

# CONSPIRACY THEORIES

## VOCABULARY

Average

Death toll

Devastating

Disparagement

Electorate

Gen Z

Hoax

Persist

Probability

Qualitatively

Sufficient

Survey

Undercover

## I) Discuss these questions before watching the video:

- 1) What is a conspiracy theory? What are some common conspiracy theories?
- 2) Is there anything you could do to check if what people say is true?
- 3) How do you feel if you don't know if something is true?

## II) (00.00-01.40) Watch the first part of the video on a survey that was carried out in the US. Match the numbers and the statements.

- |     |  |
|-----|--|
| 10% | - believe the death toll of Holocaust was under 2 million;     |
| 23% | - were unaware that six million Jews were killed in Holocaust; |
| 12% | - believe that Jews were responsible for Holocaust;            |
| 11% | - believe that Holocaust never happened;                       |
| 63% | - think that it is a myth or it was exaggerated;               |
| 36% | - never heard of the word Holocaust;                           |

## III) (01.40-02.00) How does the guest speaker feel about the situation?

## IV) (02.00-03.00) The host uses an example of Sept 11, 2001 to make a point. What is she trying to say? Do you agree?

## V) (03.00-06.00) The guest of the show says that every generation says that things are going get worse but this is one actually right. Why? Do you agree?

## VI) Brainstorm ideas on how you can talk about conspiracy theories with respect. Watch the video to discover more ideas.

## VII) Watch the video about one of corona virus conspiracy theories. Answer the questions.

### I) What is the theory that they talk about?

### II) The video gives tips on how to talk with people who believe in conspiracy theories. How did professor Byford use them in this case?

- 1) Establish a basis of understanding
- 2) Avoid sweeping dismissals and saying you're wrong
- 3) Present facts and research - try to this neutrally. Make sure they have valid information
- 4) Try to get to the bottom of the often legitimate concern at the heart of the conspiracy