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From Satanic Panic to Pizzagate & QAnon: anatomy of a 34 year investigation

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- This is a bit of a schizophrenic presentation. Starts with the logo of City University and morphs to a jazzy design I rather like as a freelance journalist. I hope it's not too confusing. My talk is really in two parts. From 1990 to 2014 when I completed a PhD on my published and broadcast journalism on the Satanic Panic. And then from 2014 to 2024 updating the Satanic Panic to include Pizzagate and QAnon.



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This is also story of the evolution of a global conspiracy theory, gone viral through social media

Which has Donald Trump as THE saviour from an international network of Satanist paedophiles who rape and sacrifice babies and children, in order to harvest their blood to obtain an obscure chemical compound called “Adrenochrome” as a mythical elixir of life. How on earth did we get here?



Satanic ritual abuse (SRA) - Definition

- La-Fontaine (1994): “Rites that allegedly include the torture & sexual abuse of children & adults, forced abortion & human sacrifice, cannibalism and bestiality may be labelled satanic or satanist.
- ***Their defining characteristic is that the sexual and physical abuse of children is part of rites to a magical or religious objective.***
- (also featured drinking urine & blood, eating faeces, body parts & raw flesh, teenage ‘brood mares’ impregnated & baby sacrificed)
- Zealots believe part of international Satanic network & conspiracy)



Jean La-Fontaine, Professor of Anthropology, LSE, Government Inquiry 1994

- Investigated 84 cases Satanic abuse of children investigated by police between 1987 and 1993 (eg Nottingham, Rochdale, the Orkneys)
- Concluded no evidence SRA
- 3 cases where rituals used to frighten children into submission



My investigation into Satanic abuse began in 1990 after annual report and press conference by NSPCC 12 March 1990

Daily Mirror 13 March 1990



DAILY Mirror
WORLD NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR
Yesterday's net sale: 3,508,222
increased from the day before
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DON'T PAY TO PLAY!
WOULD YOU RISK £8.10 ON A 2 BILLION TO 1 CHANCE?
NO. OF COURSE NOT - See Page 3

KIDS FORCED INTO SATANIC ORGIES



Sex slaves' ordeal exposed by NSPCC

CHILDREN as young as five are being forced by devil-worshippers to join in vile sex orgies, it was claimed yesterday. The pitiful sex slaves have been made to watch human sacrifices during black magic rituals.

By ROGER TODD
Prevention of Cruelty to Children, who questioned more than 50 victims.
• CHILDREN being made to eat part of a "victim's" heart.
• A BABY being seen in a microwave oven, as a ritual took part in each other in a dark room.
• WORN, blood and urine were used as part of a ritual.

Fear in the family
See Page 6

WHO'S SET FOR HALL OF FAME?
SEE PAGE 3

Pain
"I don't think they were enjoying themselves."
There are obviously individual differences of sensitivity to make us work closely with

the police. The problem is, according to a spokesman for the NSPCC, that the NSPCC is a voluntary organisation, but it does have a duty to report any child abuse to the police. The problem is, according to a spokesman for the NSPCC, that the NSPCC is a voluntary organisation, but it does have a duty to report any child abuse to the police.

BALL-DERDASHI BALL-ONEY! - See Pages 3, 5, 7, 13 and 15



Media frenzy after shocking NSPCC claims in press briefing report that 7 of its 66 child protection teams had encountered a new and particularly depraved form of child abuse – Satanic Ritual Abuse.

- Press Association – ‘Children Forced into Evil Sex Rites’ 12 March
- Independent – ‘Children Abused in Bizarre Sex Rituals’ 13 March
- Guardian – ‘NSPCC uncovers “Satanic Abuse” 13 March
- Daily Mirror – ‘KIDS FORCED INTO SATAN ORGIES’ – children made to eat part of human heart. A BABY in a microwave oven, another in a deep freeze. Up to 20 children at a time in orgies where blood and urine drunk and animals tortured and killed. (Most sensational - Reporter saw the notes) 13 March



Independent on Sunday 18 March 1990

I was tasked – what's the EVIDENCE for SRA?

- Newspaper trawl revealed **FIVE criminal cases** in which anecdotal claims of SRA alleged
- Official Solicitor reported claims of SRA emerged in 14 **wardship cases** involving 41 children taken into care after allegations of sexual abuse
- I later realised **anecdotal** 'evidence' given by witnesses in court is not the same as physical, forensic, corroborating 'evidence'
- Therefore we published what we thought was 'evidence'

Sexual perversion, animal sacrifice and the drinking of blood are among the bizarre rituals adding a shocking new dimension to abuse of the young

A satanic litany of children's suffering

SATANISM and black magic occupy such a fictional place in the modern imagination that stories connecting them with the stark non-fiction of child abuse have, until last week, rarely spread much beyond tabloid headlines. Now, it seems, Britain will need to take them more seriously; statistics exist.

In the past two years, evidence of satanism, black magic and witchcraft has featured in 14 wardship cases involving 41 children taken into care after allegations of sexual abuse.

These figures, compiled by the Official Solicitor, represent slightly more than 1 per cent of the 1,294 wardship cases in England and Wales handled by his department in 1988 and 1989.

Jim Baker, deputy Official Solicitor, told *The Independent* on Sunday that about a year ago his staff began to notice a new and shocking element in the growing number of sexual abuse cases they were dealing with — bizarre stories worthy of Dennis Wheatley or Stephen King novels.

Disturbed by the apparent new phenomenon, the Official Solicitor decided to keep a separate file of cases in which "ritual" abuse was a predominant feature.

Mr Baker said there were even more cases with overtones of the occult, but the wardship courts did not dwell on these aspects because there was already overwhelming evidence of non-ritualistic abuse.

The number of criminal prosecutions in which sexual abuse was said to be "ritualistic" is not known, as no organisation collates the figures. But a computer search of national newspaper files covering recent years has found five big trials which led to 18 adults and a 15-year-old boy being sentenced for "ritually" abusing 41 children.

Some of the stories of ritualistic abuse of children are so bizarre and horrifying that they strain credulity to its limits.

Rosie Waterhouse, Sharon Kingman and Jenny Cuffe on the evidence behind this week's NSPCC report

ways believed, and because the practices alleged are carried out in the utmost secrecy, hard evidence is often lacking. There may be some exaggeration; but the existence of ritualistic abuse on a disturbing scale is beyond dispute.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children announced at a press conference on Monday that seven of its 66 child protection teams in England, Wales and Northern Ireland were working with children "who are victims of ritualistic abuse".

A background briefing document prepared for Jim Harding, childcare director, explained: "The results of the survey show that ritualistic abuse constitutes the multiple abuse (involving physical, sexual and emotional abuse) of both boys and girls of all ages.

"Ritualistic abuse involves a wide range of activities including the use of masks and costumes, the invocation of supernatural powers, animal sacrifices, the drinking of blood and urine, the

smearing of faeces on children, sexual and physical abuse."

The Press was told that as a result of the "bizarre and sadistic" nature of abuse, there had been "a certain amount of disbelief among professionals".

Some of the responses in the questionnaires completed by NSPCC teams last November seemed so incredible that Mr Harding decided not to reveal them. For instance, four of the seven teams reported that children told them of "human" sacrifices. The *Daily Mirror* saw the notes and revealed how youngsters had told of children being made to eat part of a "human" heart and of a baby being seen in a microwave oven and another in a deepfreeze.

Other newspapers followed up the reports. Investigations revealed stories of covens and confessions of former satanists talking of young girls being used as "brood mares" — being made pregnant and having an abortion induced at five months so the foetus could be used in a sacrifice.

down to the kind of wallpaper, for example. But a false allegation is trite and stereotyped; the child does not add to the account in later interviews.

There are characteristic mechanical problems involved when a man has sex with a child. "These are details that only a child that has been through this experience will know," Professor Davis said.

The child will misinterpret events, describing the adult as sneezing rather than having an orgasm, and may ask why the man wet himself.

Professor Davis said it was important to ask whether the child was a pawn in di-

Hard evidence is elusive. But the stories are believed by a growing number of professionals, volunteers and clerics involved in dealing with sexual abuse cases. Social workers, a vicar and a solicitor told *The Independent* on Sunday they had first-hand experience of children who told them of girls being impregnated so the aborted foetus could be sacrificed.

The Rev Kevin Logan, vicar of St John's, Great Harwood, near Blackburn in Lancashire, says he knows of eight girls impregnated for this purpose in the past two years.

Under the umbrella of the Evangelical Alliance, he joined forces with Maureen Davies, director of the Reachout Trust, which offers Christian counselling to people trying to sever links with the occult, and Childwatch, which helps the victims of abuse.

Diana Core, of Childwatch, said she had spoken to about 40 children from all over Britain who had suffered ritualistic sexual abuse.

A spate of publicity followed conferences in Reading and Dundee last September, at which an American psychologist and a youth officer with Chicago police claimed that satanist networks were abusing and ritually sacrific-



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ing children. Similar tales, reminiscent of the witches of Salem, were told in recent celebrated cases in Manhattan Beach, California, and Oude Pekela in Holland, where dozens of children were said to have been abused in black magic rituals. Despite extensive police investigations no convictions have been secured in either case.

The American speakers told childcare specialists at the British conferences that ritual abuse would emerge in Britain in the 1990s just as child abuse became

acknowledged in the 1980s. This view is shared by two social workers involved in a case in Nottingham where nine adults were jailed after pleading guilty to 53 charges of incest, indecent assault and cruelty against 21 children. Not publicised was that the children reported what appeared to be satanic rituals.

Christine Johnston, a senior social worker, told the Reading conference: "The children said they had been tortured and repeatedly penetrated orally and anally by adults in strange co-

suggest children were more likely to lie than adults but the law had an in-built reluctance to believe children.

The Pigot Report, published in December 1989, addressed the question of how video recordings might make it easier for children to give evidence at criminal trials. The report recommended that video-recorded interviews with children under 14 should be admissible as evidence.

Rhona Flin, a psychologist at Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology in Aberdeen, said a significant issue in gathering evidence of this kind was how skilled the interviewer was.

Evidence of evil

FIVE trials in which evidence of ritualistic, satanic abuse was given in court have been found in a search by *The Independent* on Sunday.

