



CONSPIRACY THEORIES
REALITY OR LEGEND

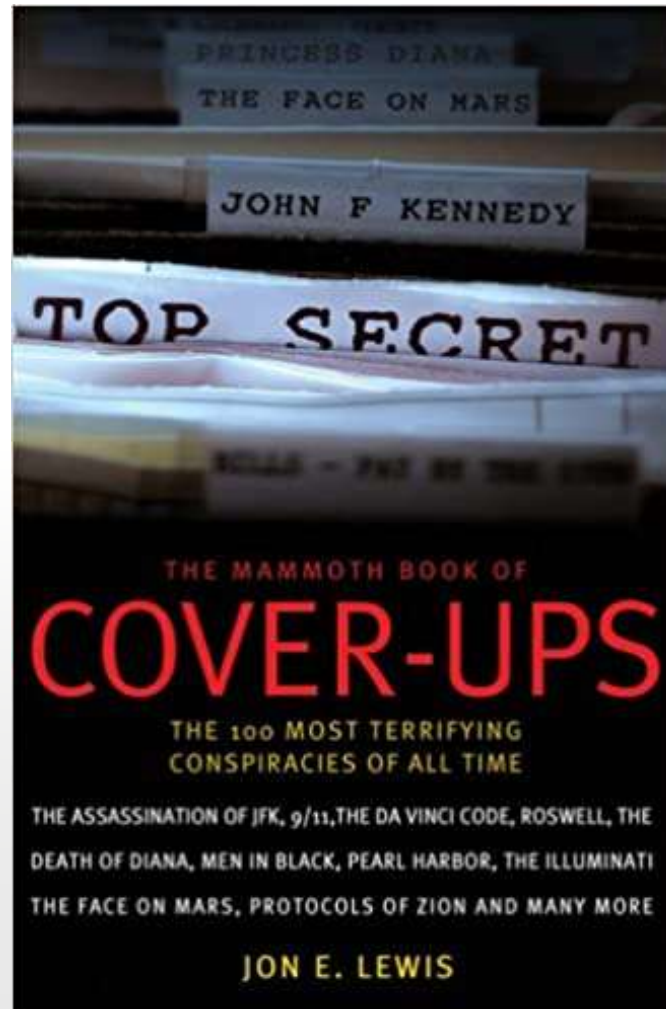
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THE MAMMOTH BOOK OF

COVER-UPS

THE 100 MOST TERRIFYING
CONSPIRACIES OF ALL TIME

THE ASSASSINATION OF JFK, 9/11, THE DA VINCI CODE, ROSWELL, THE
DEATH OF DIANA, MEN IN BLACK, PEARL HARBOR, THE ILLUMINATI
THE FACE ON MARS, PROTOCOLS OF ZION AND MANY MORE

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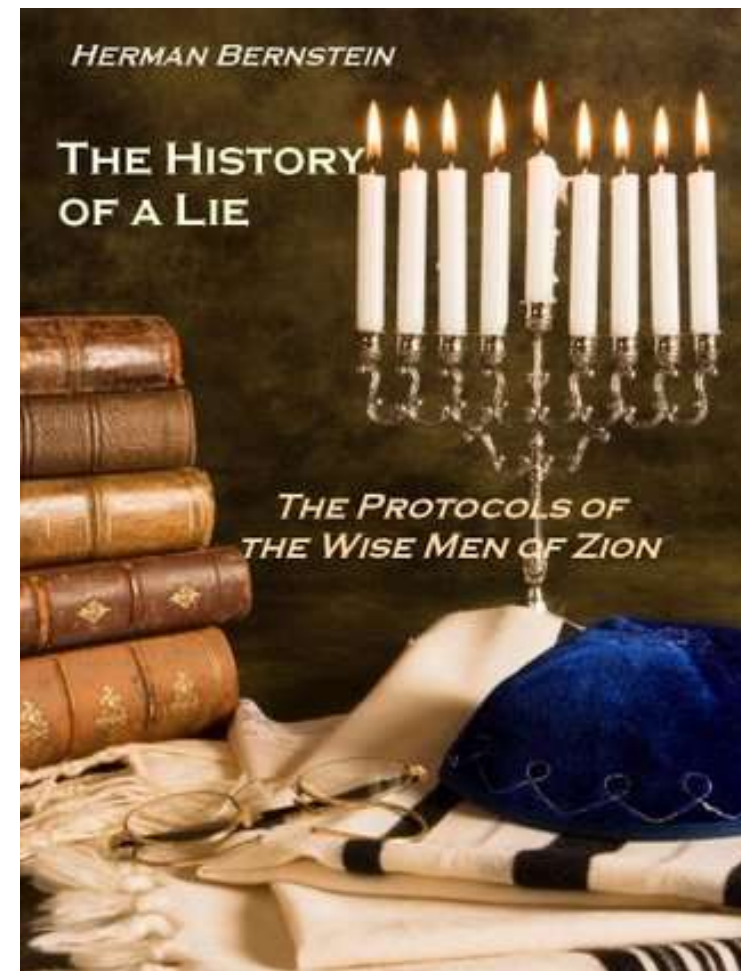
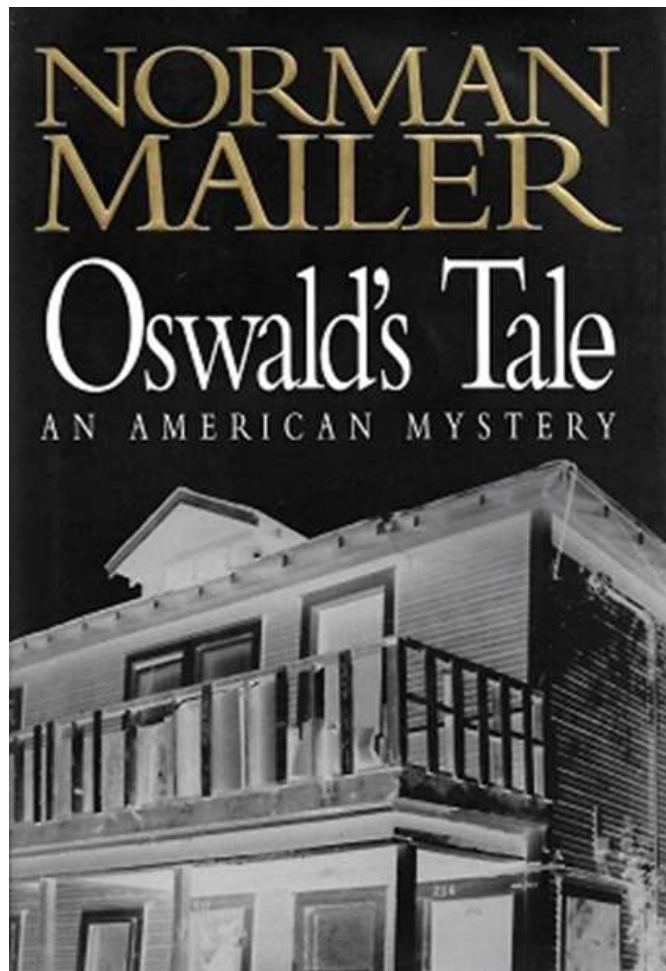
THE CIA AT WAR



INSIDE THE SECRET CAMPAIGN
AGAINST TERROR

**RONALD
KESSLER**

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE





The Catalina conspiracy: 64 BC

CONSPIRACY

A **secret action** aimed at
seizing or influencing
power

The rule of conspiracy:
secrets & rumors

1674: a republican conspiracy against Louis XIV





FAKE CONSPIRACY

Cynical manipulation by a powerful person (or group of persons) aimed at accusing opponents of conspiring

