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From Lizard-Like Aliens to Davos: Global Government Conspiracies, Real and Fake

izard-like aliens have taken over the government. Don't believe it? Just google "lizard aliens." Think that's absurd? Try some other global conspiracy theories: chemtrails, QAnon, Denver International Airport as the headquarters of the Illuminati, or King Charles III is a vampire.

As wild as these conspiracy theories sound, they have anywhere from tens of thousands to millions of believers. Such conspiracy theories can be used by global elites to dismiss anyone who disagrees with their agenda as conspiracy nuts.

The January 2023 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, brought elites from throughout the world together to talk. As conference founder Klaus Schwab declared at the meeting, "We must master the future, master the future." Schwab is the same guy who went on Chinese state television last year to tell an interviewer that he thinks China is a "a role model for many countries." He added, "I think we should be very careful in imposing systems. But the Chinese model is certainly a very attractive model for quite a number of countries."

Attending this year's conference were German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and the presidents of Spain, South Korea, Poland and the Philippines, along with 51 other heads of state. Fifty-six finance ministers, 19 central bank governors, 30 trade ministers, 35 foreign ministers, and more than 700 CEOs across the world appeared. President Biden's special climate envoy John Kerry was there. Former CNN host Brian Stelter showed up to warn, without irony, of the "clear and present danger of disinformation" in the news. Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee pontificated about racism in the West to a largely white crowd.

It's as if the Davos meeting, with its theme "The Great Reset," went out of its way to confirm to the rest of the world that an international conspiracy is leading world political and financial elites to create a new world order.

The Davos conference provides easy fodder for conspiracy theorists. Talk of the secretive Bilderbergers, the Trilateral Commission and the Bohemian Club has been around for 50 or more years. Maybe such talk was not so far-fetched, because the Davos conference shows that a globalist outlook permeates global elites. They disdain democracy, dismiss national sovereignty as an antiquated concept, and see the masses as fools who don't know their own best interests.

Some Conspiracies Are Real

bviously, some conspiracy theories prove to be true. John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in Virginia in 1859 actually was a conspiracy. There was an actual plot organized by John Wilkes Booth to assassinate Lincoln. The effort by Soviet intelligence to penetrate the highest levels of American government in the 1930s to 1950s was all too real.

How to distinguish an actual conspiracy from a nutty theory? The shameful abdication by U.S. media, the FBI and intelligence services of their supposed mission to separate truth from falsehood in the last seven-plus years has made this determination more difficult.³ Nevertheless, we can start with a simple definition: A conspiracy is a plot by two or more people to undertake unlawful action.

American history is rife with conspiracy theories. The United States is not unique in this regard. Conspiracy theories can be found throughout history and in every country. The Masonic conspiracy gained traction during the French Revolution and would be transported to the United States. Papist conspiracies have a lengthy history in England, long before fears of Vatican plots to seize control of government ever appeared in America. The rise of industrial America in the 19th century introduced the alleged international Jewish conspiracy to the United States. The Cold War in the post-World War II era heightened apprehension of Soviet plots to subvert America democracy.

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Many of the conspiracy theories that emerged in the course of our history can be rejected out of hand. However, the charge of a crazy conspiracy theory is not infrequently used to discredit opponents of more substantive projects by groups colluding in pursuit of their agendas. In other words, powerful and corrupt elites like to dismiss any challenge to their power or charges of malfeasance as merely a "conspiracy theory."

We saw this phenomenon during the Covid-19 pandemic. Those Americans—including distinguished scientists—who raised concerns about shutting down businesses and schools or questioned the efficacy of vaccines for young students, were branded as conspiracy theorists. Those challenging the established narrative were canceled on social media and repudiated by the mainstream media. People who doubted the efficacy of masks might as well have been warning that the lizard-like aliens were in control of our government.

Elites commonly denounce anything contrary to the established narratives as a conspiracy theory, as we saw in connection with questions about the origins of Covid-19, the destructive economic lockdowns, and the January 6, 2021 "insurrection" at the U.S. Capitol. Wacky conspiracy theories—and there are some lulus out there—play right into the hands of those who want to ridicule any opposing point of view. Nonetheless, some of the wilder conspiracy theories have entertainment value. Exhibit A is the lizard aliens theory.