On 23 July 1987 at the Old Bailey a father of four from east London, described as a devil worshipper, was jailed for 11 years for sex offences against his son, daughter and five other girls, all aged under 16.

The court was told the man, 47, corrupted his daughter when she was 13 by purporting to give her sexual instruction. He told some of the girls they must be "initiated" so he could exercise his magical powers.

In February 1988 at Nottingham county court nine adults were jailed after pleading guilty to 53 charges of incest, indecent assault and cruelty against 21 children who, the judge said, had been living in a "vortex of evil". Sheep were allegedly killed and adults and children drank the blood. On one occasion a child was allegedly cut with a craft knife, blood was poured into a silver cup and children made to drink it.

On 25 July 1988 at the Old Bailey, Hazel Paul, 28, a mother of three, who imprisoned a runaway girl of 15 and forced her to participate in black magic, torture and sexual acts, was jailed for five years.

On 29 July 1988 at Chester Crown Court a mother, her former husband and two other men were jailed for between three and 10 years after "unspeakably vile" rapes and indecent assaults on their children aged between three and 12.

The mother, suffering from guilt, exposed the ring to police and admitted she held down her daughter, five, while she was raped by her father.

On 9 February 1989 at Winchester Crown Court a man described as a practising satanist was jailed for 12 years after pleading guilty to two incest charges with one of his daughters.

The engineer, 60, who had five children, also admitted indecent assault and gross indecency with his daughter's child, whom he had fathered.



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- BUT five months later
- I had been asked by Sunday Review Editor, Richard Williams, (father a vicar and very concerned about truth of claims) to conduct a forensic investigation into the origins and spread of the claims of SRA
- I concluded no physical, forensic, corroborating evidence
- **“no bodies, no bones, no bloodstains – nothing”**. This resulted in a series of investigations over next few months

Adult 'survivors' tell horrific tales of ritual child abuse but the evidence is missing. Rosie Waterhouse reports

The making of a Satanic myth

RICHARD SMITH

ON A PSYCHIATRIST'S couch at the Fort Royal Medical Centre in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, in September 1976, after a miscarriage and 200 hours of therapy, Michelle Smith began remembering.

After 22 years she unearthed and re-lived deeply buried memories of her past. From the age of four Michelle had suffered appalling sexual, physical and emotional abuse at the hands of a coven of Satanists, including her own mother.

In bizarre black magic ceremonies she witnessed debauchery, murder, the sacrifice of babies, the mutilation of animals and the drinking of unspeakable substances including blood. The power of God was her ultimate salvation.

Michelle and her therapist Lawrence Pazder went to the Vatican to alert the church about previously unheard of dangers to children from Satanic cults worldwide. To warn the world they wrote *Michelle Remembers*, published in the United States in 1980 and in Britain, by Michael Joseph, the next year.

Last week, at a conference on incest at a hospital in Harrow, north-west London, an Englishwoman who claimed she had been the victim for 16 years of ritual abuse by Satanists, told delegates that human foetuses were being killed and eaten by members of "Satanic sex rings".

Sue Hutchinson said that in the past six months she had dealt with 10 helpline calls a week from fellow survivors of Satanic abuse. Some of the 50 cases she was counselling involved cannibalism.

Women had told her how babies were sometimes induced before they were due, and sacrificed. Children were hung up by their feet and suspended over electric saws. They suffered all forms of sexual abuse including rape, buggery and bestiality.

Ms Hutchinson's horrifying claims were supported by several speakers at the fourth international conference on Incest and



Behind the headlines: a former high priestess, Audrey Harper, and Ray Wyre, who has advised social workers on Satanic abuse

British public has been hearing more and more about this apparently new phenomenon, as social workers, psychiatrists, therapists, the NSPCC, voluntary groups and churches all report a growing number of cases of Satanic, ritual abuse.

But are these Satanic abuse survivors' stories fantasy or fact? Are children in Britain being sadistically abused and tortured by witches and Satanists in covens?

Are teenage girls being used as "brood mares", made pregnant and the foetus aborted so it can be sacrificed, and in some cases eaten?

More and more child care specialists are telling us yes. But an investigation by the *Independent on Sunday* has found that nobody has produced evidence to support these claims.

There have been police investigations across the United States, in Canada, the Netherlands, and now in Britain.

They have produced no evidence. No bodies, no bones, no covens, no underground tunnels, no animal carcasses, no bloodstains. Nothing. Just the occasional court case where the pretence of supernatural powers was used to obtain silence and submission.

THERE is, of course, no question that some children are

cult panics began spreading and, from 1984 to 1989, 100 people nationwide were charged with ritual sex abuse. Of those, about 50 were charged and half convicted of child abuse with no evidence other than the testimony of children, parents and experts explaining how children behave when they are traumatised. No evidence of Satanism was found in these cases.

In other cases the allegations were dismissed as the worst outbreak of mass hysteria since the Salem witchhunt at the end of the seventeenth century. (During the course of the Salem trials, 141 people were arrested as suspects, 19 were hanged and one was pressed to death.)

In 1987, in the small town of Oude Pekala in the Netherlands, 100 children eventually told stories of Satanism and pornography. No corroborative evidence was found and the police concluded

counts are the result of the interaction between the therapist, the patient and the surrounding Satanic cult stories.

"The proponents of the rumour say all the survivors, adults and children, are saying the same thing. This is a paranoid reading of the data."

Kenneth Lanning, of the National Centre for the Analysis of Violent Crime at the FBI Academy in Virginia, wrote in a journal last October: "The law enforcement perspective cannot ignore the lack of physical evidence. Until hard evidence is obtained and corroborated, the American people should not be frightened into believing that babies are being bred and eaten, and that 50,000 missing children are being murdered in human sacrifices."

"Satanic and occult crime has become a growth industry; speaking fees, books, videos, prevention material, television and radio appearances."

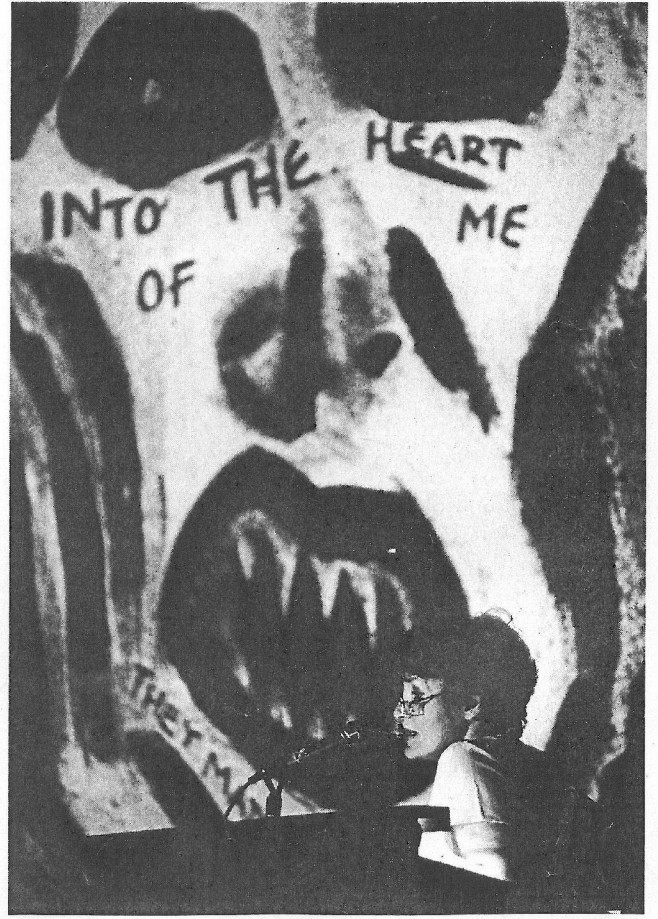
Since the publication of *Michelle Remembers*, hundreds of women in the United States, many of them psychiatric cases undergoing therapy, have begun remembering Satanic abuse from their childhood. Some are writing books, others are travelling the country addressing conferences, and many are telling church congregations how they were "saved" from Satan by deactivating their

old baby; married to Satan when she was 11; raped by several members of the coven and also by demons; and witness to the sacrifice of animals and babies. Some of these murders and depravities happened in a public park. Nobody noticed them (and this the vicar at first found hard to believe) because, she said, the power of Satan was so strong he was able to make them invisible.

Another British survivor is Audrey Harper, who describes herself as a former high priestess, who turned to Christ and now tours the country warning of the dangers of the occult. She now says she knows of 60 other survivors like herself in Britain.

MS HARPER began helping the Reachout Trust, a fundamentalist Christian charity run by Maureen Davies, a former nurse from Rhyl in North Wales. It is dedicated to helping people who have been involved with the occult and had begun to encounter other survivors of ritual abuse. Most are "born again" Christians.

The Reachout Trust sends out literature it receives from America on how to spot ritual abuse. Maureen Davies is consulted by police officers and social workers and has lectured at police training colleges and to church groups. Last year after setting up a helpline for survivors, it was in-



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CHRONOLOGY - origins & spread of Satanic panic, Recovered Memories, Multiple Personalities

Today I focus on Satanic panic

- Lurid tales of **Satanic abuse of children** first surfaced in Canada and north America early 1980s – first McMartin pre-school, LA.
- Soon spread to the Netherlands, Britain, Australia and New Zealand, Norway, Germany & Sweden late 1980s & early 1990s
- Reinforced and “corroborated” by “**adult survivor**” and “**Recovered Memory Movement**” which polarised worlds of psychiatry, psychology and psychotherapy
- Theory that adults could be helped (regression, hypnosis & drugs) to recover “repressed” memories of childhood sexual abuse – sometimes Satanic – **trauma led to Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD)** , now **Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)**
- Controversially retained DSM-5 (May 2013) campaign by believers