The purpose: to get rid of one's opponents



CONSPIRACY THEORY

Belief that events or situations are **masterminded** by some powerful individuals or groups of individuals acting **behind the scene**



FINDING SCAPEGOATS

Jews accused of
**conspiring to dominate
the world** via capitalist
tycoons or bolshevism

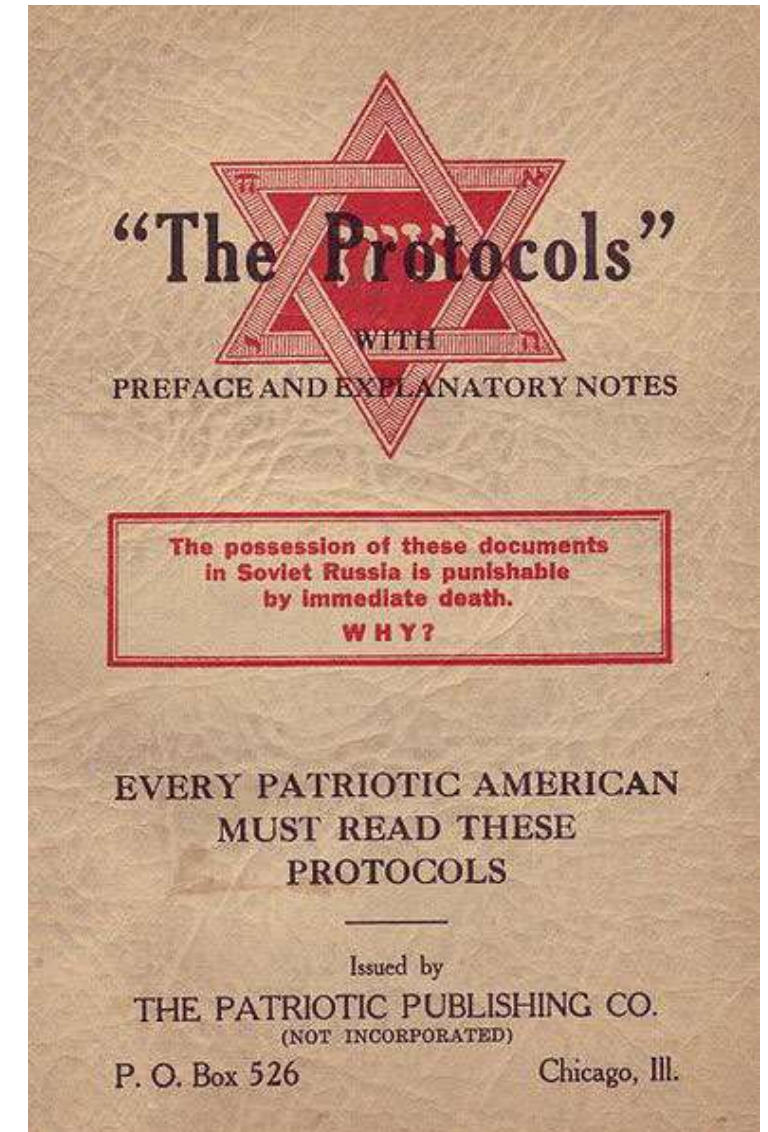
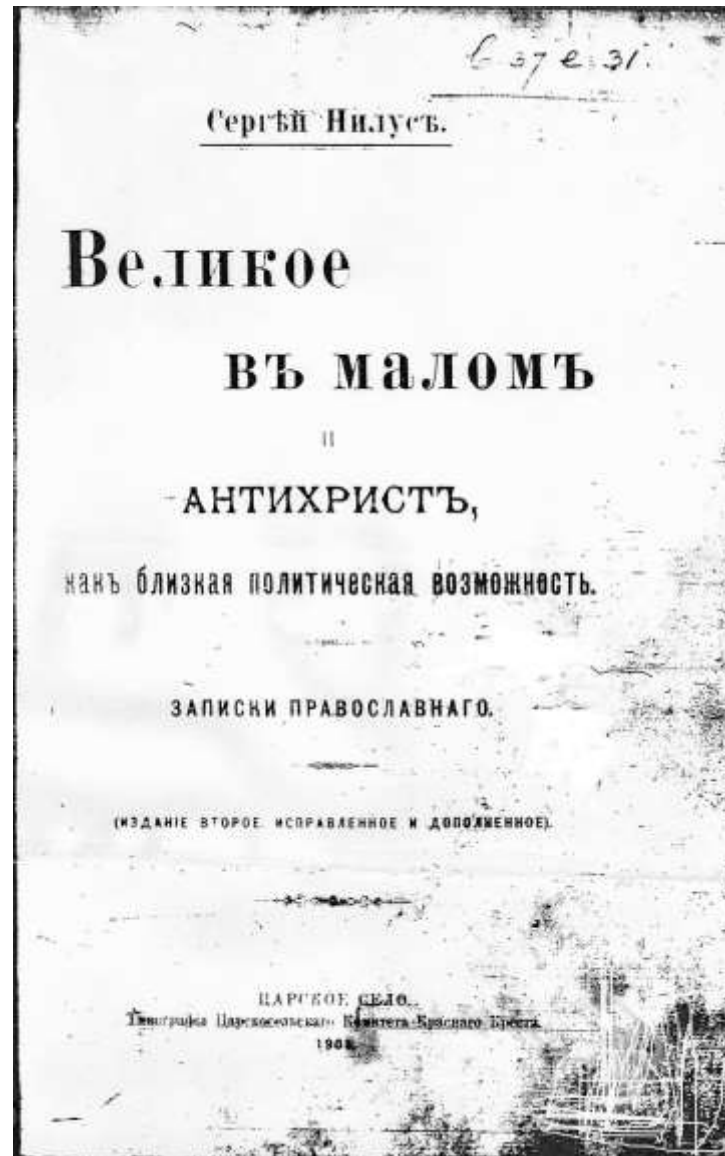
Jews presented as the
enemies



THE PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION

Fabricated antisemitic
document describing a
so-called Jewish plan for
global domination

A real threat



THE ORIGINS OF THE “PROTOCOLS”

**Widespread
antisemitism** in Czarist
Russia

The Jews described as the
enemies of Orthodox
Christians



PARIS (1900)

