

FAR-RIGHT CONSPIRACIES & CORONAVIRUS

A GUIDE TO POPULAR CONSPIRACIES ABOUT CORONAVIRUS FROM FAR-RIGHT INFLUENCES

"THE MOSQUES ARE STILL OPEN AND THIS IS INCREASING THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS"

There have been some videos emerging online which look to blame the Muslim community in the UK for breaking the lockdown rules, including mislabelling old videos of outdoor prayers in London and presenting them as occurring in this lockdown period.



Mosques across the country are closed and gatherings (both formal and informal) associated with Ramadan have been cancelled.

For help checking tweets, please see:
<https://fullfact.org/health/how-to-fact-check-coronavirus/>

"CORONAVIRUS WAS CREATED TO FURTHER A LEFT-WING AGENDA"

A large theory that has been popularised in far-right spaces is that Coronavirus has been manufactured to promote immigration and an agenda of the 'replacement' of white people, including how figures have been overinflated to highlight Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) deaths.



Evidence suggests that the working age BAME population in the UK are more likely to be employed in key worker roles and this is likely to be one reason they are over-represented in counts.

"CORONAVIRUS WAS CREATED FOR THE NEW WORLD ORDER TO CONTROL OUR FREEDOMS"

A New World Order conspiracy is "a secretive group" that aims to "enact a globalist agenda" and "eventually rule the world through an authoritarian world government". Social distancing has meant that the far-right have embraced this theory, because the creation of a pandemic means that power and control can easily go to "a small elite" to control the world.



The NWO conspiracy is a theory largely popularised by key antisemitic figures, and people have backed its existence using known antisemitic texts.

There's such a large amount of information available online in this crisis it's easy to be overwhelmed.

Fact check information at:

www.gov.uk/coronavirus and www.fullfact.org