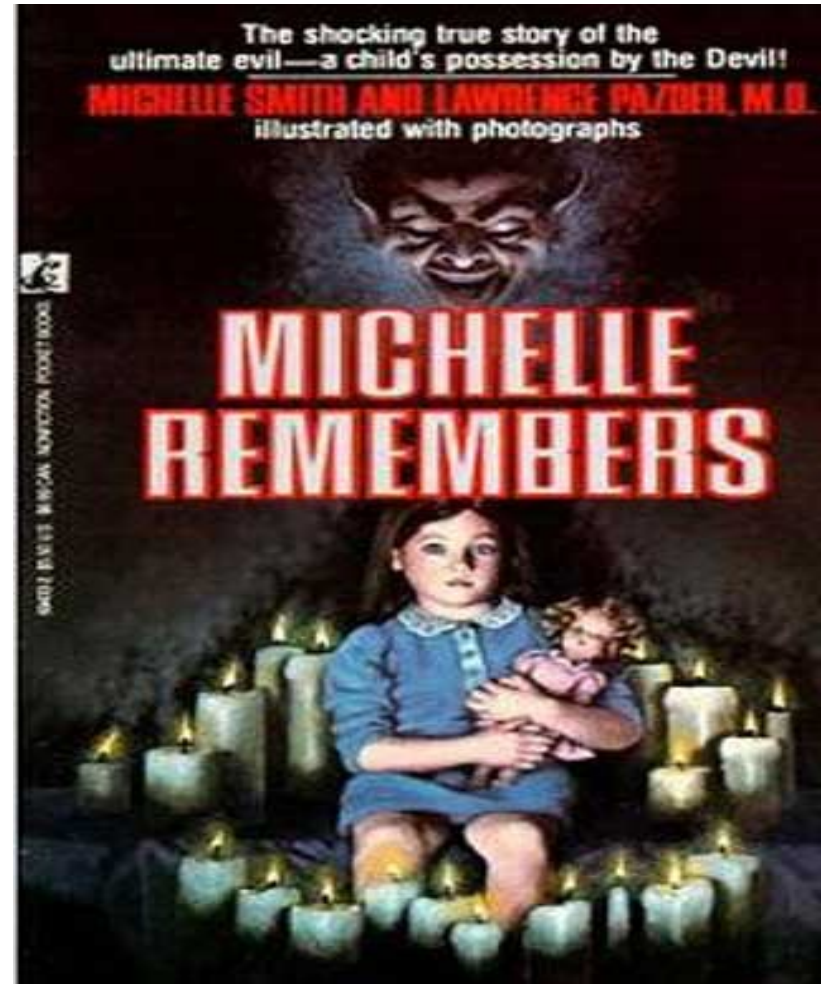


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Michelle Remembers, 1980

Billed as true story of Michelle Smith after miscarriage and 200 hours therapy recovered “memories” of horrific abuse by a Satanic cult aged 5.

Discredited by Nathan and Snedeker in Satan’s Silence, 1995.





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The Evidence – law enforcement investigators 1 Lanning - Satanic, Occult, Ritualistic Crime: A Law Enforcement Perspective FBI Academy October 1989

“Until hard evidence is obtained and corroborated, the American people should not be frightened into believing that babies are being bred and eaten, that 50,000 missing children are being murdered in human sacrifices, or that Satanists are taking over America’s day care centers.”

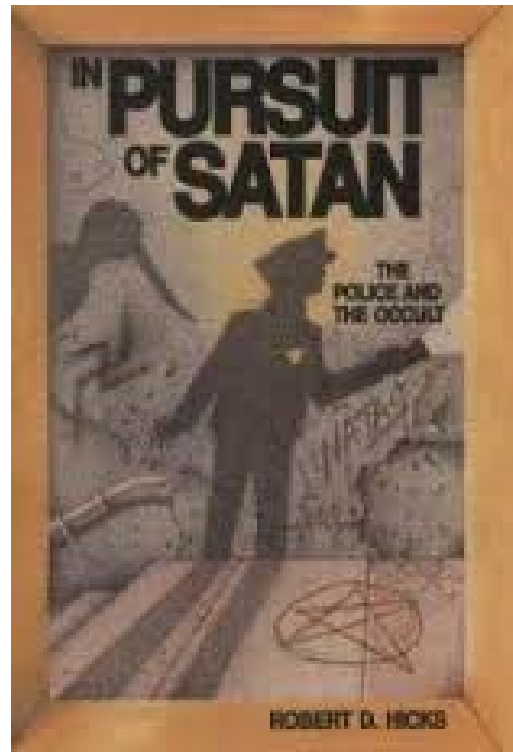
Kenneth V. Lanning, Supervisory Special Agent,
National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime.





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The Evidence – law enforcement investigators 2 Robert Hicks, Criminal Justice Analyst, Virginia Department of Justice, 1991





Hicks, In Pursuit of Satan, 1991

“Often poorly trained therapists and impatient ‘cult cops’ have exploited the lecture circuit as well as the more lurid television talk shows to hold audiences spellbound with stories of Satanic crime, when no substantial evidence of a cult connection exists”.

Hicks attributes the cult-conspiracy theory to “beliefs fuelled by conservative Christian fundamentalists and to the ungovernable mechanisms of rumor panics, subversive mythology and urban legend.”



The US fight back – families falsely accused & patients recovering false memories sue

- 1992 False Memory Syndrome Foundation set up to help families whose daughters had made false allegations of incest. Within two years contacted by over 6,000 families (some memory researchers argue ‘no such thing as syndrome’) but FMSF helped many families.
- Later 1990s falsely accused & former patients started suing their therapists for implanting false memories and misdiagnosis MPD. Series of high profile cases therapists were sued for millions of dollars, including Colin Ross accused of medical malpractice along with three others therapists in Dallas, Texas, by Martha Ann Tyo in therapy diagnosed with MPD after hypnosis & high doses drugs recovered “memories” childhood Satanic abuse & murder (settled out of court 1998 by insurers, reported “substantial” undisclosed damages) and Bennett Braun sued for a record \$10.6m in 1997.



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The UK fightback – formerly ACAP founded by Roger Scotford – brave campaigner



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'It was like a witch hunt'

In October last year the remote Scottish island of Lewis was torn apart by allegations of ritual child abuse. But two weeks ago, the case against the accused suddenly collapsed, just as similar actions in the Orkneys and Nottingham did before them. It was another case of 'Satanic panic', but as **Rosie Waterhouse** finds out, the community remains divided

It was pitch black outside, misty and bitterly cold, when Ian Campbell rose at dawn on October 2003 to get ready for work on a fish farm on the remote island of Lewis in the outer Hebrides. As his wife and five children slept, he made a cup of coffee and sat down in the kitchen of their cottage on the edge of the peat moors of Ness, north of Lewis, when there was a knock at the door.

There was a plain-clothes officer standing there who identified himself as being the police, Campbell recalls. "Suddenly there were police everywhere. They said, 'We've got a warrant to search your house.' They said something about child abuse."

Shocked and confused, Campbell went to wake his wife, Penny, asleep on the sofa bed in the lounge. In the chaos that ensued, plain-clothes and uniformed officers and social workers from Western Isles council seemed to fill up every room in the cramped, two-bedroom home, a converted traditional stone "black house" dating from 1840.

Campbell, 39, was handcuffed and driven off in an unmarked car. Penny, 32, was asked if she wanted to help dress the children, aged between eight months and 11 years, then she too was taken away - leaving her children behind - to be questioned at Stornoway police station, 28 miles away. The couple were interviewed separately - Ian for more than four hours, Penny for three. The allegations they both faced were devastating - child sexual abuse involving three young girls on the island.

The Campbells were among 11 people arrested that October morning in dawn raids on homes on Lewis, Leicestershire, West Yorkshire and Dorset. Three people, including Penny, were released without charge later that day. Eight others, including Ian, and a 70-year-old grandmother, were charged with sexual offences against children over a period of six years between 1995 and 2001.

The charges were said to involve three girls under 16 who had been in the care of the Western Isles social services department. His understanding that the investigation began after one of the girls said something to a carer that caused her concern. This was relayed to a social worker and, over several months, allegations of abuse followed.

The arrests, in what police code-named Operation Haven, soon made headlines on local and national radio, television and newspapers. The more lurid referred to a "child sex abuse network" and a suspected "paedophile ring".

All eight accused denied the charges and a trial was expected soon after. But two weeks ago, on Friday July 2, the case suddenly collapsed. In a statement, Northern Constabulary said the Scottish Crown Office had instructed that no proceedings would be taken. The Crown Office confirmed that all charges had been dropped. No explanation was given.

The next day, determined to clear her

husband's name, Penny Campbell wrote a long and impassioned statement which she emailed to the press. In it she revealed publicly, for the first time, the bizarre nature of the allegations that Ian and the others had faced - Satanic ritual child abuse.

Transcripts of police interviews, seen by the Guardian, reveal that those charged were accused of being devil worshippers, of raping and sexually abusing children in black magicians' rituals and wife-swapping orgies during which they dressed in ceremonial robes and masks, sacrificed animals and drank their blood.

The charges were redolent of similar cases in Orkney, Shetland and Nottingham - among many others that occurred in the early 1990s - all of which were dismissed due to lack of evidence. The so-called Satanic abuse was exposed as a myth; how could this happen again?

Research into a series of similar ritual abuse investigations in Britain, conducted by Professor Jean la Fontaine and published by the Department of Health in 1994, concluded that although there might have been sexual abuse of children in some of the cases, there was no forensic evidence that Satanic ritual abuse existed.

Further investigations revealed the "Satanic panic" had originated in the United States and been spread there and here by evangelical born-again Christians, and police, social workers and therapists who attended conferences and seminars on this apparently newly discovered and most depraved form of child abuse.

Last Tuesday (July 12) Western Isles council announced it would be conducting a review of events on Lewis and invited the Social Work Services Inspectorate to analyse their involvement. The inquiry is expected to examine methods used by social workers to conduct "disclosure interviews" and therapy sessions with the children whose allegations led to the charges of sexual abuse. The review will start immediately.

It is also expected to investigate how the allegations of "Satanic ritual abuse" first arose and how they developed. An earlier statement from the council, after the charges were dropped, said its employees were to be "commended for their professionalism and commitment to their professional and community duties in a difficult and complex circumstance".

The Guardian has interviewed three of the accused men who remain on Lewis, and also members of their families who were originally suspected of being perpetrators, to piece together accounts of their nine-month ordeal. We also talked to local people in a community that has been shattered by allegations that there was a paedophile ring in their midst.