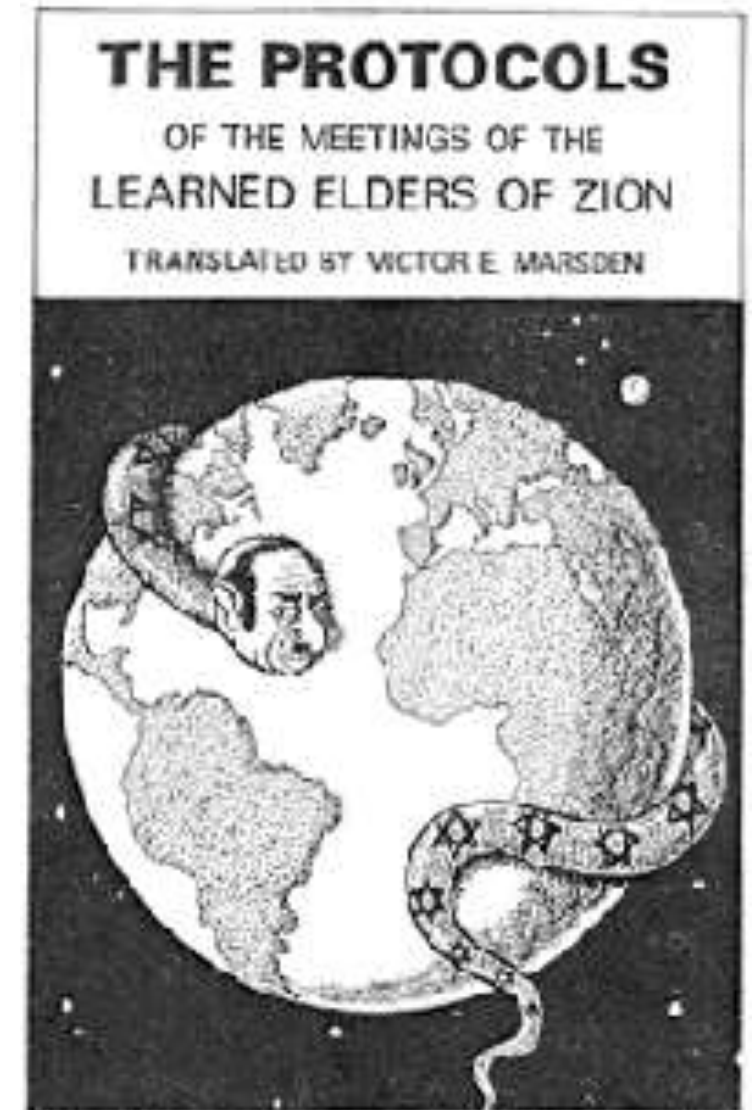
Piotr Ratchkovski: the
head of the *Okhrana*
(Russian secret police) in
Paris

Matvei Golovinski: writer
& political activist



WHY THE “PROTOCOLS”?

The **initial objective**: to convince Czar Nicolas II the political opposition in Russia driven by the Jews and their plan for global domination



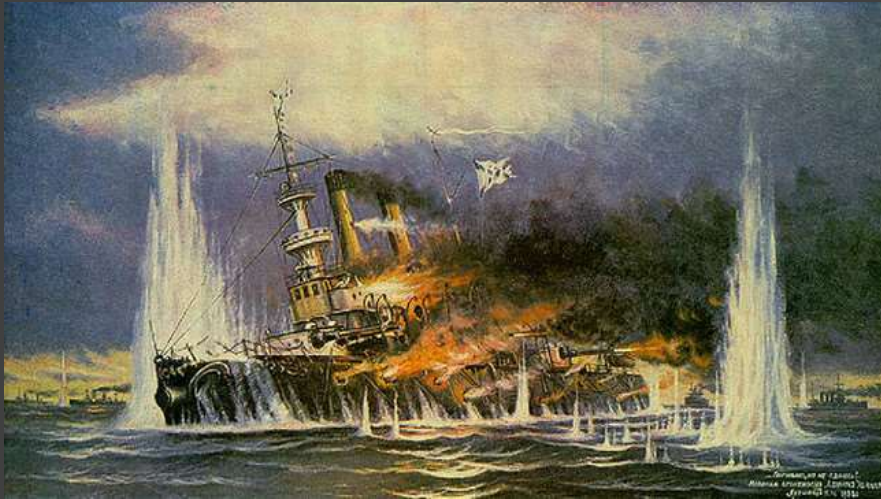


Nicolas II: hostile to any changes
(including political)

Autocracy: a system of government in which an autocrat, defined as a single person or party, possesses supreme and absolute power


Autocracy to remain at the core of the Russian political system
Reforms: *"foolish daydreams"*

The war with Japan
(1904-1905): a disastrous
defeat



The
Revolution of
1905





27 April 1906:
the
inauguration
of the first
Duma

The “Protocols”: one antisemitic
fake pamphlet amongst many

BUT

Carefully fabricated and vague
enough to be instrumentalized
under different circumstances

Великое въ маломъ

II

АНТИХРИСТЪ,

какъ близкая политическая возможность.

ЗАПИСКИ ПРАВОСЛАВНАГО.

(ИЗДАНИЕ ВТОРОЕ. ИСПРАВЛЕННОЕ И ДОПОЛНЕННОЕ).

ЦАРСКОЕ СЕЛО.
Типография Царскоевскаго Комитета Краснаго Креста.
1908.

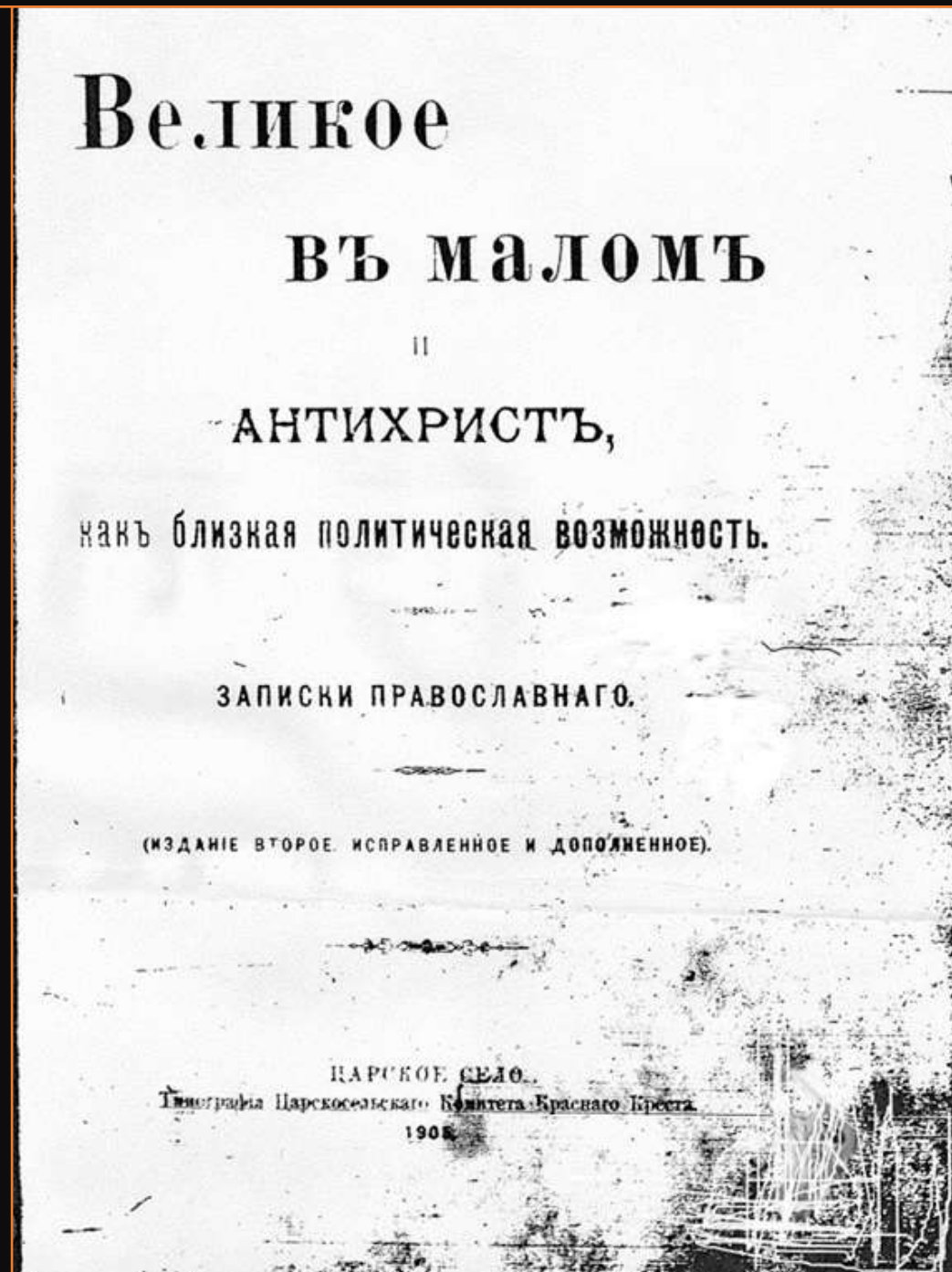
Matvei Golovinski: plagiarism

Reality & fiction mixed



*The Dialogue in Hell
Between Machiavelli
and Montesquieu*

Political satire against
Napoleon III (not an
antisemitic pamphlet)



