

The United Stories of Conspiracy

On the networks and influencers of untruths

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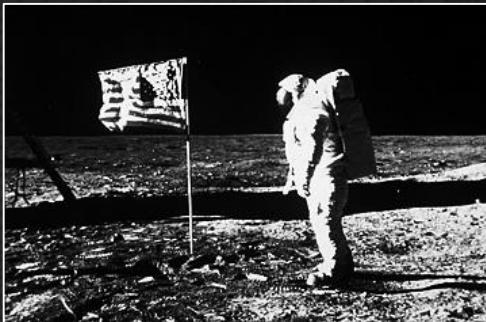
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Why Understand Conspiracy Theory Networks?

Understand how misinformation spreads

Potentially harm lives

Increased skepticism in the government

Sources:

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How Conspiracy Theories Spread

Influencer driven vs self sustaining

Resistance vs acceptance to facts

How different types of conspiracies propagate

Can they be stopped?

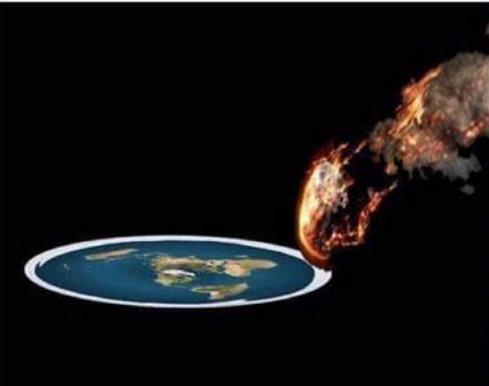
How did we track our Conspiracy Theories?

Find the hashtags most commonly used with a conspiracy theory

Typically contraditors use the same hashtag with words like conspiracy suffixed to it

Find those conspiracy theories that have a good amount of tweets to be able to put a graph together