Peter Nelson, 30, and his daughter Mary-Ann, 37, had also been asleep at their home in Lochs, on the west of Lewis, when they were woken by their dog barking and the door banging on the door. It was the same routine as with the Campbells - a search warrant was



'They treated me as guilty from the start. They said it would be better if I got off my chest'
John Sellwood, with his wife Susan



'The hatred that was being shown to us ... it was like living in a nightmare'
Peter Nelson, with his daughter Mary-Ann

produced and they were invited to the static. "When they raided this house I don't think the detectives realised I am disabled," Nelson says. "I have spinal injuries and my daughter is my carer. But one of them asked me, 'Is an unusual relationship with your daughter? Do you share the same bed?' The next thing he said I was being accused of the rape of three children. And my daughter was being accused as well."

John and Susan Sellwood, were also arrested that cold morning and driven in two cabs to Stornoway police station, bewildered and afraid.

"They treated me as guilty from the start," says John. "In the car on the way to the police station they accused me of rape and said I had got me on a video so there was no point denying it. They said there were, other involved so it would be better if I got off my chest, because if I stayed quiet and the other spilled the beans I would be made to look worse. I didn't know what they were talking about."

Susan Sellwood was interviewed for almost six hours by two male officers in plain cloth. "I was crying and hysterical for most of the interview," she says. "I suffer from panic attacks. At one point I thought I was going to be physically sick. They stuck my head out the window and told me to get some fresh air. "I was accused of having relationship orgies, with all the men. I was accused of being the girls down while the men performed was accused of joining in with a vibrator. It asked what I knew about the occult and I sacrificed of animals. I was just totally hysterical by this time."

The Campbells, the Sellwoods and the Nelsons were interviewed simultaneously at Stornoway that morning. The Campbells were questioned for longer and in more depth about Satanic elements and their interest in the occult. The Campbells are Pagans. They make no secret of their religion when they move the island in 1997. New Agers flock to Lewis significant times such as the midsummer solstice because of the famous standing stone of Callanish, normally considered second only to Stonehenge as a mystical tourist attraction.

"As soon as I said I was a Pagan I knew I was sunk," says Ian. "The police officers interviewing me didn't know what a Pagan was. It equated being a Pagan with being a Satanist and a devil worshipper. They had taken at two books on Paganism from my house - I saw them as evidence of Satanism. We also had a bible and a book on Jehovah's witnesses which they didn't take home."

"When they raided the house again in February - after Penny started writing letters of complaint to the police - they took away some of her clothes including a pair of velvet hooded top, a full-length, blue and gold kaftan and a mauve and black tunic, which belonged to one of my daughter



Pagans – Penny & Ian Campbell: “To be called a paedophile, it’s like a sickness inside.”

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‘To be called a paedophile, it’s like a sickness inside’
Ian Campbell, with his wife Penny

They obviously thought Penny was a witch. There has been no explanation from the police or the Crown Office as to why the charges were suddenly dropped. The Crown Office statement merely said: “We can say that all the available evidence was carefully examined before this decision was taken.”

Last week, in the local pub and social club in Ness, where most of the accused had lived at some time, feelings were still running high. At the bar, a table of women on a girls’ night out were shocked the charges had been dropped. “There must have been something in it, the police must have had evidence to make arrests,” insists one, the mother of two small children.

All eight accused had moved from England to Lewis at some stage, for a better, simpler life, and if there was one consolation for the community it was that at least they were not islanders. A well-known local figure, who agreed to be called Angus, who seems to know everyone in Ness, believes the majority want those accused who remain to leave.

“These charges of paedophilia and child sex rings have brought the island into disrepute,” he says. When asked what he thought about the revelation that the allegations included Satanic rituals he says: “I don’t believe in that rubbish myself. But we all know the Campbells were white witches. We all heard this was what the neighbours were saying before they moved to this part of Lewis.”

In the nine months that followed the accusations, the effects on the accused have been traumatic. Those in Lewis were subjected to vigilante attacks, personal abuse and have been ostracised by many in the community. Campbell, Nelson and Belwood have all had the word “paedo” daubed in paint on the walls, and in Scotland’s case on the main road, outside their homes. While Nelson was in prison, the garden that he and his daughter had cultivated over seven years was raided and wrecked. He was so fearful for their safety, that he installed CCTV cameras, which transmit views from around his house and garden onto a massive TV screen in his lounge.

Last March, when he hit his lowest point, Nelson attempted suicide by taking an overdose. “The stress of everything, the hatred that was being shown to us, the damaging of the property and our garden we had worked so hard to create, it was like living in a nightmare,” he admits.

Mary-Anne found him unconscious on the sofa and he recovered after four days in hospital. Nelson’s mental state is still fragile, and he breaks down often at the memory of recent events, but he is stubbornly defiant and determined to stay on Lewis. “I will probably become a hermit,” he says, “and just peter around my garden. But they will not drive me out.”

The Schewards and the Campbells are not so confident. After mulling over their future in recent days, both couples have decided they will probably leave the island to begin a new life. For Ian Campbell, his world has been turned upside down.

“The way we were as a family has changed,” he says. “I find it hard to be close to the kids like I used to be. I can’t hug them like I used to. Even now I worry that holding my daughter’s hand in the street is going to be interpreted as something different.”

“To be called a paedophile, it’s like a sickness inside. I have lost control of my life and I have become very angry. I was also very frightened. When the police were interviewing me about devil worshipping, animal sacrifice and the Satanic stuff, they just believed it was true. It was like a 17th-century witch hunt. If this had happened then, Penny and I would have been burnt at the stake.”

Four Waterhouse is a consultant on Newsweek’s film. A case of child abuse, which is on BBC2 at 11.30pm.



Why does all this matter? Most harrowing story I've ever researched. Private Eye, 1302, November 2011

Carol Myers died in mysterious circumstances 2005 after 20 years in therapy including Valerie Sinason

Recovered memories

Satanic abuse

Multiple personalities

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TESCO
Sweet and sour



WHEN ill pensioner Patrick Hills was treated by Tesco staff as a suspected shoplifter instead of a man suffering a hypo-diabetic attack, he expected his charity Diabetes UK to take up his case.

Mr Hills, 75, had been sleeping with his wife in Tesco at Kilverston in Norfolk when he was prevented by a security guard from rushing from the store to retrieve his emergency medication from his car. Despite showing a receipt for a radio and food the couple had bought, Mr Hills said he still wasn't allowed to get to his car and his request for something to eat to stabilise his sugar levels was declined. In a state of panic, he was only allowed to proceed after a security tag was removed from the radio packaging.

Mr Hills told the *Eye*: "I was in a state of collapse and thinking I might die, because Tesco refused to allow me to get my life-saving emergency medical kit and refused to help me by providing food." Since the incident earlier this year, Mr Hills has been in correspondence with Tesco. He was initially sent an apology and a Tesco voucher for a miserly £20. He returned it, asking that the supermarket giant make a "substantial" donation to his two favourite charities, Help for Heroes and Children in Need, to compensate for the extreme anxiety and distress it caused him. Instead Tesco sent him £100, suggesting he send all or part to charity – and once again Mr Hills has returned it in disgust.

Mr Hills had been expecting Diabetes UK to raise his case with Tesco and highlight his plight in its magazine, *Balance*. But his letter never appeared and he has been unable to find out why. Then he opened the latest edition and read in the news pages that the charity had entered into a fundraising partnership with... Tesco.

The charity said the letter wasn't used for "editorial" reasons and sponsors "are clear that we are free to be critical of them if they have acted in a way which is not in the interest of people with diabetes". Shame they weren't critical this time.

INSOLVENCY UPDATE
Lamentable Lloyds

MORE on Yorkshire businessman Keith Elliott whose battle with Lloyds Bank, which put his successful motor auction business into administration three years ago with the help of accountants PwC, who then earned £490,000 from administering it, reveals Britain's bankers and beancounters at their most obstructive worst (see *Eye* 1287).

Last year Elliott discovered that, at the time Lloyds was putting the business into administration (unnecessarily, in his performance suggested), the bank's private equity arm Lloyds Development Capital was working with another firm of accountants, Grant Thornton, to buy the firm under plans first called Project Tick, then Project Tick.

Elliott demanded papers under the data protection act but was stung along by both bank and beancounters. Grant Thornton said his requests were "obnoxious and scurrilous". Lloyds said they were an "abuse of process". After a year's expensive wrangling, three days before a court was to consider Lloyds' application to strike out the requests, the bank capitulated.

What it wasn't happy to do, though, was sign a "statement of truth" to the effect that it had handed over all the information it should. The bank sent a counsel from London to Leeds to argue against the court's order that it must, only for him to be sent back south with his hat between his feet.

Much to its chagrin, Lloyds will now have to swear it's playing by the rules. Anybody would think the party state-owned bank had something to hide about how it deals with Britain's small businesses!

SATANIC PANIC
Justice for Carol

THE damage caused to vulnerable mentally ill patients and their families by therapists who treat them as survivors of Satanic ritual abuse is revealed in the shocking and extraordinary case of Carol Felstead.

Carol (pictured), later known as Carole Myers, was found dead in mysterious circumstances in her flat in Wardsworth, south London, on 29 June 2005 aged 41. She was naked from the waist down and surrounded by medication. A post mortem examination found no dangerous levels of drugs in her system, however. The cause of death was "unascertained" and an inquest recorded an open verdict.

In a six-year battle to uncover the truth, the Felstead family, from Stockport, Cheshire, have succeeded a scandal surrounding Carol's treatment over 20 years by a medical profession and a therapy industry using high doses of medication and dubious "recovered memory" and mind control techniques.

It is a remarkable recollection of the recovered memory movement of doctors and therapists who believe in the long-debunked notion that people can recover buried memories of Satanic ritual abuse (see *Eye* passim). Between them, practitioners who deny "recovery" claim to have treated hundreds if not thousands of adult survivors since the Satanic panic reached the UK from the US in the late 1980s.

Using the freedom of information act the Felstead family have obtained limited access to Carol's medical records. All notes from the first 21 years of her life are missing as are all the counselling notes by four key therapists who treated her as a victim of Satanic abuse.

From the records that do survive, the family have pieced together horrifying details of a tormented life. As they have sought official investigation into her death, they have encountered obstruction, misquoting, lies and cover-up.

Carol drifted away from home after qualifying as a nurse, aged 21, in September 1985. She kept casual contact with her family through birthday and Christmas cards but eventually moved to London and disappeared from their lives. The estrangement was heart-breaking for her parents.

