



But... Conspiracy Theories Are Not “Crazy Ideas”



Why they are not just misinformation



Conspiracy theories are about power—who has it, how it’s used, and whether it’s abused.



They provide a form of dissent for weaker groups against stronger ones, especially when official institutions fail.



They function as alarm systems, alerting society to corruption or abuse—even if many alarms are false.



They sometimes uncover truth: think Watergate, or the role of conspiracy suspicion in exposing political scandals.



Takeaway

Conspiracy theories are more than baseless rumors or partisan talking points. They are a way for citizens—especially the marginalized—to challenge power and demand accountability.