

# The Ballpark Extra Innings: Conspiracy theories and Donald Trump

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Donald Trump has brought conspiracy theories into the mainstream political debate. We spoke with political scientist [Joe Uscinski](#), author of [American Conspiracy Theories](#), about what impact this has had on American politics and elections.

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## Further reading:

- [How playing on conspiracy theories can be key to electoral success](#) – Joe Uscinski – June 7, 2016
  - [How exposure to conspiracy theories can reduce trust in government.](#) – Katherine Levine Einstein and David M. Glick – November 13, 2015
  - [Voters on the extreme left and right are far more likely to believe in conspiracy theories](#) – Jan-Willem van Prooijen – 2 March, 2015
  - [Beliefs in conspiracies tend to accord with political attitudes, making it unlikely that any one conspiracy theory will be embraced by the country.](#) – Joe Uscinski – 17 September, 2013
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