Carol died after almost 20 years of "treatment" in psychiatric hospitals and private clinics by a succession of doctors, psychiatrists, psychotherapists and unqualified counsellors who implanted the notion – and then perpetuated a false belief – that she had been a victim of Satanic ritual abuse.

Her parents were supposed to see the High Priest and High Priestess of a Satanic cult who dug up graves and performed ritual sacrifices, and then perpetrated a false belief – that she had been a victim of Satanic ritual abuse.

Carol's medical records reveal that these therapists included Dr Felix Fisher, a former head of science and ethics at the British Medical Association; Valerie Sinason (see *Eye* passim), then a child psychiatrist based at the Tavistock Clinic in London; Dr Rob Hale, a specialist psychotherapist, psychiatrist and adult psychoanalyst, based at the Tavistock; and the late Vera Diamond, then a Harley Street self-styled psychoanalyst who specialised in mind numbing relaxation therapy and deprogramming brainwashed cult victims.

Carol met Dr Fisher in 1985 when Fisher was working in the family planning clinic at Carol's GP's surgery in Macclesfield, Cheshire.

In August 1985 she was referred to the Withington Hospital, Manchester, where she was given "relaxation training and thought stopping procedures". After receiving two sessions Carol was diagnosed as a victim of extensive physical sexual abuse. Recent police inquiries, instigated by her family, into the allegations against them – they only learn about them after Carol's death – established they were demonstrably false.

In 2009 Dr Susan Lander of Wardsworth police wrote to Carol's father, Joseph. "The relationship Dr Fisher developed with Carol in my opinion was

misguided. There is absolutely no evidence that I have obtained in my investigation that showed Carol ever suffered abuse by yourself or by any members of your family".

The medical records show Carol did suffer from "urinary tract" problems which required surgery. But the first reference to Satanic abuse in the records comes in a letter dated 25 April 1991 after Carol was admitted for three months to Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield, a former Victorian mental asylum, where Dr Fisher was the manager.

Letter from one consultant psychiatrist to another said: "As you are aware, the original referral was made through Dr Felix Fisher because Carole (sic) was experiencing a great deal of emotional distress because of the work she was doing with the Police in reliving distressing details of the alleged satanic ritual abuse she suffered as a child." The Felsteads have established there was no such police investigation.

In June 1992 Carol was sectioned under the mental health act and placed on the Mental Health Register. From October that year she was treated by Sinason and Hale at the Tavistock Clinic in London where Carol had relocated. Letters from Hale and Sinason confirm they had diagnosed her as a survivor of "chronic sadistic abuse" and "Satanist abuse".

Carol, who changed her name to Carole Myers in November 1992, was Sinason's first such patient in the UK.

Sinason has since said in an interview that over the next two years she and Hale treated 51 "initially abused patients".

In October 1994 Carol was referred to Vera Diamond, who had achieved publicity as a "psychotherapist" specialising in ritual abuse.

Three years later, in a letter to Dr Francis Raphael, a psychiatrist at Springfield psychiatric hospital in Tooting, south London, where Carol, now Carole Myers, was being treated, Sinason reveals her tormented state of mind. Sinason wrote that while being treated by Hale and Sinason Carol was "often in trance states", suffered hallucinations (recovered memories) and nightmares. But she had multiple personalities, one of whom threatened to kill Carol, and suffered from Dissociative Identity Disorder.

Sinason recommended Carol should be referred to the Henderson NHS Hospital, a therapeutic community for psychiatric patients in Sutton, Surrey, where, she wrote: "Dr Norton has worked with MPD (Multiple Personality Disorder) and ritual abuse".

From 1998 to 2005 Carol was under the care of Central Wardsworth Community Mental Health Team and given continuous psychiatric input. The notes reveal that she was hospitalised on numerous occasions as she suffered from depression and had suicidal thoughts which led her to take several overdoses. She also self-harmed and had alcohol problems. Her family never knew.

Carol's father, Joseph, sent her parents a Christmas card in December 2004 saying she would visit soon. Then, in the last week of her life she twice spoke with her brother Richard and said she wanted to come back to Stockport to be near her family. In the week she was due to visit, Carol was found dead in her flat following a 999 call to the Met Police by Dr Fisher while she was on a train in Manchester.

Carol's family were not notified of her death until two weeks after she died. In the meantime, Fisher had told the police, Barbara Coroner's Office and the housing association which owned Carol's flat that she was Carol's next of kin and executor, and asked them to arrange her cremation.

The Felstead family are determined to secure the release of the 999 call Fisher made to police and are planning to seek exhumation of Carol's body to confirm her identity. They want to hold to account those who treated Carol for more than 20 years for "ritual" abuse which never occurred by a Satanic cult which never existed.

www.justiceforcarol.com



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Medical records got through FOIA reveal tormented, suicidal, believing she had MPD was victim of ritual abuse by Satanic cult – her family. New inquest September 2015 Open Verdict. Coroner said police found extreme allegations Satanic abuse & murder “absolutely unsubstantiated”.

Carol Felstead
aged 21
newly qualified as
a nurse
before she
entered therapy.
R.I.P.

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19 March 2015

**Hampstead Satanic abuse case – dismissed as
“baseless” “concocted” “utter nonsense”**

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- Neutral Citation Number: [2015] EWFC 26 (Fam)
- Case No: ZC14C00315
- **IN THE FAMILY COURT**
- **Sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice**
- Royal Courts of Justice
- Strand, London, WC2A 2LL
- Date: 19/03/2015
- **Before :**
- **MRS JUSTICE PAUFFLEY**



Mrs Justice Pauffley – a definitive dismissal of Satanic ritual abuse

- “I am able to state with complete conviction that none of the allegations are true. I am entirely certain that everything Ms Draper and her partner Abraham Christie and the children said about those matters was fabricated. The claims are baseless. Those who have sought to perpetuate them are evil and/or foolish.”
- “There was no satanic or other cult at which babies were murdered and children sexually abused. All the material ... now published on the internet is nothing other than utter nonsense.”
- “The children’s false stories came about as the result of relentless emotional and physical pressure as well as significant physical abuse. Torture is the most accurate way to describe what was done by Mr Christie in collaboration with Ms Draper.”



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Satanic Panic since PhD 2014 to 2024

From Satanic Panic to Pizzagate
and QAnon part 2





THE BOOK

- I was persuaded to embark on a doctorate by colleagues at City University London – a PhD by Prior Publication based on my previously published and broadcast journalism on the Satanic Panic. I gained this in 2014.
- After I retired from City I planned to write the definitive book.



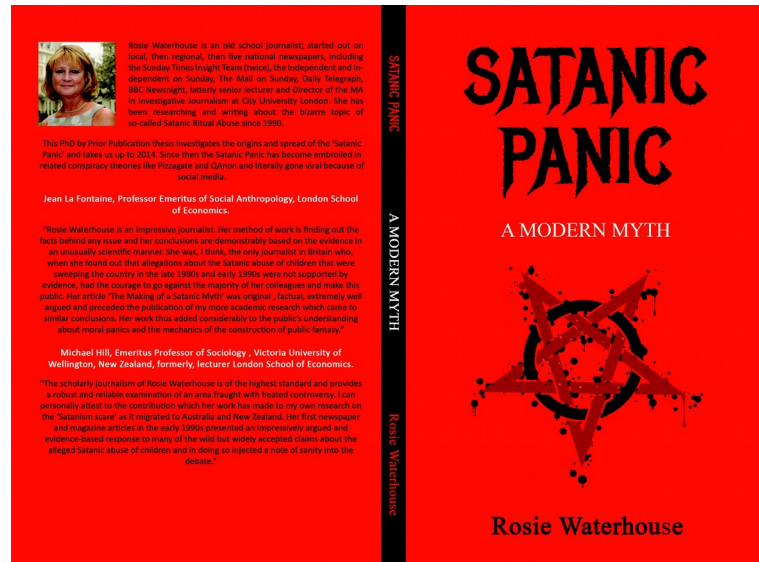
BUT

- I found the challenge of writing the definitive tome covering 34 years of research too daunting. So after advice from contacts I decided to self-publish, on Amazon, via Kindle Direct Publishing, BOOK 1, essentially the PhD dissertation – a history of the origins and spread of the Satanic Panic - with a preface about why I am publishing it now, because of the topical relevance of Pizzagate and QAnon.
- Satanic Panic: A Modern Myth. December 2023. I've committed myself to a book 2 and possibly a trilogy!



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The story 2014 to 2024. Satanic Panic morphs to Pizzagate and QAnon





But before I get to Pizzagate and QAnon - which emerged in the USA – I continue with Satanic Panic in the UK

- While bizarre events around so-called Pizzagate emerged in the USA before the presidential elections in late 2016, the development of the Satanic Panic in the UK took an even more bizarre turn. I'll return to Pizzagate and QAnon after the UK chronology.
- The following story reignited my active interest and involvement in writing about the Satanic Panic



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Mail on Sunday 27 November 2016 Sir Edward Heath accuser Satanic sex fantasist





Back down the Rabbit hole / warren

- After my retirement from City University August 2016 I was drawn back into following the Satanic Panic by this story.
- I contacted the expert who revealed this information in the Mail on Sunday and realised I knew the identity of the “Satanic Sex Fantasist” – a woman I had written about in 1990, who, back then claimed at a public conference she was a victim of Satanic Ritual Abuse. I knew then, and certainly by 2016, her story was rubbish.
- I was back down the rabbit hole/warren.
- So I wrote about it in Private Eye



Private Eye February 2017





Wiltshire police – Operation Conifer

- Wiltshire Police announced in 2016 they were investigating other non-Satanic allegations of historic child sex abuse against the former Prime Minister - Operation Conifer and urged “victims” to come forward. Their final report said there were 7 cases in which they would have interviewed him, had he been alive, but produced no corroborating evidence.