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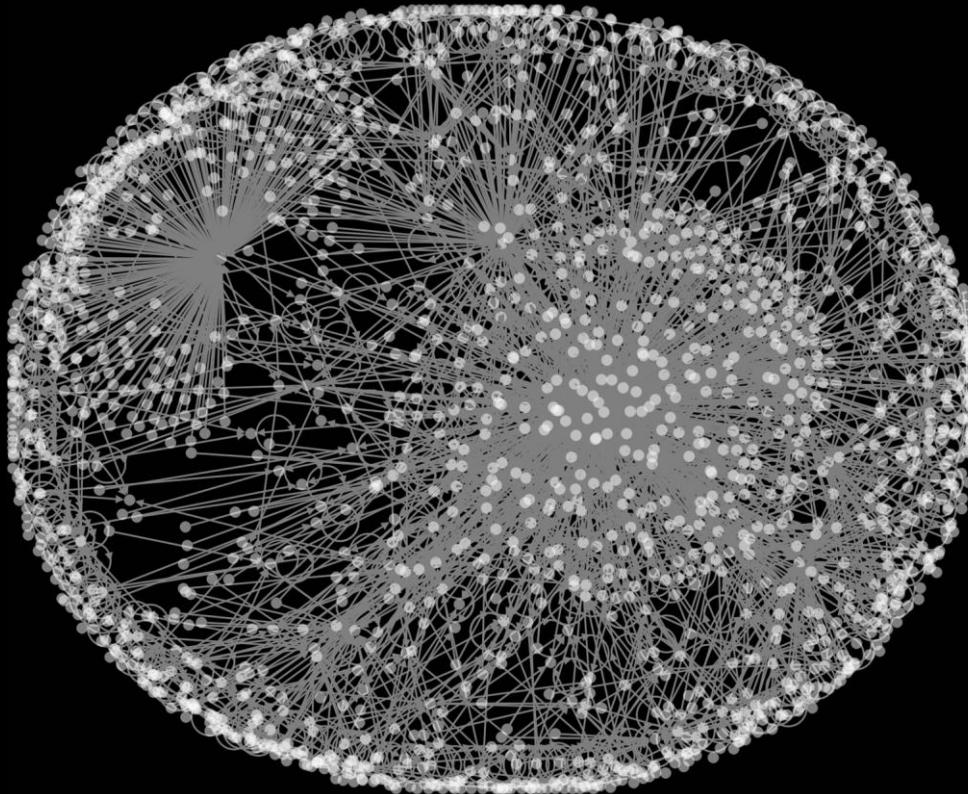
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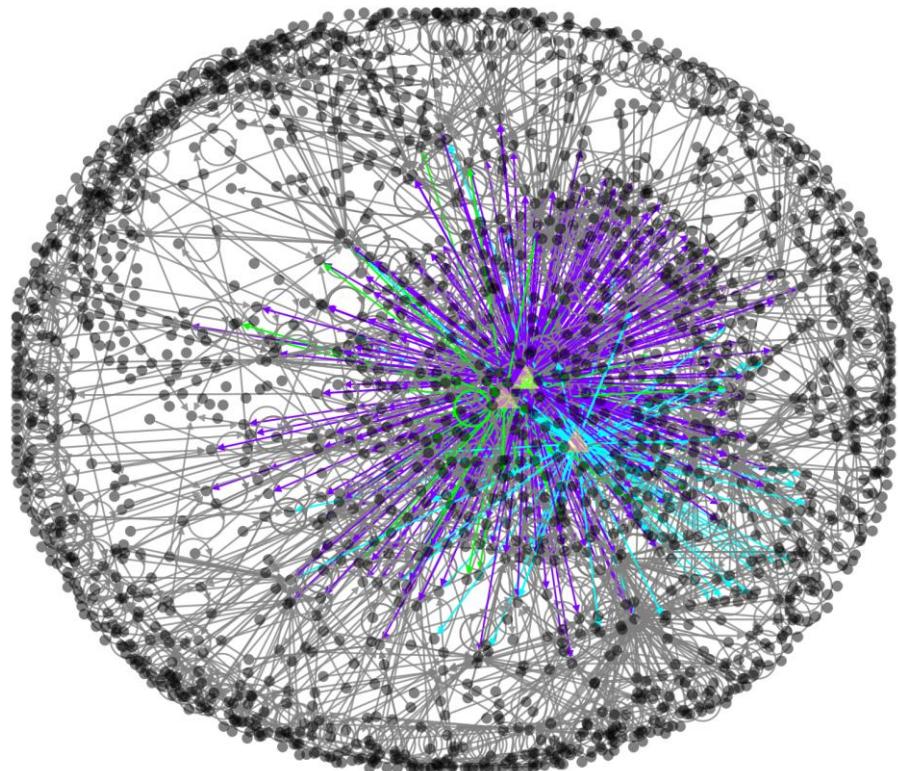
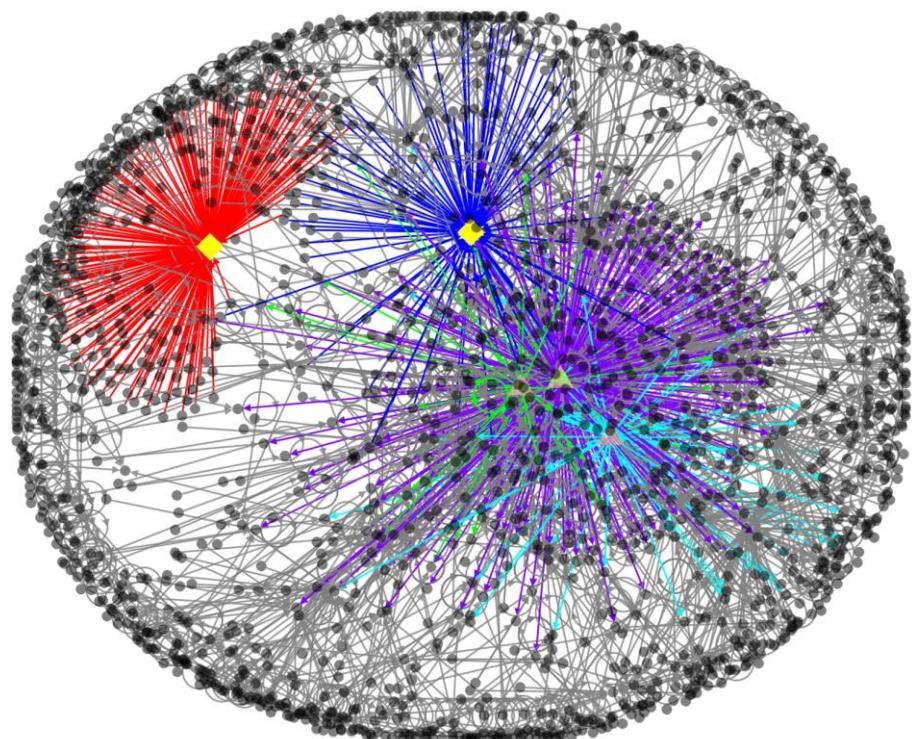