**Piotr Stolypin (President of Russian
Council of Ministers):** government
inquiry

Conclusions: the “Protocols” is a fake



July 1918: the murder of
the imperial family

A turning point for the
“Protocols”

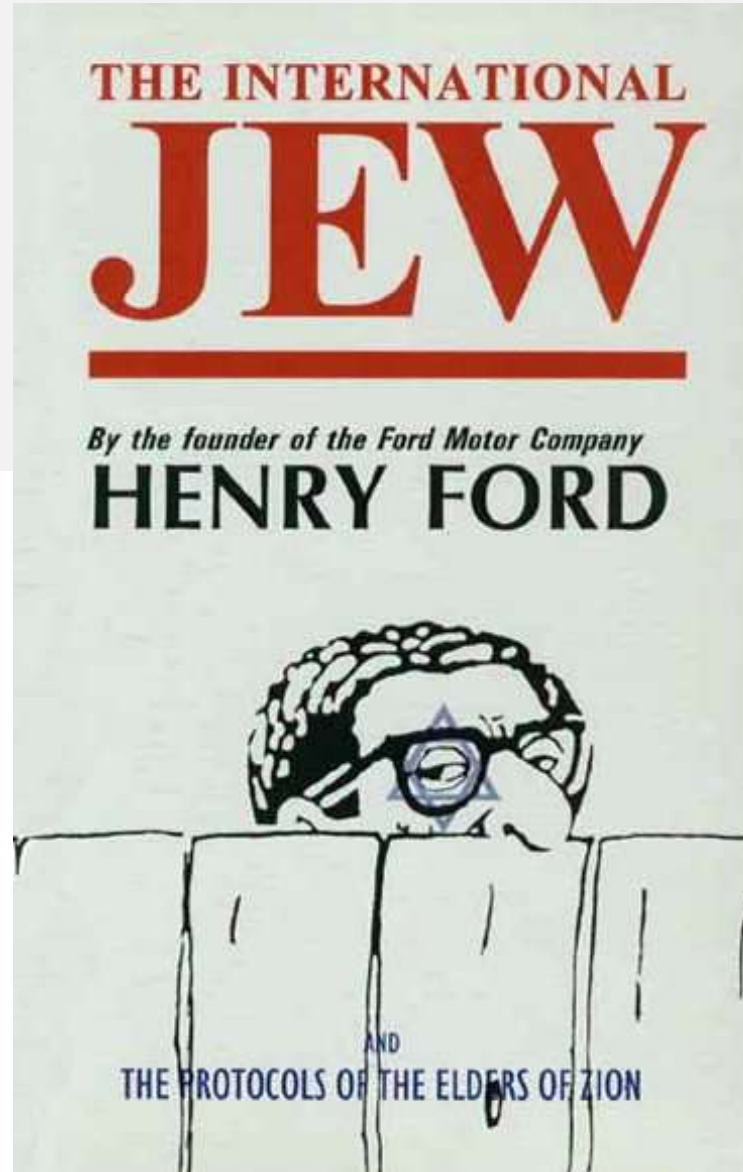
A **ritual murder** as part of a
Jewish-Bolshevik conspiracy

The “Protocols” introduced
to British & French officers
(Russian civil war)



The “Protocols”
translated in many
languages & introduced
in Germany, France,
Poland & Great Britain
(1920s)





The “Protocols”
introduced in the U.S.

Henry Ford to finance an
inquiry aimed at proving
to the world the
“Protocols” were
authentic

The “Protocols” introduced in
Germany in 1920

The **stab-in-the-back myth**:
Germany’s defeat blamed
upon the Jews



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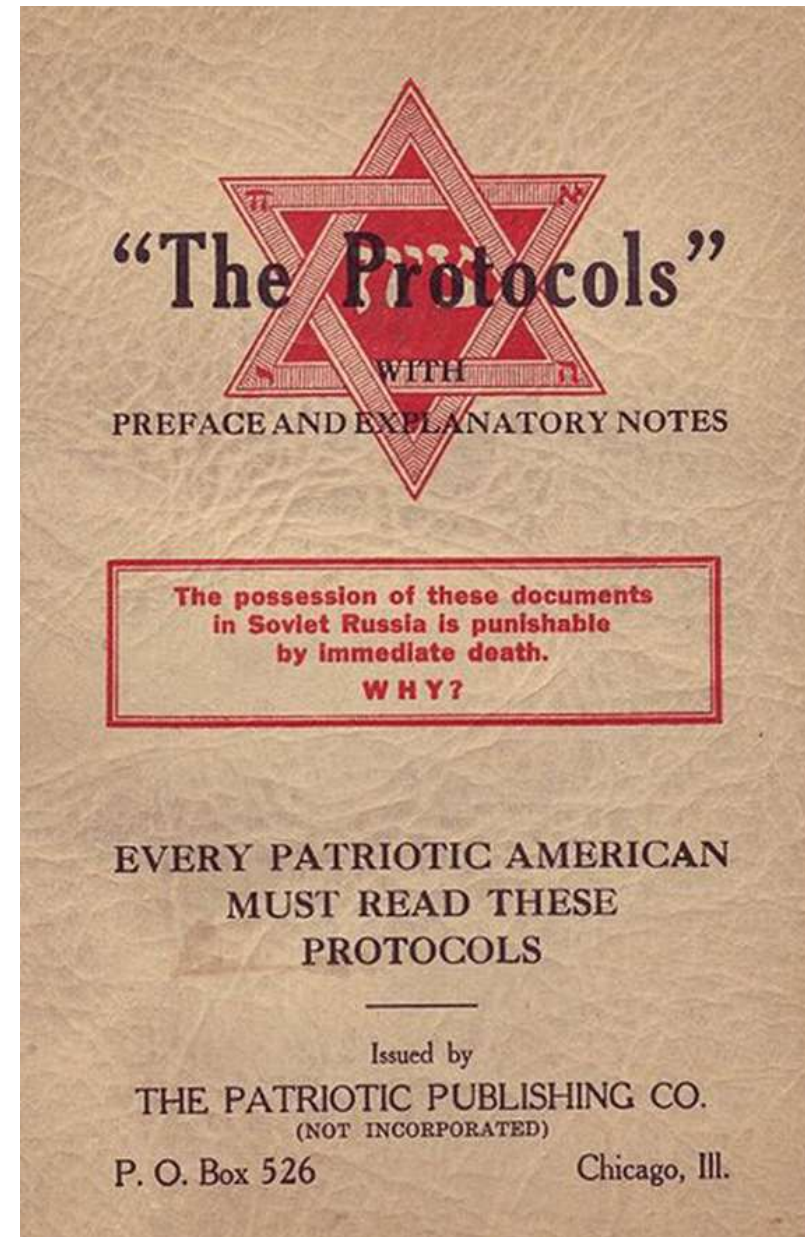
The fake “Protocols” as proof
of a global Jewish conspiracy
(Hitler & the Nazis)



The “Protocols”
survived the collapse
of the Third Reich

Conspiracy theories
simplify complex
situations

A long-seller despite
proofs it is a fake



Conspiracy theories are
stronger than ever

“We” are nothing but pawns
on a global chessboard

“Someone” is pulling the
strings

“We” are witnessing events
without fully understanding
them



The social media boom

Too much information
available: who to trust?
Who to believe?