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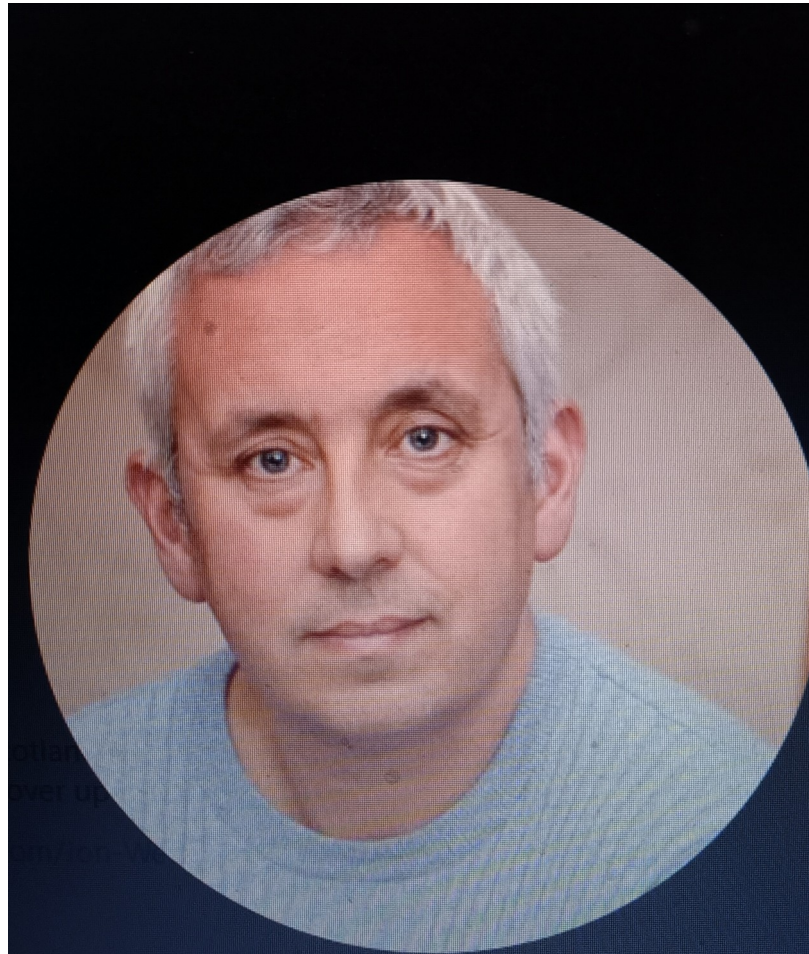
Daily Mail October 2017 Heath 'not a shred of evidence'





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Meet Jon Wedger former Met Police DC 'whistleblower'





Former Met Detective Constable Jon Wedger

- Former Met Police DC Jon Wedger first started promoting himself on social media in January 2018 with interviews on conspiracy theorist channels. He began claiming he was a whistle blower that the Met police covered up a paedophile ring trafficking and sexually abusing children. For reason I don't understand he then began making claims about Satanic Ritual Abuse in March 2019 . He set up his own YouTube and Bitchute channels. And started broadcasting interviews with “survivors” who claimed they were victims of SRA. He was constantly seeking donations to fund his ‘crusade’.
- [Jon Wedger – YouTube](#)



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Now meet Jon Wedger and long term SRA campaigner Wilfred Wong





Wilfred Wong

- Wilfred Wong. What a character. Mysterious background. Claims to be trained barrister, parliamentary lobbyist with some military background in Singapore. His involvement in campaigning to expose SRA goes back to the 1990s. He worked with the Christian campaigner MP David Alton and late Conservative MP Geoffrey Dickens, who warning about SRA famously told Parliament that “witchcraft is sweeping the country”. Wong Fundamentalist Christian and anti-abortion campaigner. In numerous YouTube videos Wedger and Wong promoted a worldwide conspiracy of SRA.

The child abductors who believed they were saving a boy from Satan

A shocking case in Wales shows that, 40 years after the first scare stories, 'satanic panic' never went away, says Rosie Waterhouse

I must have been the most bizarre trial Judge Nicola Jones has ever presided over, last Thursday, at Carmarthen crown court in north Wales, she asked six people for conspiracy to kidnap a child, at knife-point, in broad daylight, who apparently believed they were "rescuing" him from a satanic cult on the island of Anglesey. One of the kidnapers was a north London lawyer, another a Christian-charity counsellor.



The kidnapers were arrested last November after they abducted an eight-year-old boy from his foster mother, who had just collected him after school. The court heard that John Hill, 51, grabbed the child, while Willford Wong, 55, a "non-practising" barrister, held a knife to the face of his foster mother until, "screaming and hysterical", she let the boy go. The kidnapers drove off with the terrified youngster, as two other women acted as lookouts on the bridges linking Anglesey to the mainland.

The kidnapers were intercepted 4½ hours later by police in armed response units on the M1 in Northamptonshire, more than 150 miles away.

The court heard that the gang believed the boy was being subjected to so-called satanic ritual abuse by a cult that supposedly included the child's father. Police established that no such cult exists. A trial was held in secrecy and its details are protected, but what we do know is that in late 2009, Wong was courted by a woman who lived on Anglesey and that a child in foster care was the subject of the alleged satanic ritual abuse. Police investigated but found no evidence of this but Hill did pursue the allegation: she spent hours on the phone to the court records showed. Wong, 55, who specialises in working with "satanic abuse",

expert on satanic ritual abuse. You have interviewed vulnerable victims yet have no training or qualifications in this respect." In her sentencing remarks she added: "Your actions have caused unspeakable misery and harm to [name of child redacted], his father and the foster family ... [Name of child redacted] may never psychologically recover from the harm caused." The boy is due to be reunited with his father.

The case is the latest example of the resurgence of a phenomenon that has become known as "satanic panic" – a baseless belief that children are being abused for satanic rituals. It first emerged in the 1980s and led to allegations of abuse around the world. Now, in a climate of heightened paranoia and conspiracy, it is back with a bang.

The first known reference was in the publication in Canada in 1980 of a supposed true memoir entitled *Michelle*

Remembers. The authors, Michelle Smith and Lawrence Pender (her therapist, whom she later married), relate how after a miscarriage and 200 hours of therapy, she remembered appalling childhood abuse by a murderous, satanic cult. Published in the UK in 1981 the book became an international bestseller, but has since been convincingly debunked.

Nevertheless, the idea of satanic ritual abuse spread, notably among fundamentalist Christian campaigners, anti-cult police, social workers and childcare professionals. It reached the UK in the late 1980s and was spread mainly in evangelical Christian circles and among police and social workers. A case of multigenerational incest in Nottingham in 1989 lent credibility, as social workers became convinced there was a satanic element to the abuse. The police disagreed.

In March 1990, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

used a press conference for its annual report to proclaim the existence of a new and terrifying form of child abuse: satanic ritual abuse, or SRA as it became known. Reporters were briefed that children were being subjected to unspeakable acts – forced to drink blood and eat faeces, raped, tortured and murdered – and that babies were being bred for sacrifice by Devil-worshipping paedophiles.

I have been reporting on satanic panic for 30 years and have investigated the origins and spread of these lurid claims, interviewing detectives across the UK. They could find no convincing forensic evidence for the existence of SRA – no bodies, no bones, no bloodstains. But suddenly, after the NSPCC revelation, there emerged high-profile claims of satanic abuse, notably in Rochdale and the Orkneys, and accounts of children being snatched from their homes in dawn raids by police and social workers. All

ended with no evidence and no convictions – just damning reports on the actions of over-zealous social workers, convinced that they should be on the lookout for satanic abuse. Only after a UK government-commissioned inquiry published in 1994 concluded that, in the absence of any physical, forensic or corroborative evidence, SRA was a myth, did the panic die down.

But it has never quite gone away. In 1995, two workers at a council-run nursery in Shildonfield, Newcastle upon Tyne, were falsely accused of sexually abusing children in their care during bizarre rituals. Another example on the island of Lewis in 2004 involved eight people, including a 75-year-old grandmother, who were accused of abusing children as members of a secret satanic cult. The case was thrown out on lack of evidence.

More recently, SRA was lurking in the wings of the investigation into the



Willford Wong after his arrest last year, and left, newspaper headlines, including in The Sunday Times, about satanic abuse

so-called "Wormwater" scandal, which the Metropolitan Police failed to investigate. It was also there in the late 1990s, when a woman alleged that she had been abused by a satanic cult.

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The judge said the child may never recover

Behind the scenes, a core group of concerned believers have been organising the furies. These people, who often work in therapy, and psychologists, network through conferences, such as annual events held by the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation. Simultaneously, there has been a growth in the "adult survivor" movement, people who claim to have recovered memories of historical childhood sexual abuse.

In the UK, one of the most persistent proponents of a belief in the existence of SRA is a group formed in 1988, Satanic Ritual Abuse Information Network and Support. Its influence has spread through social media. One supporter was sentenced in Wales last week – Wong.

New "ritual" outtages have arisen alongside satanic panic. QAnon – a conspiracy theory that believes that a shadowy cabal kidnaps and tortures children, using their blood in satanic rituals – has certain similarities. Proponents of a belief in the existence of SRA have built cult-like followings and against this backdrop, Wong's profile has grown, he and his gang are presented as child-saving heroes. In the UK and America, extremists are raising funds to set up "safe houses" where children "rescued" from satanic cults can be housed.

The commitment of this gang to the belief in the idea of satanic abuse is so strong that the judge was forced to consider it in her sentencing. She concluded that Hill and Wong were the ringleaders. Hill was sentenced to an extended sentence of 19 years and five months. Wong was sentenced to a total of 22 years.

