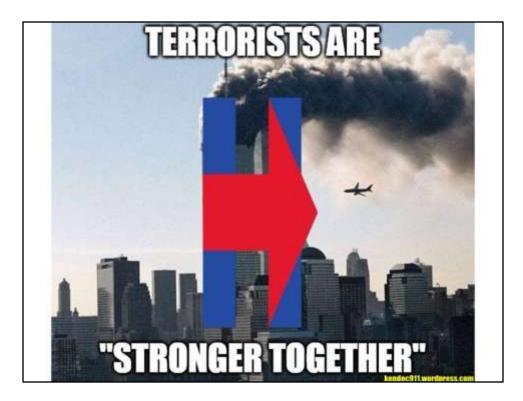




Skull and Bones is an undergrad society at Yale. Rosicrucians are esoteric but not secret, they have a website.



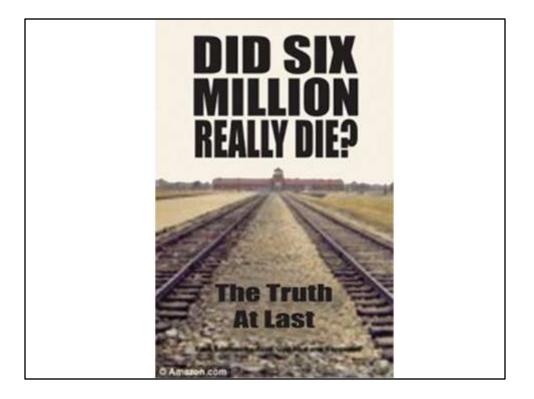




9/11 – an inside job by any of the usual suspects.



Jew burnt it down for the insurance?



Antisemitic theories challenged by the Holocaust – so the Holocaust must be denied.

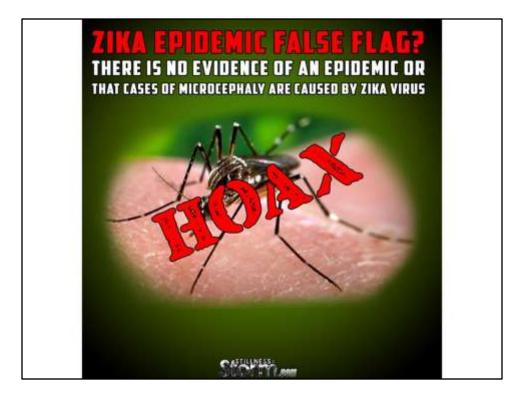


Or maybe Muslims attacked on 9/11 after all --

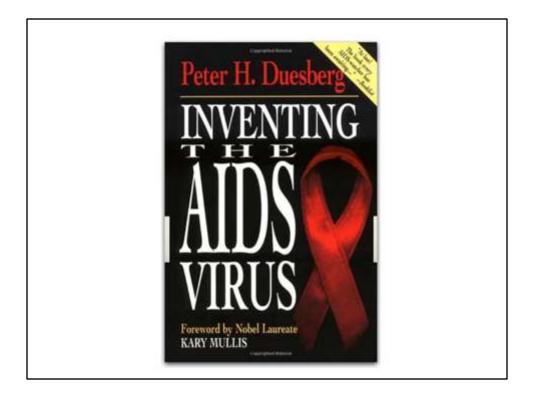


But if Muslims attacked, they must have been manipulated by Jews – old enemies die hard.





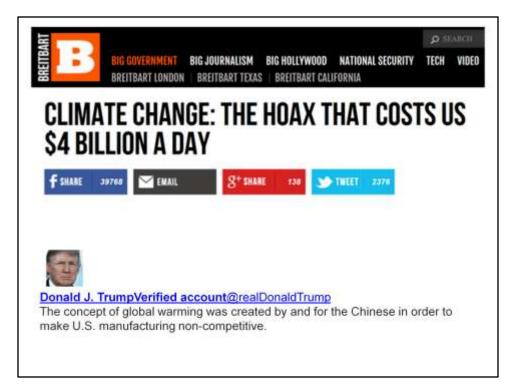
False flag originally referred to ships flying a flag of another country for deception. Fake diseases are a common conspiracy theory.



