

Online Misinformation & Human Trafficking

The growth of conspiracy theories and the damage they cause

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Misinformation

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Introduction

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Why this topic

Misinformation & the Growth of Conspiracy Theories

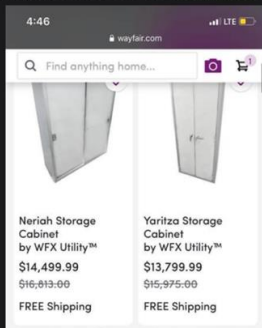
- Pizzagate
- QAnon
- Wayfair
- COVID
- And more

Examples

r/conspiracy

Posts

Posted by u/PrincessPeach1987 5 days ago
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Is it possible Wayfair involved in Human trafficking with their WFX Utility collection? Or are these just extremely overpriced cabinets? (Note the names of the cabinets) this makes me sick to my stomach if it's true :(



In a mask, an adult or child cannot "mouth" the words "Help me" who are being trafficked.

#PizzaGate is a world-wide citizen investigation now. It cannot be stopped. At this point, the truth being brought to light is inevitable.

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- Resources intended for victims are misused
- Skewing the reality of human trafficking
- Acting on conspiracy theories (i.e. pizzagate gunman)
- False information leaking into other topics (i.e. mask wearing & kidnapping)
- Using human trafficking as an emotional distraction from COVID, Black Lives Matter, and other issues does a disservice to both

The Danger



What can be done

- Share *correct* information
- Correct misinformation, when you can
- Learn / work with the issue in your own community

Q&A

Discussion



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