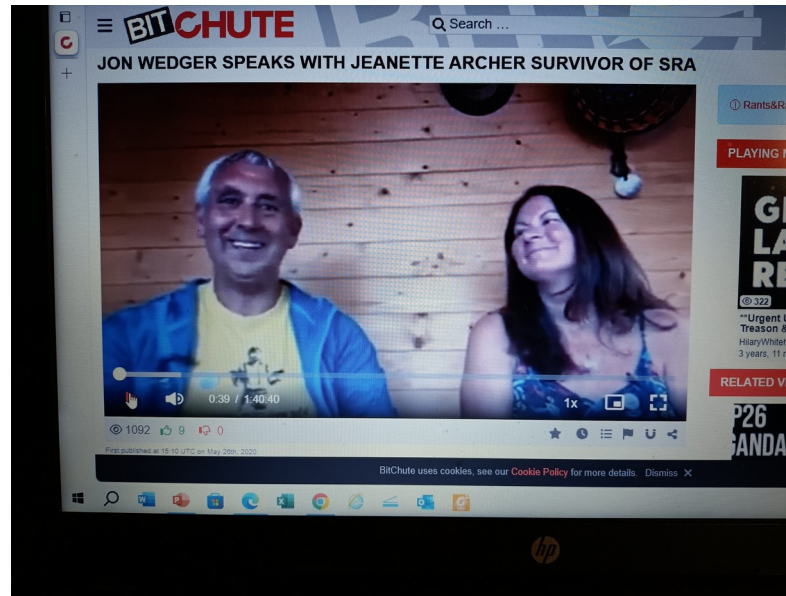
Stevenson, the counsellor, was in for 15 years. The judge told her that still had "entrenched views on the issue of satanic ritual abuse" and, like Hill and Wong, there was a danger she would recant because of this belief. Their victim of a conspiratorial world of satanic abuse appears to be more held than anyone would care to in

Alan Partridge's most excruciating



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Jon Wedger interview Jeanette Archer 21 May 2020





Wedger and Archer 2020

- Published on Bitchute May 2020. Subtitled: Jeanette's life story is difficult listening, growing up in a Satanic family, whose grandfather had a farm on Crown property used for inhuman abuse of children and murder. One hour and 40 minutes of grizzly detail.

Met and Surrey police confirm to me at Private Eye no evidence.

- Bizarre that Wedger and Archer should be so jolly and light-hearted before she tells these terrible tales.



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Archer sets herself up as leader of a cult via regular live YouTube videos . Accusing first her family of Satanic abuse, then others including former PM Boris Johnson, the Queen and royal family.

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- Archer was particularly active in 2021 and 2022 with live videos on YouTube and Bitchute – and like Jon Wedger, forever soliciting donations. Her tales got wilder and wilder. Sexually abused as a child by the Queen and other Satanists at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle; organising big demonstrations to “save the children” from Satanic paedophiles.

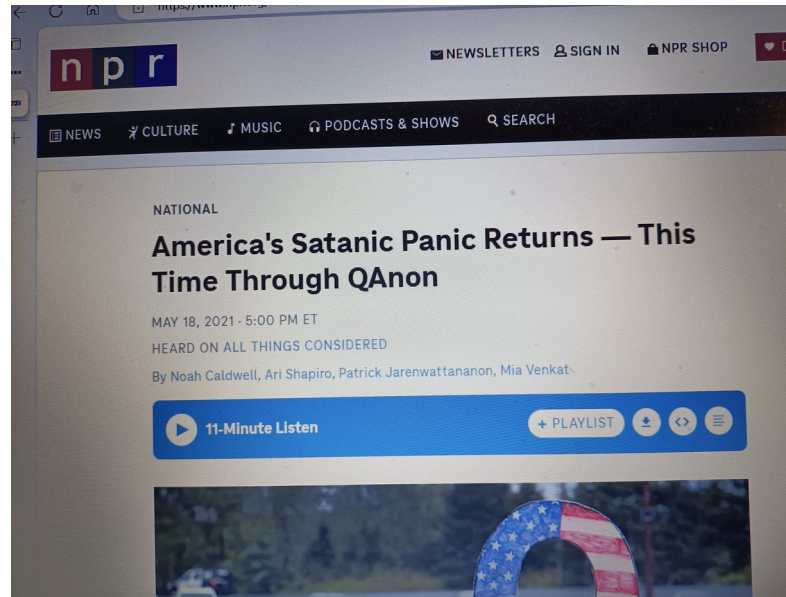
I still find it incomprehensible that hundreds, possibly thousands of people in UK and overseas, bought into her fantasies.

- But then various police forces took an interest, she faced charges of inciting violence and suicide, and even conspiracy to murder! She eventually faced no further action. But went quiet. Maybe she’s planning another money making enterprise ...



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MEANWHILE. In the USA Satanic Panic morphs to Pizzagate and QAnon





From Satanic Panic to Pizzagate and QAnon

- Pizzagate suddenly emerged in the USA in late 2016, morphed into the QAnon movement in 2017 and together attracted millions of believers worldwide.
- Pizzagate and QAnon are an extension and expansion of the Satanic Panic.



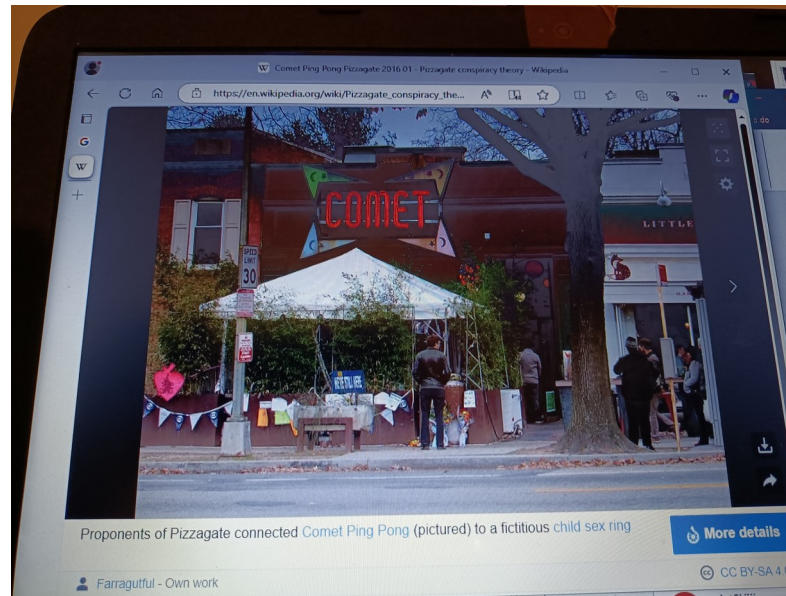
What is Pizzagate?

- Few weeks before US Presidential election held November 2016 mischievous Wikileaks outfit published leaked emails hacked by Russians from John Podesta then Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman.
- Trump supporters and conspiracy theorists latched on to emails about pizza, interpreted pizza as child sex abuse, led to wild false rumour Clinton and camp into Satanic child abuse and trafficking in basement of a pizza parlour in Washington – Comet Ping Pong



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Pizza parlour Comet Ping Pong Washington . Problem with Satanic conspiracy scenario – restaurant has no basement





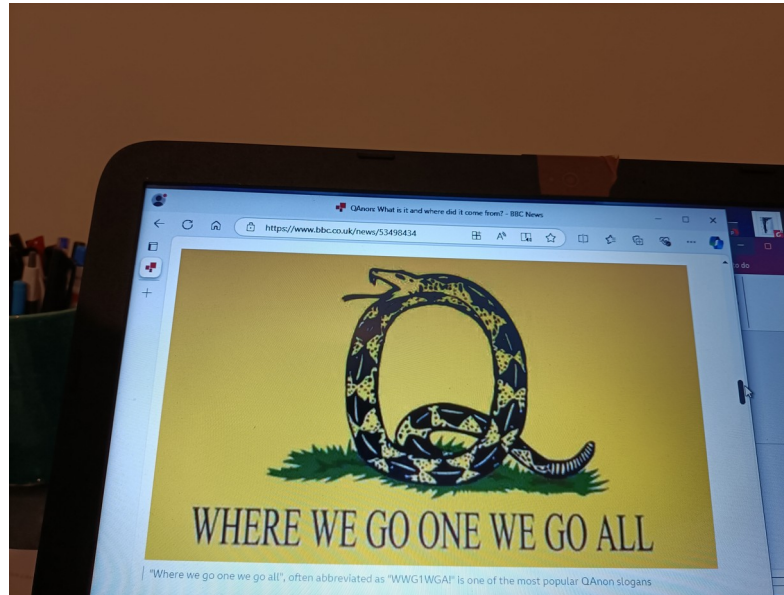
What is QAnon

- QAnon emerged USA late 2017 spread globally social media and alternative universe of “dark web” and American far right. Identity of Q unknown, hence anonymous. Supposedly Whitehouse insider exposing global cabal paedophile Satanists .



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QAnon logo – WWG1WGA





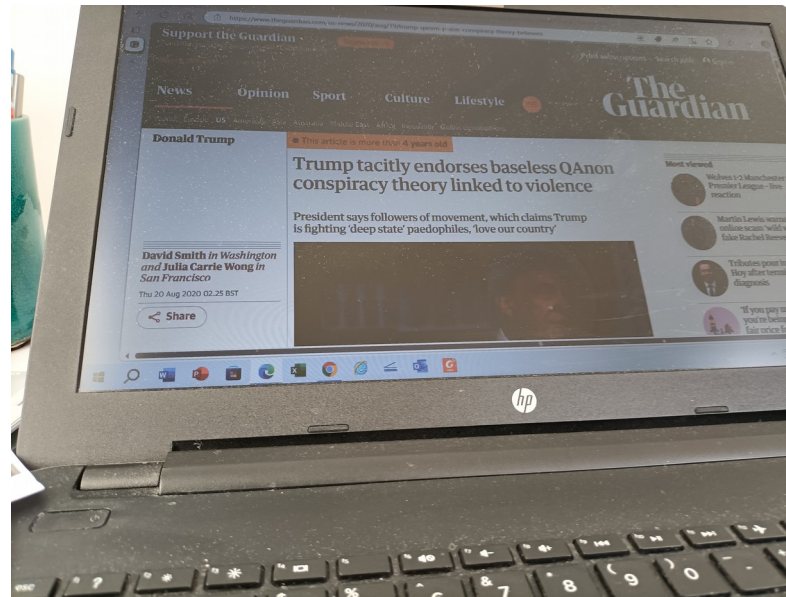
What is QAnon 2

- The QAnon conspiracy theory holds that the world is run by an international network of Satanist paedophiles who traffic, torture, rape, sacrifice and murder babies and children, eat their flesh and “harvest” their blood to extract a chemical substance called Adrenochrome, a mythical elixir of life. Donald Trump is hailed as the hero out to expose and defeat these dastardly devil worshipping villains. QAnon supporters – mainly American far right – fervently backed Trump’s claim that 2020 presidential election was ‘stolen’



