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Course: UNIV 100 – Sections 041/086/087 **Theme:** Popular Culture

Course Topic: *Conspiracy Theories in America*

Description: Conspiracy theories reveal many things about our culture: a deep distrust of the government, an unwavering dedication to free thinking and dissent, a skepticism regarding the information provided to us, and the extent to which our anxieties and fears affect our beliefs and behaviors. In this course, we'll examine various conspiracy theories that make up the fabric of American culture and work to understand their psychological and sociological origins and cultural impacts. In doing so, we'll develop our critical thinking skills and objectivity, interrogate the validity and credibility of evidence, and understand the power of rhetoric when it comes to how conspiracies gain traction in our society.