

Political Polarization and Conspiracy Beliefs: A Dangerous Feedback Loop



How polarization fuels conspiracy thinking in divided societies

Key Forces at Play



Extremism and Ideological Rigidity



Populism and Distrust in Elites



Partisanship and Selective Mistrust



Radical Overconfidence



Emotional Drivers & Online Echo Chambers



Social Signaling and Group Identity

What This Means for Us

Fighting conspiracy beliefs requires more than fact-checking.
We must address the emotional, social, and identity roots of belief.



Bridge Ideological Divides



Foster Critical Thinking



Rebuild Trust & Dialogue

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