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The internet: a promise land
for rumors & unsubstantiated
news

Osama Bin Laden (Al Qaida) quickly identified as the mastermind behind the attacks

Rumors associated with 9/11:

The U.S. government involved

The attacks were organized by the Israeli Secret Service (Mossad) No Jews reported among victims



Rumors first reported by Al-Manar (the official television station of the Lebanon-based **Hezbollah**)

250 to 400 Jews died on 9-11





The Pentagon's "missing plane"

The video-surveillance system



The collapse of World Trade Center 7

Conspiracy theories: the building was brought down by controlled demolition





Anonymous investors
massively sold American
Airlines & United Airlines'
shares

Were they informed in
advance of the attacks?

Was the U.S. government
behind the attacks?



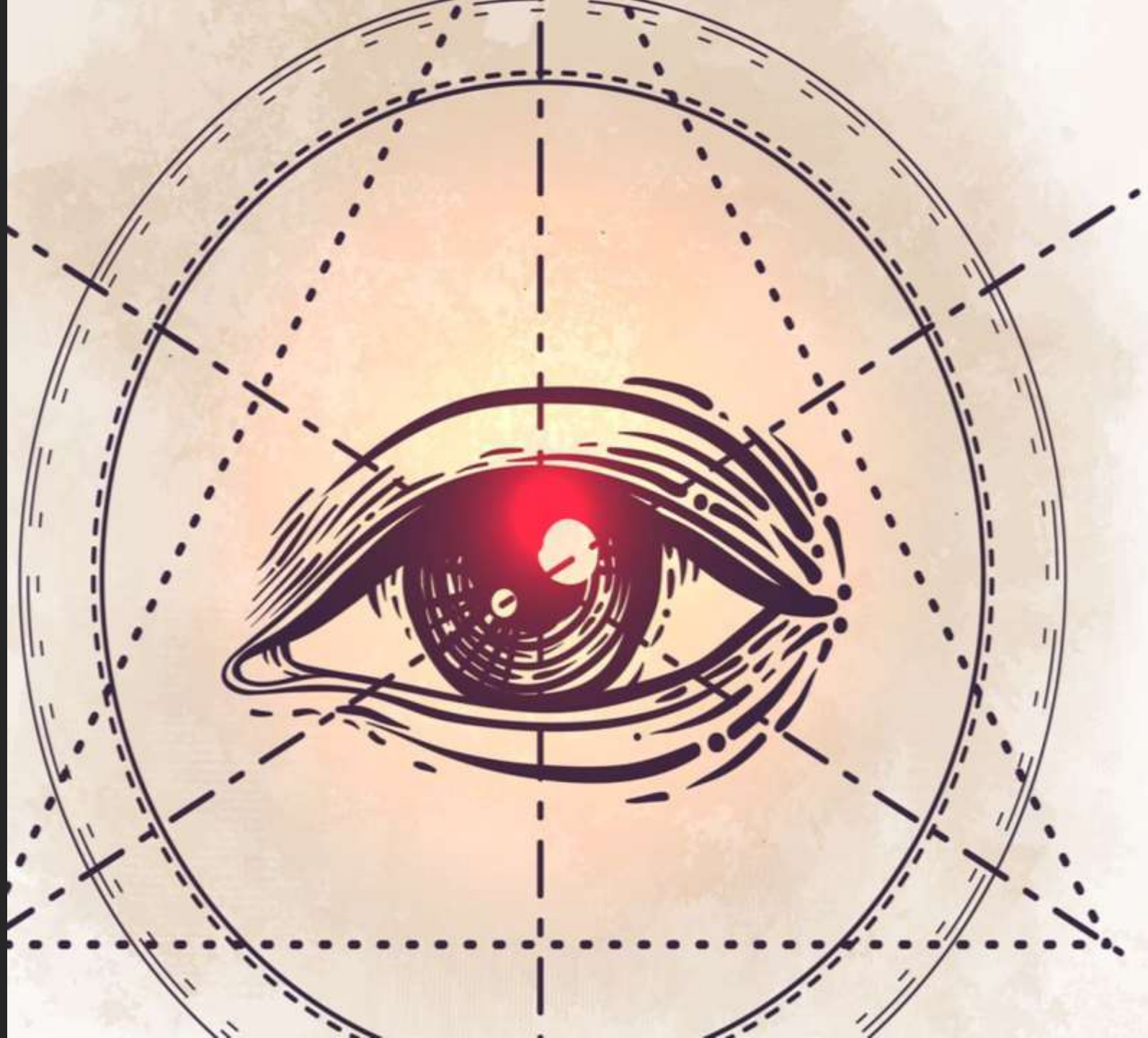
Operation Northwoods
(1962)

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to stage and commit acts of terrorism against American military and civilian targets and blame them on Fidel Castro