Lizard Aliens Control Governments?

f a 2013 Public Policy Polling survey is to be believed, more than 12 million Americans thought lizard-like aliens are here on earth in control of our government and other governments. We can take some comfort that the number of Americans believing in the lizard alien conspiracy is smaller than those believing in a variety of other far-out theories, as shown by the following chart:⁴

Conspiracy Theory	% Believing	# of Americans Believing
Government controls minds with TV	15 percent	47,087,106
CIA developed crack cocaine	14 percent	43,947,966
Bigfoot exists	14 percent	43,947,966
Obama is the Antichrist	13 percent	40,808,823
The moon landing was fake	7 percent	21,973,981
Osama bin Laden is alive	6 percent	18,834,842
Airplane chemical contrails	5 percent	15,695,702
Paul McCartney died in 1966	5 percent	15,695,702
Lizard people control politics	4 percent	12,556,562

Where did the lizard conspiracy come from? It can be traced to a single source, David Icke, a popular author and lecturer. He has followers throughout the world who believe that alien reptiles have infiltrated government. By 2023, more than 20 countries banned him from speaking within their borders. His followers viewed the bans as confirming what they already believed: that lizard aliens really do control those

governments. Actually, he was banned because he was accused of anti-Semitism for arguing that the aliens had joined with already existing worldwide conspiracies of Masons, Jews and Catholics, among others.⁵

Icke was born in England, played professional soccer, and became well known as a television sports commentator. While in Saudi Arabia he had a purported revelation about the world's end. He saw the end of the world resulting from climate change. He became involved in the British Green Party as a leader, warning that earthquakes and climate change were going to end the world around 2005. He then turned to another apocalyptic warning: that aliens were taking over the world.

He asserted preposterously that the world is controlled by reptilian creatures known as the Brotherhood, who have the ability to transform themselves into human form. Most are male. They include George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush. Queen Elizabeth II, before she died, was an alien, and so is Tony Blair, according to Icke.

Icke finds followers on both the left and the right. After all, he started off as a Greenie in Britain. He turned to anti-Semitism in the mid-1990s. He proclaimed that while the infamous "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" (a document faked by czarist Russians in order to smear Jews) was forged, the forgery was accomplished by a small clique of Jewish and non-Jewish elites working through an organization called the Illuminati. The Illuminati conspiracy was composed of blood-sucking Satanists who were direct genetic descendants of transdimensional, shape-changing alien reptiles. He said we cannot detect the reptilians because they are visible only on a light frequency that humans cannot detect.

He writes books, 20 so far, published in 40 countries under such titles as "And the Truth Shall Set You Free." His website apparently receives about 600,000 hits a week. He has made DVDs. He has lectured in Australia, the Netherlands, Canada and the U.S on the topic "Human Race: Get Off Your Knees."

Logic in Conspiracy Theories

hatever else can be said about the lizard-like alien conspiracy, it has a certain internal logic. Other conspiracy theories often have internal contradictions. For example, the Masonic conspiracy that has deep roots in American history faced an immediate problem: that many of the U.S. Founders, including George Washington, were Masons. Andrew Jackson, one of our most anti-elitist presidents, was also a Mason.

Some of those warning of Communist subversion in 1950s and 1960s went off the rails by seeing Communists behind every

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disturbance or agitation in postwar America. This is not to deny Communist Party influence, but United Auto Worker president Walter Reuther, for example, was decidedly anti-Communist, even though he was clearly a socialist. President Dwight Eisenhower was not a Communist agent.

But let's be clear: *There was a Soviet Communist conspiracy to penetrate the highest reaches of government in the 1930s and 1940s.* Unmistakable indications of Soviet intelligence operations to infiltrate the American government came out in congressional hearings and court trials in the late 1940s and 1950s, including the case of Alger Hiss. Whittaker Chambers provided persuasive evidence that Hiss, while serving as a high official in the Roosevelt State Department, was a Soviet agent. Hiss was convicted of perjury and imprisoned.

Proof in the Venona Papers

hile some patriotic Americans in the mid 20th century spoke out against Soviet infiltration (and were attacked by the left for doing so), they could not know the full extent of spy activity in America. Only in 1995, with the release of the so-called Venona papers, was the true extent of Soviet infiltration into government in the 1930s and 1940s revealed.

