

# Looking for Superman in Dangerous Worlds



## Descriptive Psychology

## Explains Conspiracy Communities

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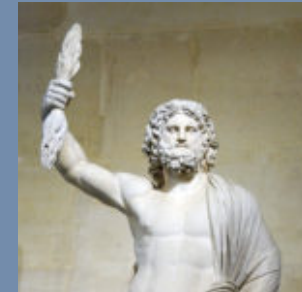
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## Heroes, Saviors, Superheroes, and Culture



Athena



Zeus



Moses

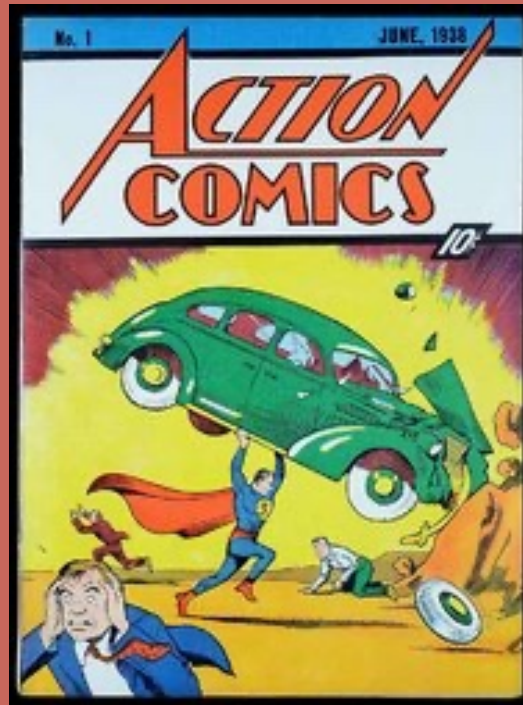
-Heroes as catalysts for change.

-Heroes embody our idealized visions of ourselves.



Jesus

## Superman Castings



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**“that to secure these ends, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government shall become destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, & to institute new government.”**

“Patriots are in the building. It’s beautiful.”-QAnon supporter

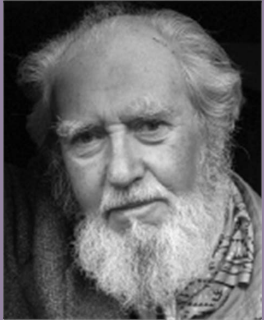
“Honestly, I think the patriots should have been allowed to go in there, grab those S.O.B.s and pull them out of the building and, you know, have an execution right there.”-QAnon supporter



# QAnon



## Charismatic Leaders, Saviors, and Superheroes



Cohn



Scott

-Norman Cohn and James Scott

-Marginalized communities : “the amorphous mass of people who were not simply poor but who could find no assured and recognized place in society at all.”

-Communities threatened by circumstances undermining basic needs

-Peasants blame clergy, nobles, royalty

-Return of the Messiah or messianic representative

-Focus on the embodiment of the nefarious force

-Followers of the savior were recast as holy and powerful

*“It was not only that the leader deployed his power for their benefit - they themselves, so long as they clung to him, partook in that power and thereby became more than human, Saints who could neither fail or fall.”- Cohn*

## Brief Review of Conspiracy Theories

- Popper: Powerful forces and Mt. Olympus gods
- Douglas group and their three essential motives: Epistemic, existential and social.
- Millenarian patterns: Cohn, Scott, etc.
  - Manichaeian, dualistic world
  - Victims of exclusion, marginalization
  - Forms of political dissent and potential revolt
- Some Conspiracy theories through history:

Blood Libel



The Illuminati



911 Truthers



Anti-Vaxxers



## Community/Culture Parameters

$Cu < WOL > - < M, S, SP, W, L, CP >$ , where

Cu=Culture

WOL= Way of Life

M=Members

S=Status

SP=Social Practices

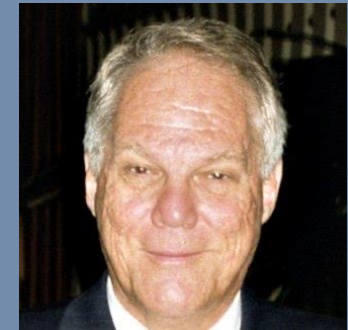
W=World

L=Locution/Language

CP=Choice Principles



Pete Ossorio



Tony Putman

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\*Mi-Mission

\*Not normally a parameter of culture, but is included  
as a parameter of an organization