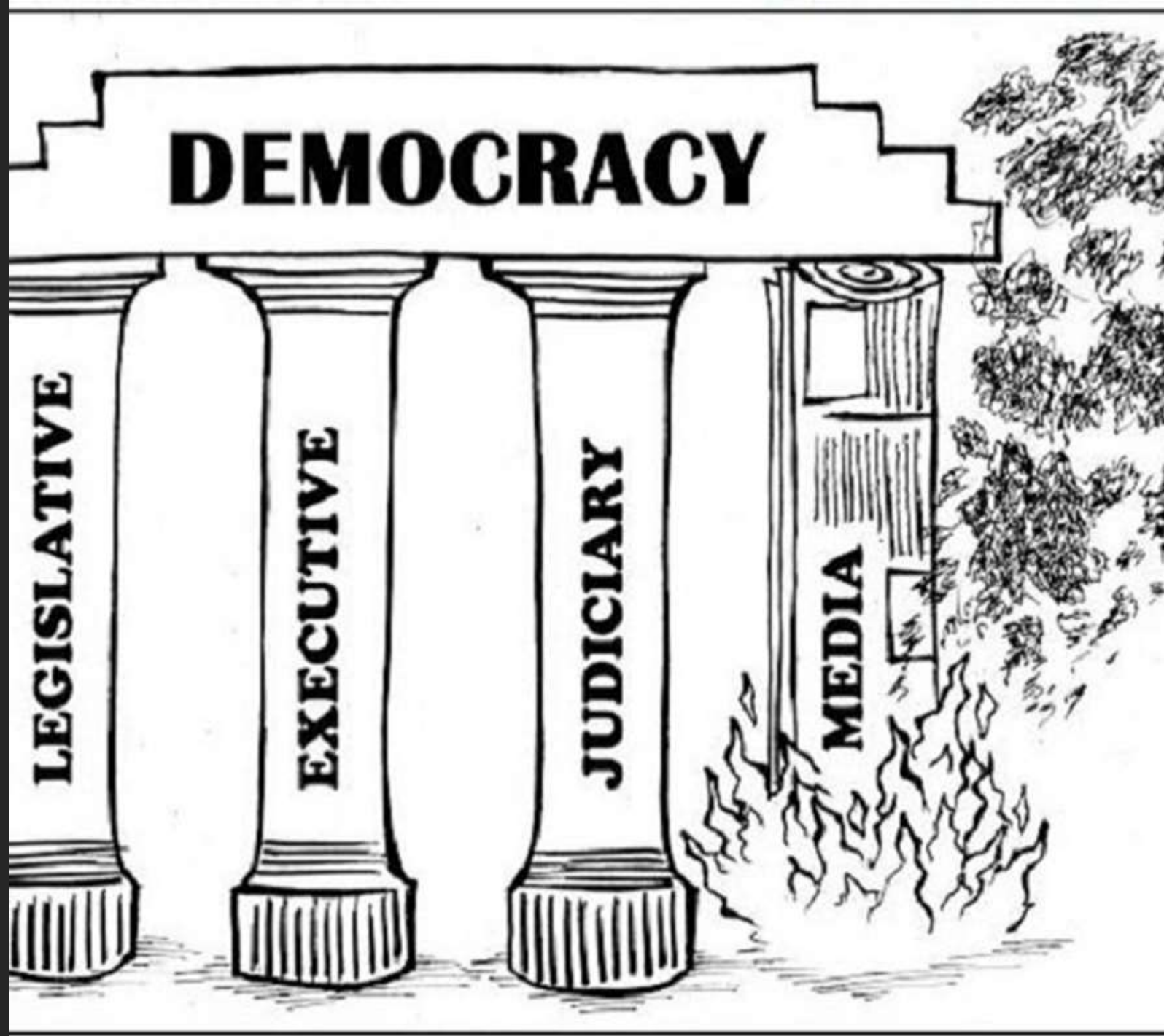
CONSPIRACY THEORIES IN 10 POINTS

**1. Never use the word
conspiracy**
Alternative information
vs. official versions



2. INSTILL DOUBTS OVER THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA

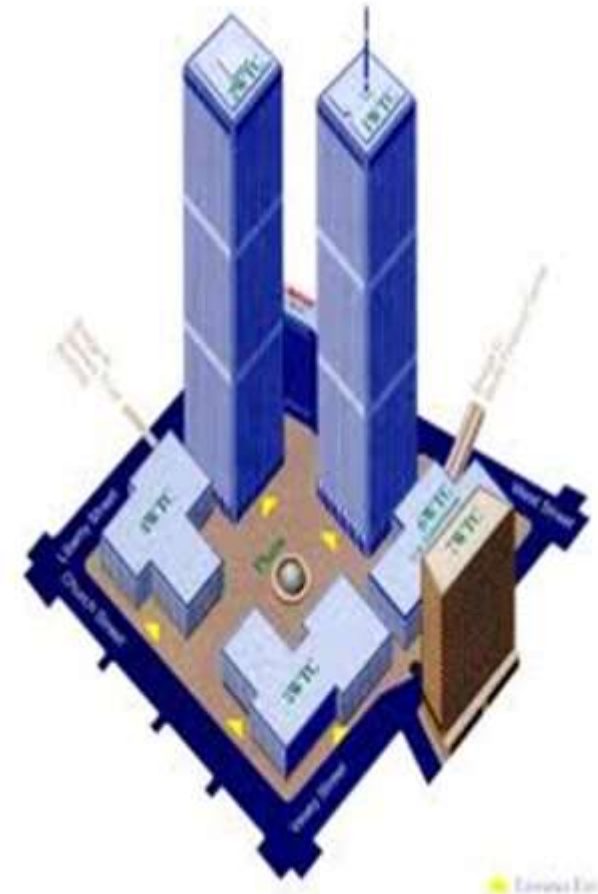
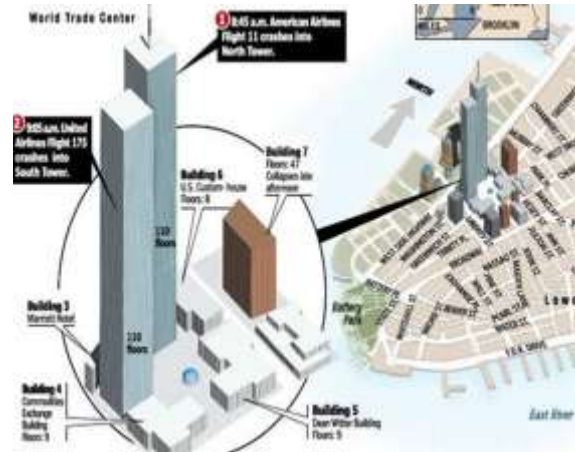
Official versions of
events or situations
necessarily **fabricated**



3. MAKE YOUR THEORY LOOK AUTHENTIC

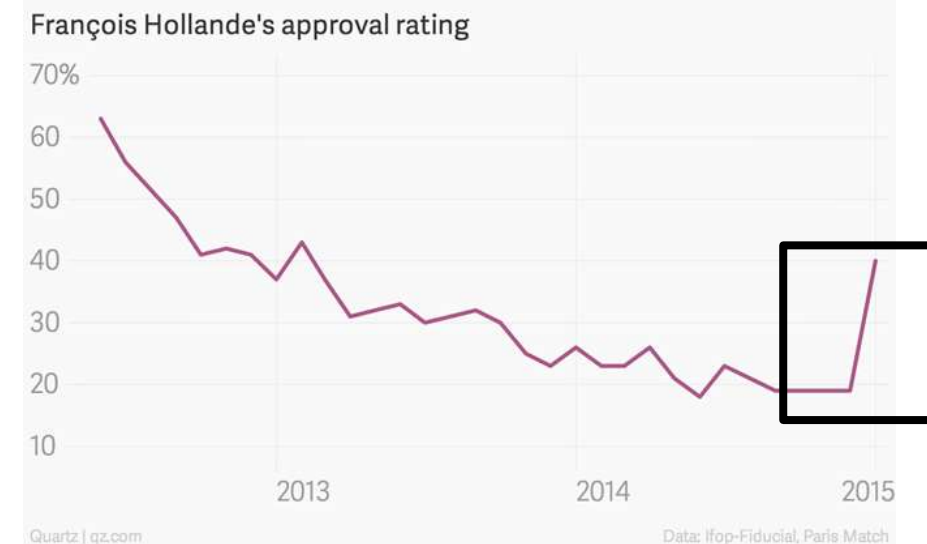
Rely on science and
reason to prove your
point

Add hypertexts, notes,
graphics, 3-D maps, aerial
pictures...



4. ASK YOURSELVES: WHO BENEFITS FROM THE SITUATION?

French President's
popularity jumped
following the 2015 terror
attacks in Paris



THE ASSASSINATION OF FRANZ FERDINAND

The First World War made
the 1918 Bolshevik
Revolution possible

Does that mean a
Communist pulled the
trigger?



