

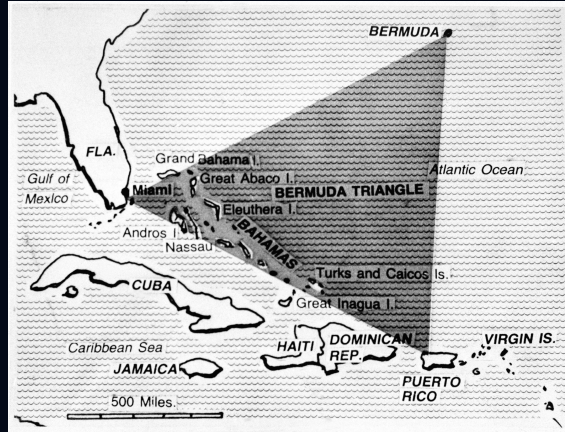
Conspiracy Theories

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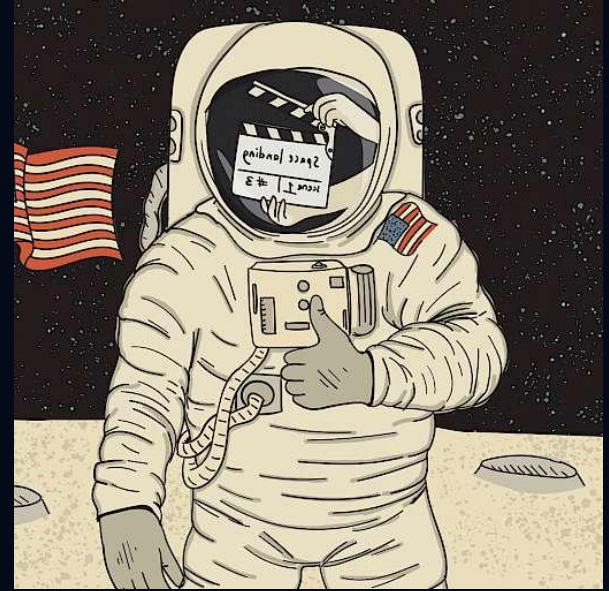
interesting statistics:



15% of voters in America believe that the Illuminati governs the world



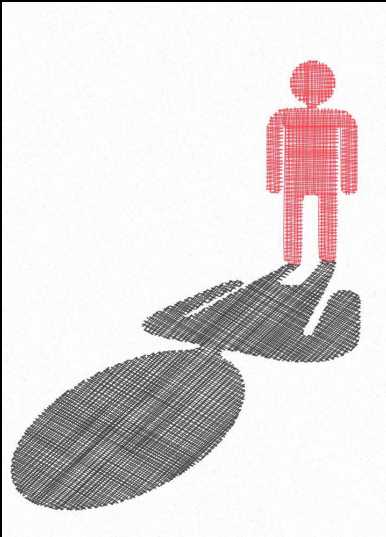
41% of people in a survey out of 20,000 believe that the Bermuda triangle has paranormal activity



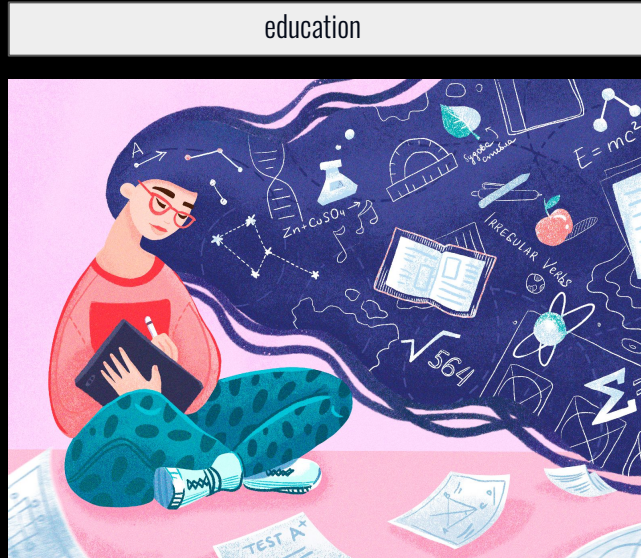
11% of Americans believe that the moon landing was faked

are some people more susceptible to believing in conspiracy theories than others?

Yes, some factors include:



personality



education



circumstance

1) mystery



examples:

- who killed U.S. president JFK?
- what is inside of Area 51?
- do aliens exist?

2) control



examples:

- COVID-19
- 9/11
- Sandy Hook was faked

3) belonging



- people do not like to feel alone in the world.
- “if everyone else is doing it, they must be right.”
- Conspiracy theories can help relieve mental/social isolation struggles because they unite people with common interests.

science vs. conspiracy



Extremists can take their theories to levels that challenge centuries of scientific thought and evidence.

role of the media



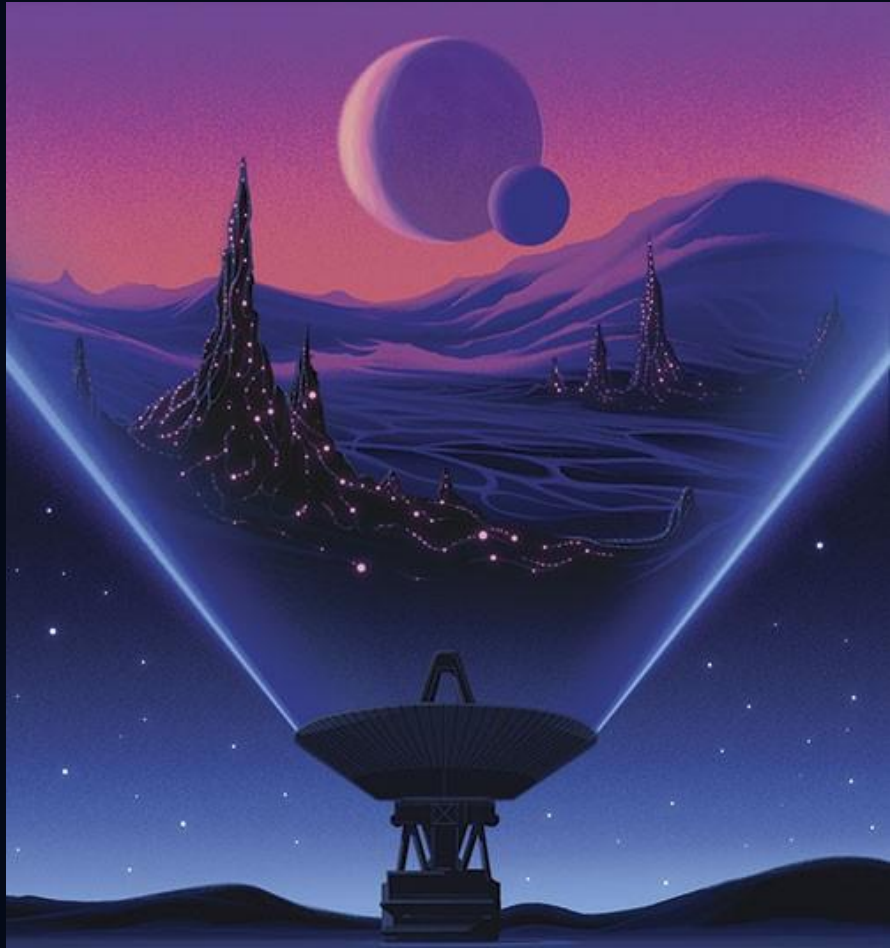
ideas are spread faster than they can be legitimized



quick communication forms group mentalities



the line between myth and reality is blurred



thank you!