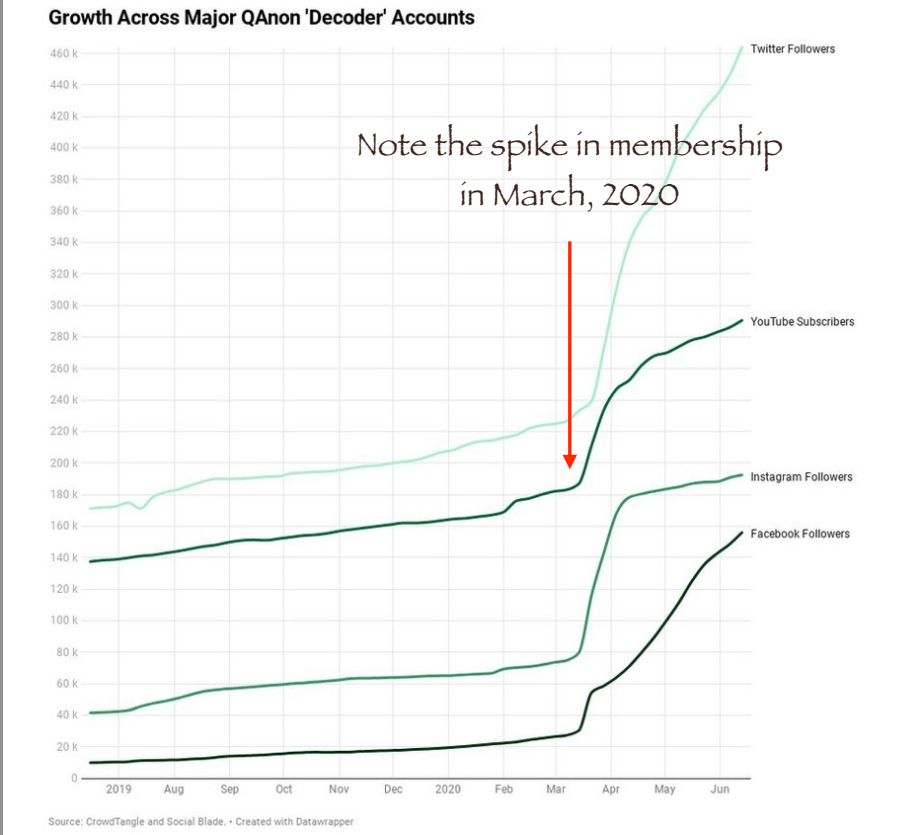


# Members

Q members also members of supporting communities

55% make under \$75K/yr; 30% have bachelor degrees or higher

Living in dangerous worlds: Suggestion of high level of trauma



## Statutes

**Nefarious Force(s)**

**Traitors**

**Betrayed Members**

**Savior/Superhero**

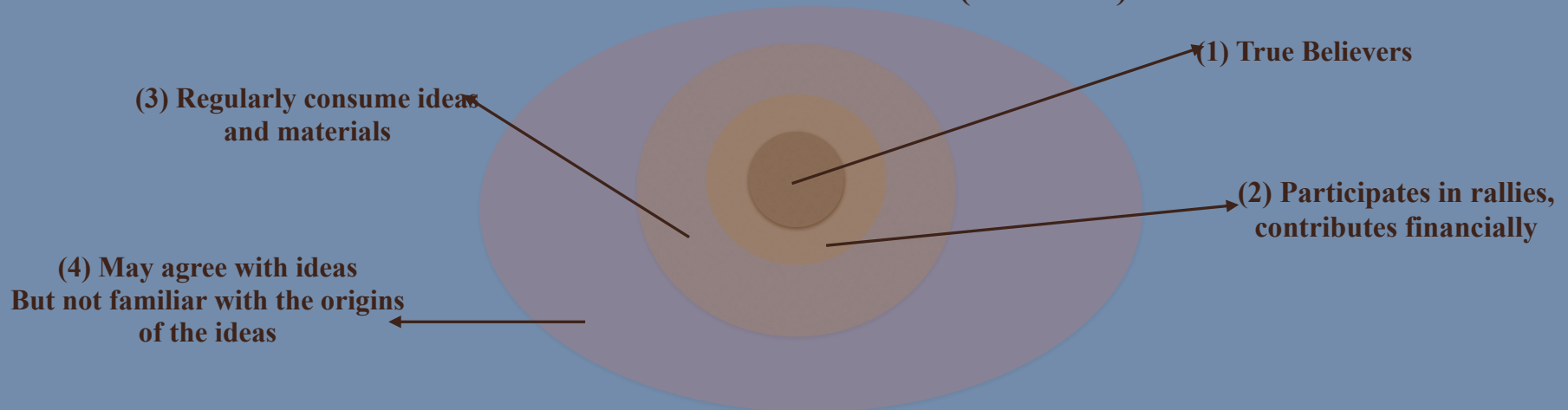
**Victimized Members**

**True Believers**

**Members In the Know**

**Grifters/False Prophets**

### Other levels of statutes (cf. Belew)



## **Social Practices**

### **Basic Needs Disruption (Failure of Conventional Practices)**

**Exposing child sex trafficking**

**Gathering the Evidence/Doing the Research**

**Critiquing the Culture**

**Sounding the Alarm**

**Cheering On Superman**

**Using violence to bring about change**



**Edgar Maddison Welch**

**World**

**Q “Drops” and World Reformulation**

**Grand Design**

**A Dangerous World**

**A Dualistic World**

**Disguise/Secrecy/Deception**

**A Dramatic World**

**A Utopian World**

**Supporting Communities**



## Language

Drops

The Storm

Crumbs

The Great Awakening

Bakers

Red Pills

Normies

## **Choice Principles**

WWG1WGA

The children need saving

Do not trust the mainstream press

The Deep State is hiding its plans for Us

Satisfaction accompanies participation

## **Mission**

Focuses the community

Prioritizes the practices

Follow Trump to a Utopian Community

## Dropping the Details

- (1) We are living in a dangerous world, affected by forces that are both secret and unknown as well as out of our control, and no longer can count on the cultural elite for help and support.
- (2) We have hope because we support and value each other and are united by our care for one another.
- (3) Together with our holy Leader, we are powerful and righteous people and deserve to solve the problems of this world by bringing evil to justice.
- (4) We are focussed on making a better world for ourselves and especially for our children.
- (5) Justice shall prevail and those who are loyal will be rewarded and those who have betrayed us will be banished from the community.
- (6) We must resort to degradation and at times violence to reconstitute the community because the usual means of truth finding and conflict resolution have been corrupted by the controlling elite and because this controlling elite is evil and dangerous.