5. LOOK FOR “TROUBLING
DETAILS” & ANOMALIES





6. REFUSE COINCIDENCES

The **interpretation** of
coincidences & troubling
details



7. BE MINDFUL OF HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS

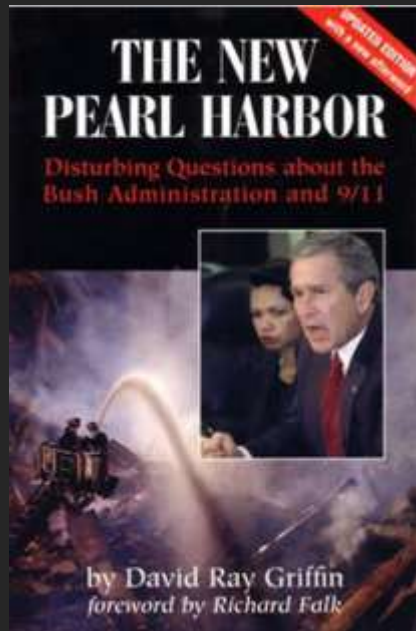
Past CIA covert operations



8. Never underestimate the enemy

Impossible that a handful of individuals could have masterminded 9/11

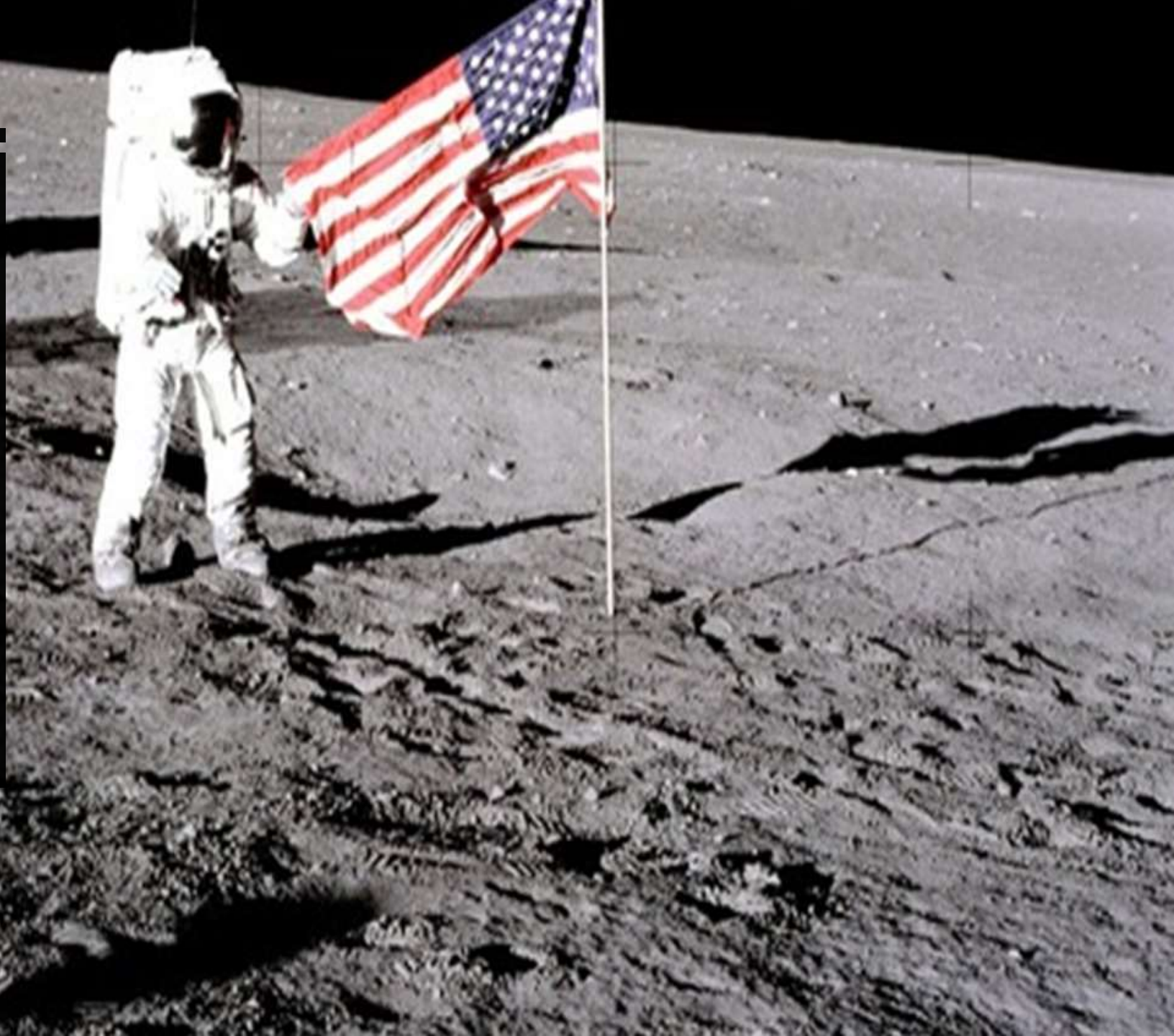
U.S. secret services should have prevented the attacks

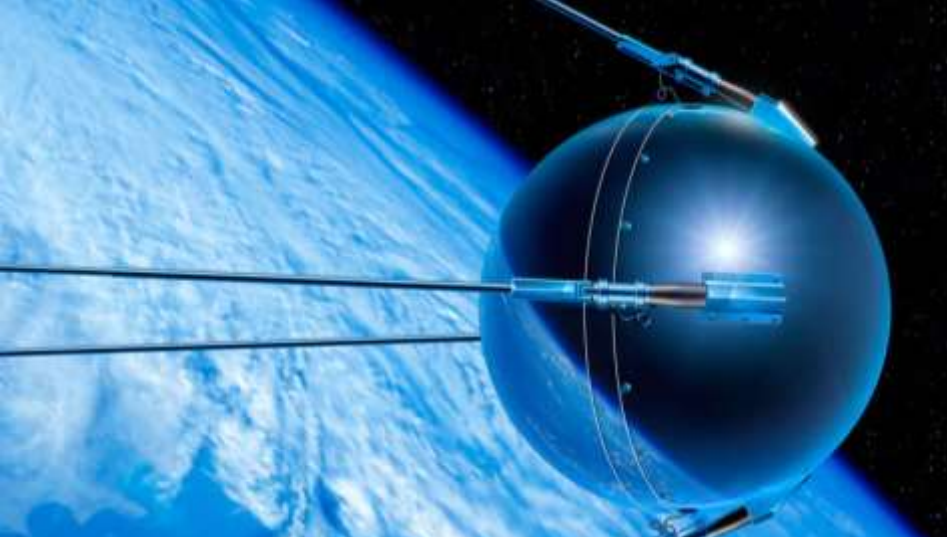


9. NEVER OVERESTIMATE YOUR ADVERSARY

Conspiracy theory: no
Astronaut ever walked on the
moon

Images fabricated (no stars in
the sky) to impress the Soviet
Union following multiple
failures





THE SPACE RACE

1957: the launch of the *Sputnik*

Yuri Gagarin: the first human
to journey into outer space
(1961)



