

Professor, Researcher Warns Against QAnon's Lack of Boundaries, Dangerous Beliefs

QAnon has taken its place in headlines across the country during and after this past election cycle—all while most Americans understand next to nothing about what it is. And that's why author, researcher and professor James Beverley wrote his most recent book, *The QAnon Deception*.

"I wrote it because I was doing research on conspiracy theories in general, last spring and summer, and then I noticed how QAnon was rising in importance and influence," Beverley says. "And then in August, just after President Trump said something positive about it, the interest went wild."

Beverley believes it's important that people know the truth about this mysterious entity. So what is QAnon, anyway?

"Q anon is a conspiracy theory that goes back to October 2017," Beverley says. "And here are the key elements in the theory: It's claimed that there's a figure named Q, who is high in U.S. military intelligence and works with Donald Trump to warn people about the deep state and to help mobilize people in Trump's campaign to get rid of the deep state. So there's a first thing, something about a figure called Q; we don't really know who he is, or who she is or who they are."

"The other thing to remember or know is that [the theory claims] Q is helping Trump lead the battle against the child sex trafficking ring," he says. "Now everybody on earth knows there's pedophiles. Here's the spin in QAnon. What Q says is that Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, a lot of Democrats and other operatives around the world are running this international child kidnapping ring where they kidnap, torture, rape, kill and then eat the brains of children."

“So that’s where the theory in my view becomes untrue and unreliable,” Beverley says. “As much as Donald Trump disagrees with Hillary Clinton or George Herbert Walker Bush or George W. Bush, I don’t think he thinks that Hillary and Bill Clinton and the Bushes—not to mention Queen Elizabeth and the Dalai Lama—are running an internationally sought child sex trafficking ring. But that’s a key element in QAnon.”

And out of that concern, Beverley has an additional word to conservatives: “You can be pro-Trump; you don’t have to be pro-QAnon.” He says both in his book, and in a memo, he has urged Trump to help stamp out QAnon because of some of the implausible ideas that come along with it.

Some of these theories, he says, don’t actually come from Q but are “taught in the QAnon world. And It’s partly because whoever is at the top of the QAnon world doesn’t have boundaries on what can be said or believed. And all sorts of wild theories get circulated every week.”

After his lengthy research on QAnon, Beverley knows that the teachings directly from Q are not necessarily the same as the various QAnon teachers. Both need scrutiny.

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