



Ministry in Times of Conspiracy Theories and Disinformation

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Panel Discussion with:

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Resources for Further Reading:

- ❖ [Beyond 'Plandemic': A Christian Response to Conspiracies.](#) (Biologos – Haarsma, D., Stump, J., Buller, D.), May 11, 2020.
- ❖ [Church in the Age of Conspiracy Theories.](#) (Baptist News Global – Blevins, R.A.), August 28, 2020.
- ❖ [Conspiracy Theory Research](#) (pdf) presented by Royce Money at “[Cracking the Crisis of Conspiracy Theories](#)” hosted by Siburt Institute for Church Ministry on October 27, 2020.
- ❖ [Conspiracy Theory Research Database](#), compiled by Dr. Karen Douglas, Professor of Social Psychology at University of Kent.
- ❖ “[Difficult Conversations](#)” series with [Dan and Sharon Buttry](#), hosted by Buttry Center for Peace and Nonviolence at Central Baptist Theological Seminary.
- ❖ [Disinformation Fuels a White Evangelical Movement. It Led 1 Virginia Pastor to Quit.](#) (NPR – Mortada, D., Martin, R., Hamby, B.), February 21, 2021.
- ❖ [Faith leaders are key to reaching herd immunity in U.S., researchers say.](#) (Baptist News Global – Wingfield, M.), April 23, 2021.
- ❖ ['Full of Hatred and Fear': Disinformation on YouTube Divided a Dad and Daughter.](#) (NPR – Hamby, B., Martin, R., Mullis, S.), April 25, 2021.
- ❖ [Half of pastors say their congregants are spreading conspiracy theories.](#) (Baptist News Global – Brumley, J.), January 27, 2021.
- ❖ [Half of U.S. Protestant Pastors Hear Conspiracy Theories in Their Churches.](#) (Lifeway Research – Earls, A.), January 26, 2021.



- ❖ [Life After Hate](#), an organization “founded by former extremists, we are committed to helping people leave the violent far-right to connect with humanity and lead compassionate lives”
- ❖ ['More Dangers and More Widespread': Conspiracy Theories Spread Faster Than Ever.](#) (NPR – Rose, J.), March 2, 2021.
- ❖ [Pastors are leaving their congregations after losing their churchgoers to QAnon.](#) (Business Insider – Ankel, S.), March 14, 2021.
- ❖ [QAnon and other conspiracy theories are taking hold in churches. Pastors are fighting back.](#) (LA Times – Kaleem, J.), March 3, 2021.
- ❖ ['This isn't the final chapter': Analyst warns, again, about rise of right-wing extremists.](#) (NBC News – Kapur, S.), January 13, 2021.
- ❖ [When it comes to conspiracy theories, is Christianity part of the problem or part of the solution?](#) (ABC Religion & Ethics – Cotterill, A.), December 21, 2020.