The 1970s: a decade of
heightened mistrust
towards the government

The Watergate scandal

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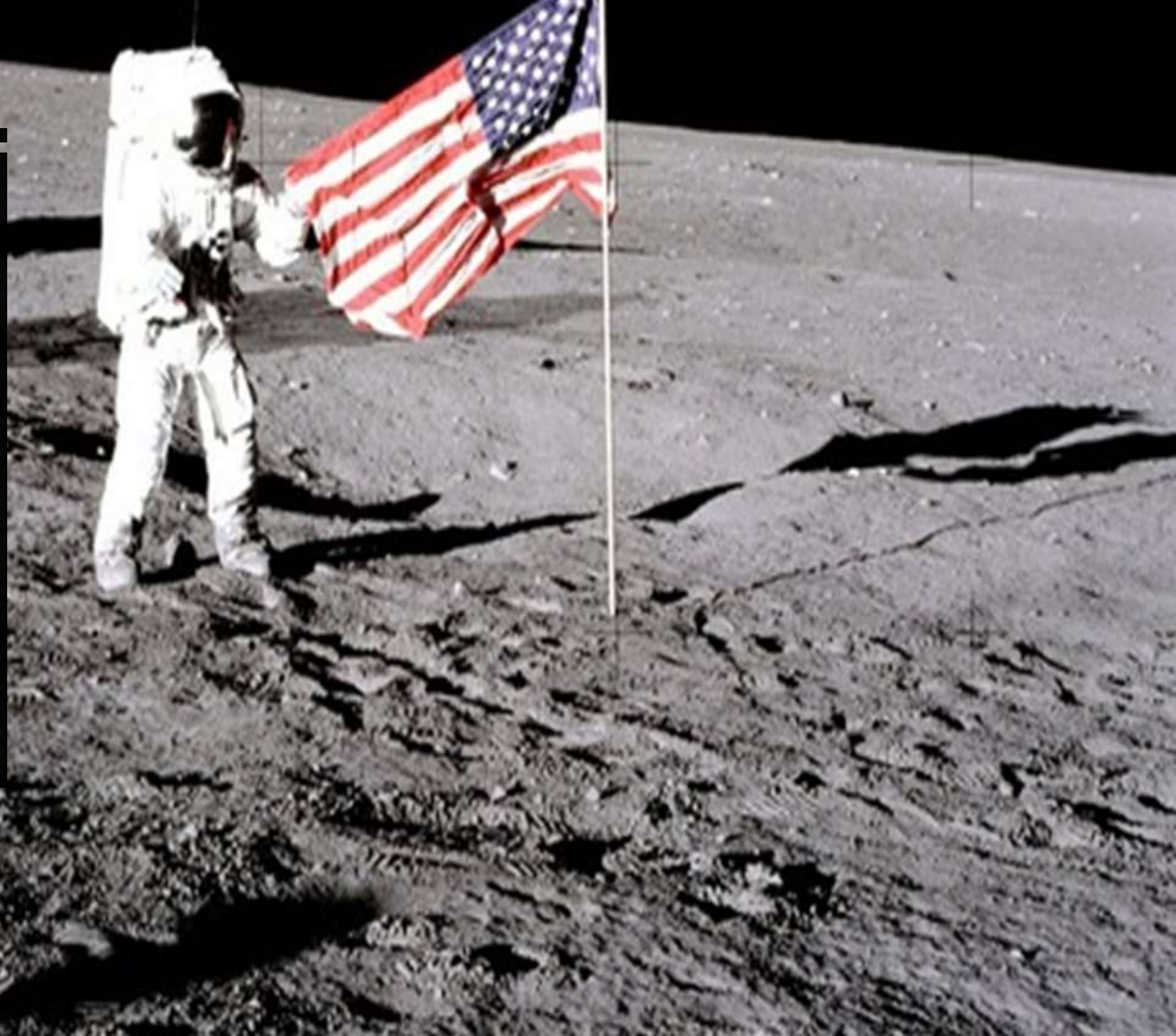


10. REJECT COUNTER- ARGUMENTS

Why did The U.S. flag float
despite lack of wind?

Why no crater underneath
the space module?

Why no stars in the sky?

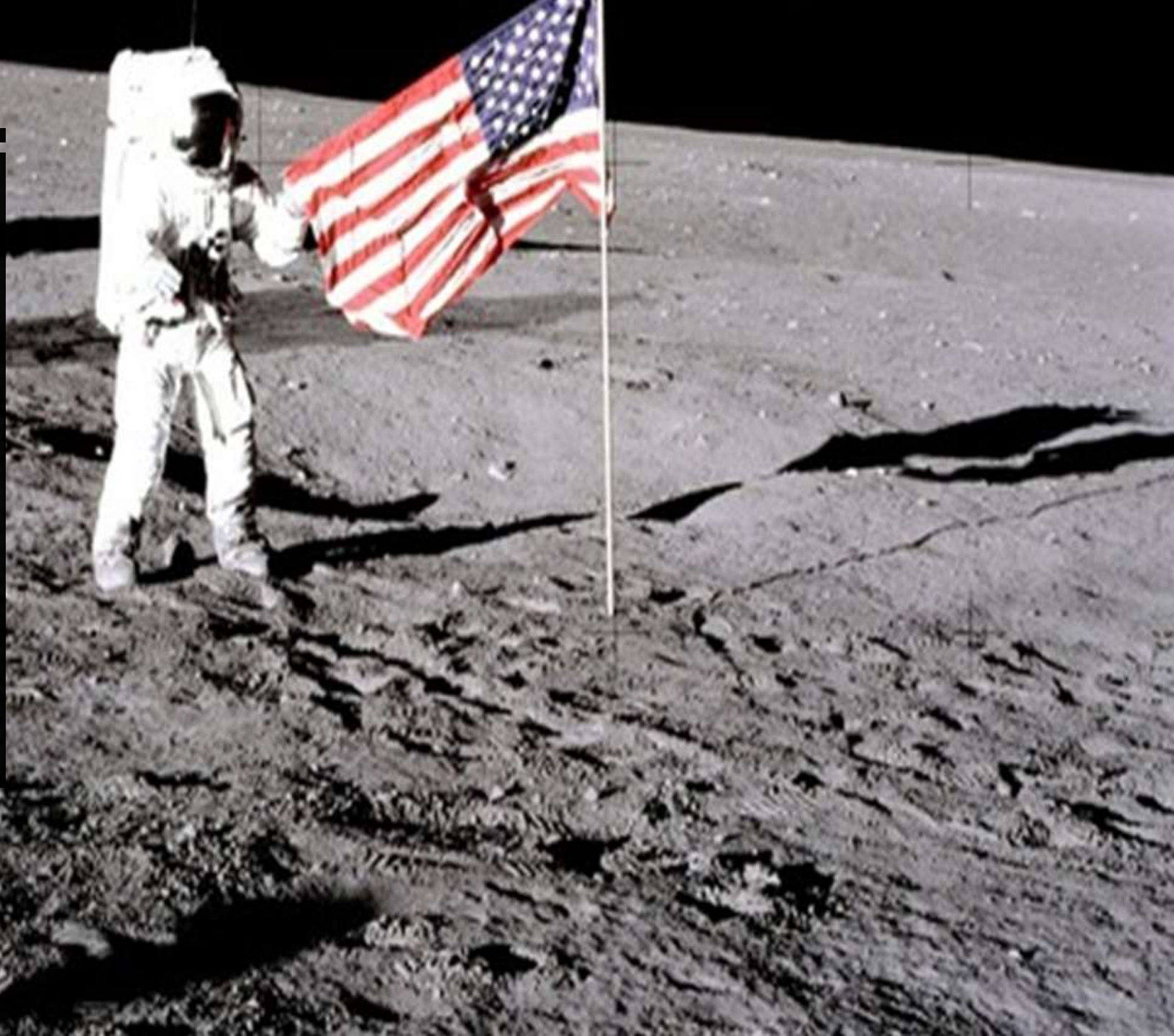


WHY NO STARS IN THE
SKY?

A simple explanation:
the cameras on the
Moon set to capture the
astronauts in focus
(exposition to light)



American government
stupid enough to forget
to add a few stars in the
sky?







WHY NO CRATER
UNDERNEATH THE SPACE
MODULE?

The composition of the Moon's surface

CONSPIRACY THEORIES: A
BRIGHT FUTURE...