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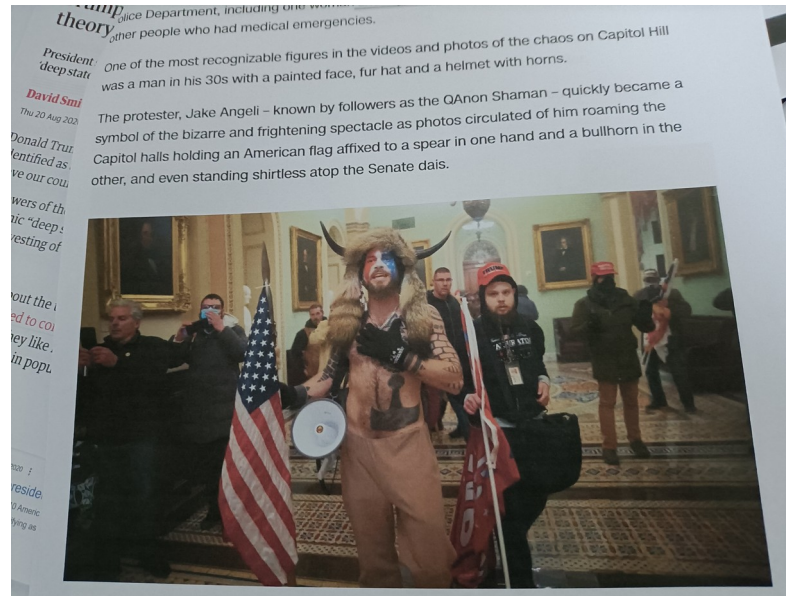
Trump tacitly endorses QAnon. Guardian August 2020 claims followers “love our country” and “like me very much, which I appreciate”. “Heard it’s gaining popularity”





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Donald Trump and QAnon and storming of Capitol building 6 January 2021. Federal inquiry continues into whether Trump incited the riot





Trump endorses QAnon again

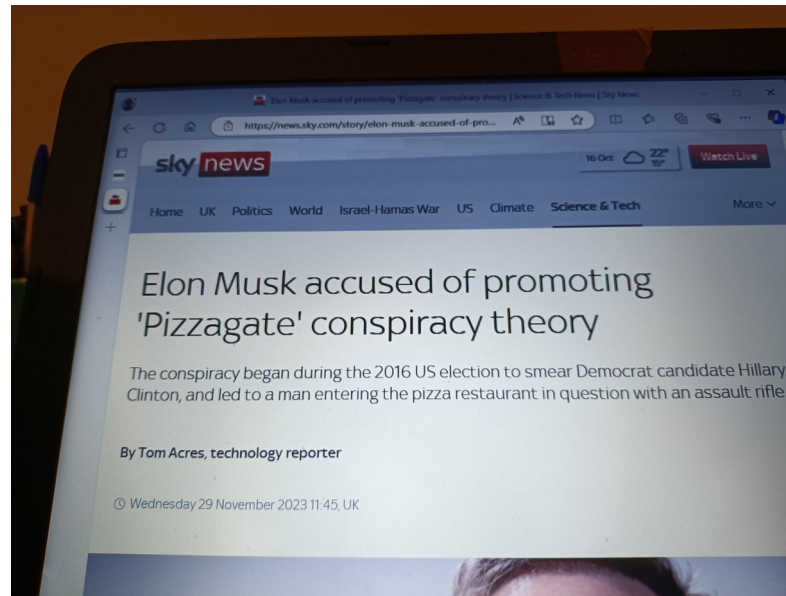
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- Former President Donald Trump is now openly embracing the QAnon religious conspiracy group.
- The FBI has long monitored the group and arrested many followers for violent crimes and attacks.
- Experts say Trump's support could galvanize the group's followers to commit more violence.
- WASHINGTON —In recent weeks, former President Donald Trump [has openly embraced the QAnon](#) conspiracy theory in his social media postings and at political rallies, even as the number of real-world violent episodes – including killings – associated with the group continue to grow.



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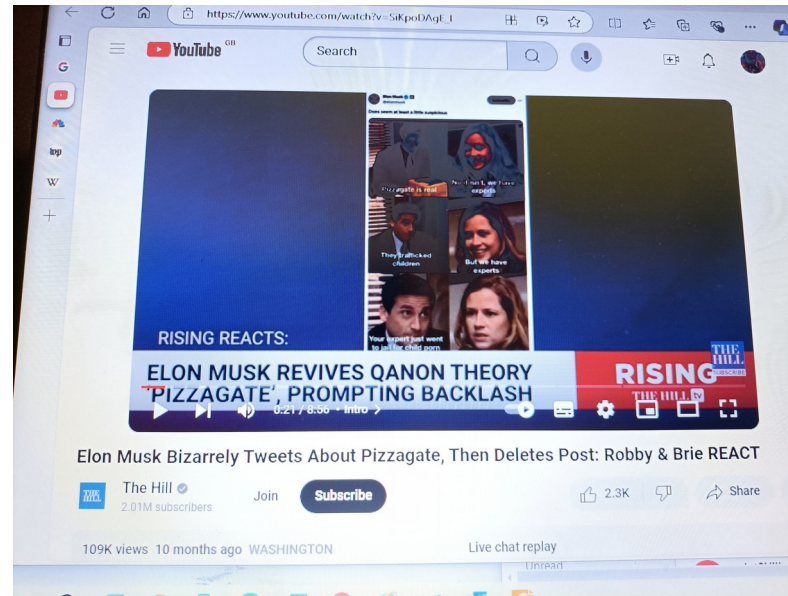
Bizarrely billionaire Elon Musk, the world's richest man, buys into the Pizzagate conspiracy theory – Sky News 29 November 2023





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AND QAnon





In May 2024

- What USA Today describes as a Liberal Watchdog group, Media Matters, reports a new study which says Trump has re-posted or promoted QAnon affiliated accounts more than 800 times over two years on his social media platform Truth Social



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MAY 2024 report DONALD TRUMP promoted QAnon 800 times

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Trump has now amplified QAnon-promoting accounts over 800 times on Truth Social

Trump's amplification of QAnon accounts in just two years of actively posting on Truth Social far surpasses his similar activity on Twitter over the course of his presidency

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Former President Donald Trump has amplified QAnon-promoting accounts over 800 times during his first two years of actively posting on his social media platform Truth Social, according to a Media Matters review.

In our review, we deemed Truth Social accounts "QAnon-promoting accounts" if they explicitly promoted the conspiracy theory by sharing affiliated slogans, posts from QAnon's central figure "Q," or imagery related to the conspiracy theory. We counted reposting or quoting a post as amplifying it.



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Research by the US Poynter Institute, published in their Politifact publication November 2022, showed Trump included QAnon imagery on his social media site Truth Social. One third of 75 accounts he posted in one month mid August to mid September 2022 promoted QAnon slogans, videos or imagery, according to the Associated Press



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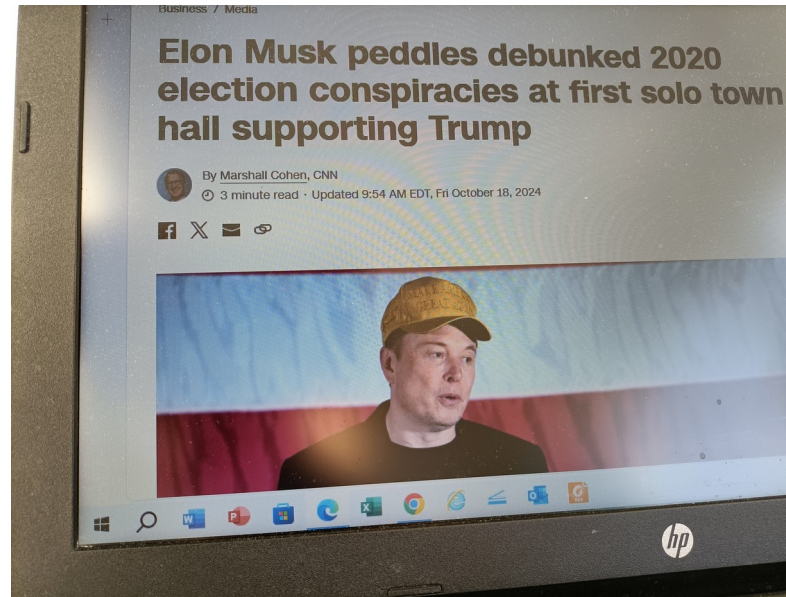
October 7 2024 Musk pledges \$47 to every voter in all seven swing states who effectively votes Trump by signing a petition backing Republican stance on gun control and free speech





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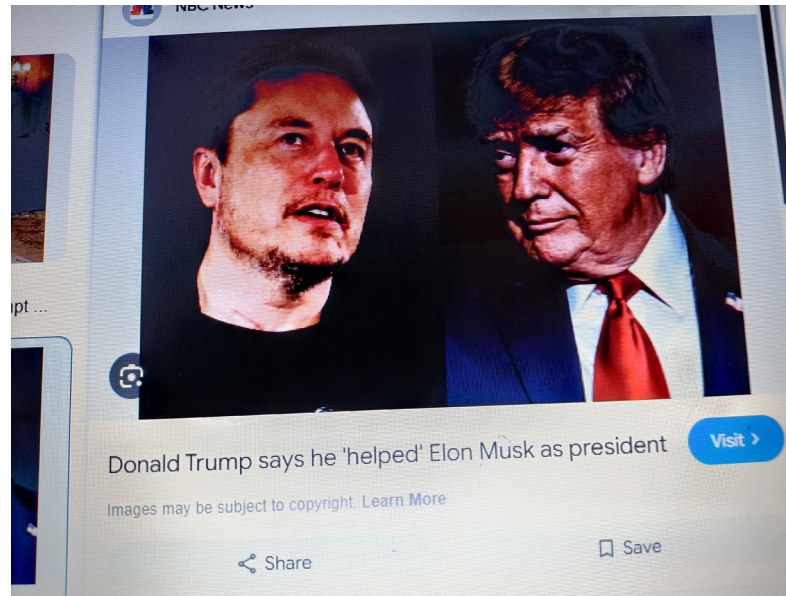
Saturday 19 Oct 2024 Musk announces \$1 million dollars a day to effectively a Trump supporter in crucial state Pennsylvania – Musk estimated net worth \$248 billion (£191 billion)





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21 Oct CNN. Musk has given \$75 million to pro-Trump campaign. Is it conceivable Musk & QAnon AND TRUMP can win TRUMP President USA 5 Nov 2024?





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