

CORONAVIRUS CONSPIRACY THEORIES



Some troubling conspiracy theories have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Here we will break some of them down with the help of infotagion.com

CLAIM 1: 5G CAUSES CORONAVIRUS

FALSE

Panic over 5G—the newest generation of mobile telecommunications infrastructure—and the notion that it has caused the pandemic seems to be everywhere. There have been arson attacks on mobile phone masts as a result and celebrities have popularised the idea. There are multiple conspiracies associated with 5G.

- Multiple studies have found there is no evidence that exposures in the case of new 5G masts cause health effects, including damaging your immune system
- The radio waves from 5G are not strong enough to damage your immune system as they sit on the low frequency end of the electromagnetic spectrum
- It is also not possible for 5G to transmit coronavirus: we know the virus is transmitted from human to human and viruses behave in completely different ways from electromagnetic waves
- Some countries that have seen large infections - like Iran - have not got 5G technology in place yet

CLAIM 2: CLUES IN TV SHOWS WARNED ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

FALSE

Some videos have been circulated that contains clips from The Simpsons, the Resident Evil films, films from Netflix and other TV shows. The clips show that 'an elite' expected the coronavirus outbreak to happen. This video is by a Youtube channel with a number of different conspiracy theory videos.

- When the Coronavirus infection was first discovered in Wuhan, China in late 2019 it was a new discovery and had not yet been observed before in humans
- Such videos reference the Illuminati, the Eye of Horus, the flat earth theory and many other related conspiracy theories, meaning they are not credible
- The Illuminati are described as "puppet-masters" of us all and includes using celebrities like Tom Hanks to get their message across to the public
- Such theories are often antisemitic in nature, including mentions in this video of the Rothchild family and the Star of David, and should not be shared

CLAIM 3: CORONAVIRUS IS A CHINESE BIOWEAPON

FALSE

It has been claimed that an American scientist went to Wuhan in 2013 where he created a bioweapon in order to reduce the number of protesters on orders from the Chinese government.

- Videos to evidence this claim feature an unnamed and unknown source who "used to work for the Chinese military", meaning this cannot be checked and is not credible
- However, we know this virus is a coronavirus, genetically related to SARS AND MERS which has caused previous outbreaks
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) have said this strain of coronavirus probably has ecological origins in bats and has not been engineered in a lab
- The Lancet, a world-renowned medical journal, has said "scientists from around the world overwhelmingly conclude that this coronavirus originated in wildlife"

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