Mullis: Nobel in chemistry for polymer research. Also a climate change denier.

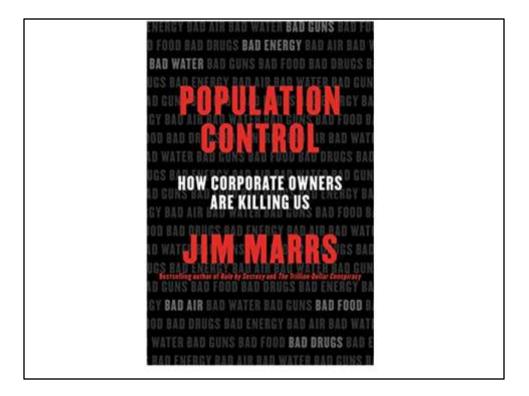






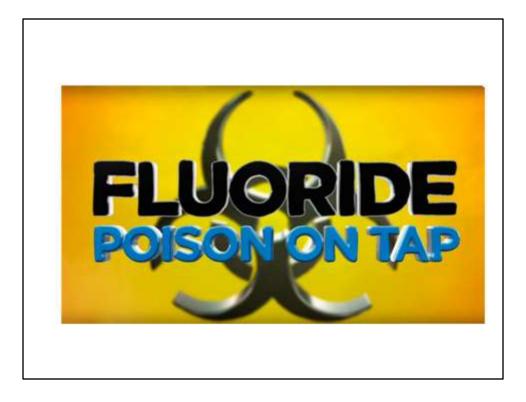


Corner of Bathurst and Wilson in Toronto



#### Conspiracy Theory and the "New Age"

- Some New-age Websites have started to refer to the "Cabal," the "Matrix," "implants" etc.
- Idea that we are ruled by one group of aliens but another group can save us is common
- Conspiracy theories involving food, water, medicine, GMO food are common.
- "Free energy" and Tesla are common themes.











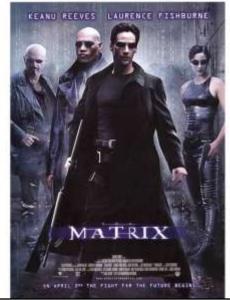
## Dangers of Conspiracy Theory

- People get hurt, sometimes killed.
- Real causes of problems are ignored.
- The cause of reasoned, responsible search for truth is discredited.

## Why do Conspiracy Theories Flourish?

- Extreme pattern-recognition.
- Faulty logic (confirmation bias, post ergo propter, etc.)
- Wish for a universe that is logical, consistent.
- · Desire for a dualistic world (good vs evil.)
- · Wish for a cause.
- Male midlife crisis(?!)

## **Conspiracies in Fiction**





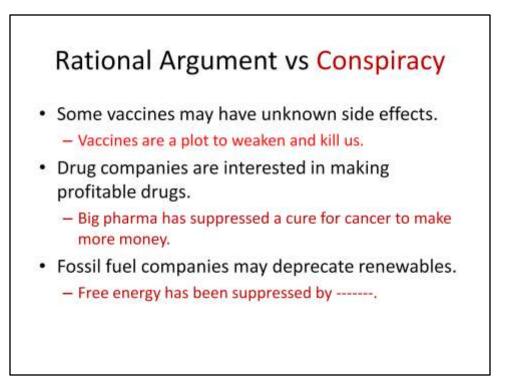


V: Reptilian shape-shifting invadors bring free health care but want to take over the earth.

Inferno originally a book by Dan Brown.

## **Recognizing Conspiracy Theories**

- More complex than necessary.
- Impute subhuman morality, superhuman competence to the conspirators.
- · Grandiosity (explain everything.)
- Violation of natural laws.
- Require many people to be in on the conspiracy.
- Unclear motives.





Poison us all – some conspiracy theorists think the Cabal wants to reduce world population. See especially Jim Marrs (jimmarrs.com)