The Venona documents, consisting of messages between the Soviet embassy in Washington and Moscow that were intercepted by the National Security Council, were released in 1995 at the insistence of Senator Daniel Moynihan (D-NY). The documents revealed that at least 105 Americans working for Soviet intelligence had entered New Deal agencies, as well as the Roosevelt White House. The release of the Venona papers, as well as Soviet archival records, should have forced reevaluation of the so-called Red Scare in the 1950s.

Yet, some of the wild-eyed conspiracy theories at the time allowed opponents to paint the anti-Communist movement as nut cases. The problem is that there were some nut cases. One of the most convoluted anti-Communist conspiracy theories was promoted by Louis Bielsky, author of *The Soviet-Israelite Claw Strangles the Arabs*. First published in Paris in 1965, and then republished in Spanish by a Mexican press, the 50-page pamphlet gained a wide readership, especially in South America. Its circulation in the U.S. was mostly confined to small neo-Nazi circles.

Bielsky posited an international Jewish-Communist conspiracy to dominate the world. He strained to explain Soviet support of Arab nationalism against Israel, as well as the Sino-Soviet split following Stalin's death. If Jews were controlling the Soviet Union, why was Russia supporting Arab nations against Israel? How could the Sino-Soviet split be explained if the Jews were pulling the Communist strings? And,

how could the Cold War be explained if an international Jewish conspiracy controlled both the U.S. government and the Soviet government?

With incredible acrobatics, Bielsky explained that there was a power struggle in the Council of the Elders of Zion, between American Jews (headed by Bernard Baruch and Harry S. Truman) and Soviet Jews (headed by Stalin and Nikita Khrushchev). This split provided an opportunity for Mao in China. Bielsky contended that Truman, Stalin, Khrushchev (whose real name, Bielsky claimed, was Solomon Pearlmutter) and even Mao were all Jews. Bielsky argued that Jews migrated to China more or less 2,000 years ago, but mixed with native Chinese.

More recently and harmfully, *a phony conspiracy theory about collusion with Russia tied the Trump administration in knots for four years.* We now know that this theory was a dirty trick fomented by the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign with the help of the FBI.

Davos: Conspirators or Buffoons?

his brings us back to the Davos conference. The World Economic Forum was organized by Klaus Schwab in 1971 when he invited executives from European companies to the tiny ski resort of Davos to address major global issues and learn best practices of leadership and management. From this modest beginning, the Davos conference became a major international event bringing elites together. George Soros became a regular at these meetings, although he missed the most recent one.⁸

Those who gathered in Davos shared a sense of world crisis. Schwab in his opening address in January warned that 2023 was to be the "Year of Polycrisis" created by food and energy shortages, inflation and rising public dissent. He told his audience that the intent of the conference was "to make sure that leaders do not remain trapped in this crisis mindset but develop a longer-term, constructive perspective to shape the future in a more sustainable, more inclusive, and more resilient way." The agenda doubled down on the need for renewable energy, the codification of environmental, social and governance (ESG) investment standards, more "social and green jobs for building inclusive and sustainable economies," and "diversity, equity and inclusion [DEI] lighthouses."

What in the world are diversity, equity and inclusion "lighthouses"? What is clear from the meeting is that world leaders sense a global crisis, but don't know how to address the problems, other than huff and puff that they are the world leaders. They share a globalist outlook and agenda, but they

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are more buffoons than conspirators. Writing in *The London Times*, journalist Gerald Baker observed that Davos is less a "satanic cabal" than a "groupthink incubator for the self-appointed elite."¹¹

Perhaps more to the point, Fox television commentator Tucker Carlson got it right when he said that the Davos crowd wants to "save the planet" and assume global leadership, but they are not just "supervillains," as they are often portrayed; "they're also hilariously idiotic—not just evil—buffoonish." 12

The problem is that buffoons can be destructive. Nor do they need to be lizard-like aliens to be snakes slithering about in the snows of Davos. Come next year, they won't have shed their skins. They will say the world is falling apart and only they can save us. They will continue to dismiss their critics as conspiracy theorists. They have been working on solving the world's problems since 1971 and are no closer to solutions.

Who needs a conspiracy of lizard-like aliens in control of governments, when we have the real Davos crowd, who fly in on their gas-guzzling private jets to lecture the rest of us that we should give up cars and meat?¹³

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