- (7) Other?



## Summary/Conclusion

### Where is Q Now?

### Questioning Superman

*“Comes to find out.. and this is gonna sound bad, but if it comes to find out that Q was some kind of CIA CYOP, I hate to say this but I wouldn't even trust Trump because because Q was all pro Trump. Kind of screwed us over.”*

*“Think of all the people that we follow and trust that, you know, have told us about Q and and explained the drops that's really the heart breaking part.”*

*“By us believing that there's all these things going on behind the scenes, it's preventing us from doing anything because we're just sitting down waiting and watching for all this to secretly happen and I don't think it's happening.”*

*“We can't be digital warriors our whole life. We can't be keyboard warriors our whole life. We can't put all our eggs in one basket like we're doing and waiting on Trump. Our forefathers never relied on one man. We relied on each other going forward.”*

## Summary/Conclusion

### Power of Community

“One thing Q did do was get us organized to come together to open our eyes to listen to in fact what is going wrong with our government. “

“Just being able to shoot ideas past each other and have each other there to hear it us out and set us straight or help us to keep the faith and things like that that has been a really big deal for me because I've been really been going back and forth on stuff so I just want to thank you because this has made quite a difference for me. “

“It didn't play out the way we wanted but it showed that we are more powerful when we are together. I mean it's created a whole new era. It's not done. It's far from over. “

## Snyder's Warning



Timothy Snyder

*“For a coup to work in 2024, the breakers will require something that Trump never quite had: an angry minority, organized for nationwide violence, ready to add intimidation to an election. Four years of amplifying a big lie just might get them this. To claim that the other side stole an election is to promise to steal one yourself. It is also to claim that the other side deserves to be punished....  
History shows that political violence follows when prominent leaders of major political parties openly embrace paranoia.”*

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