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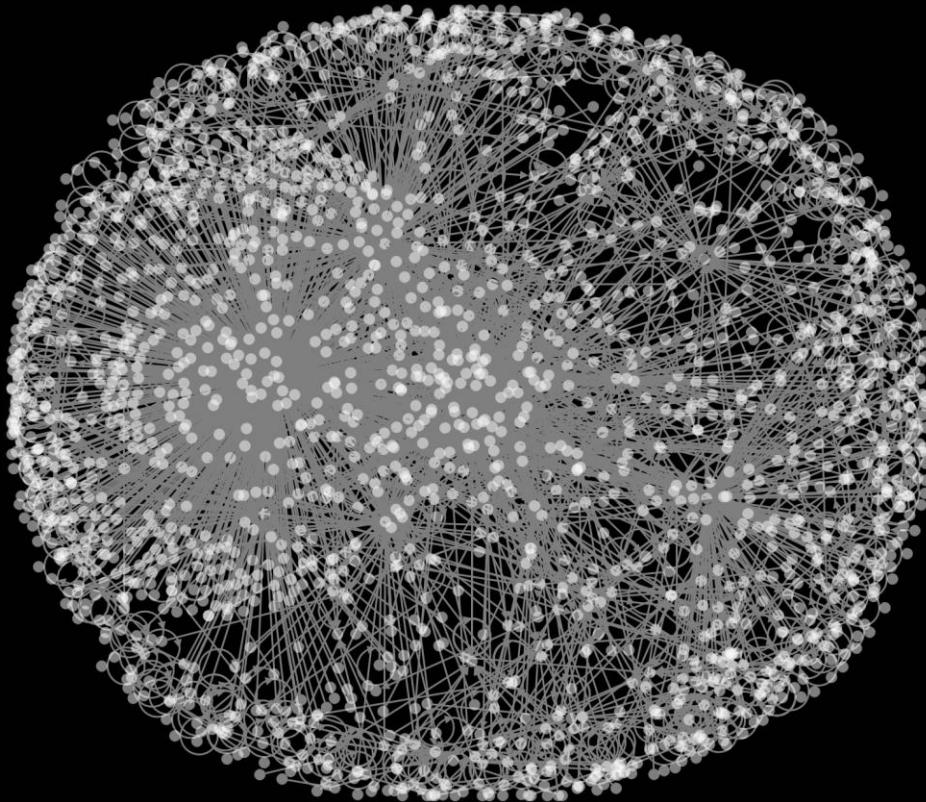


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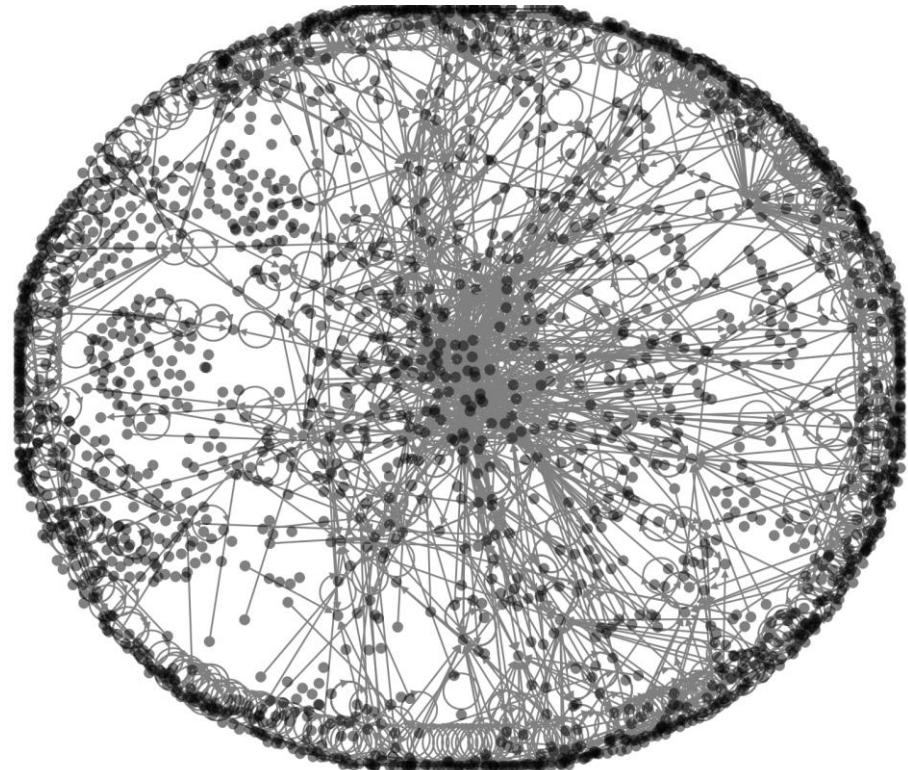
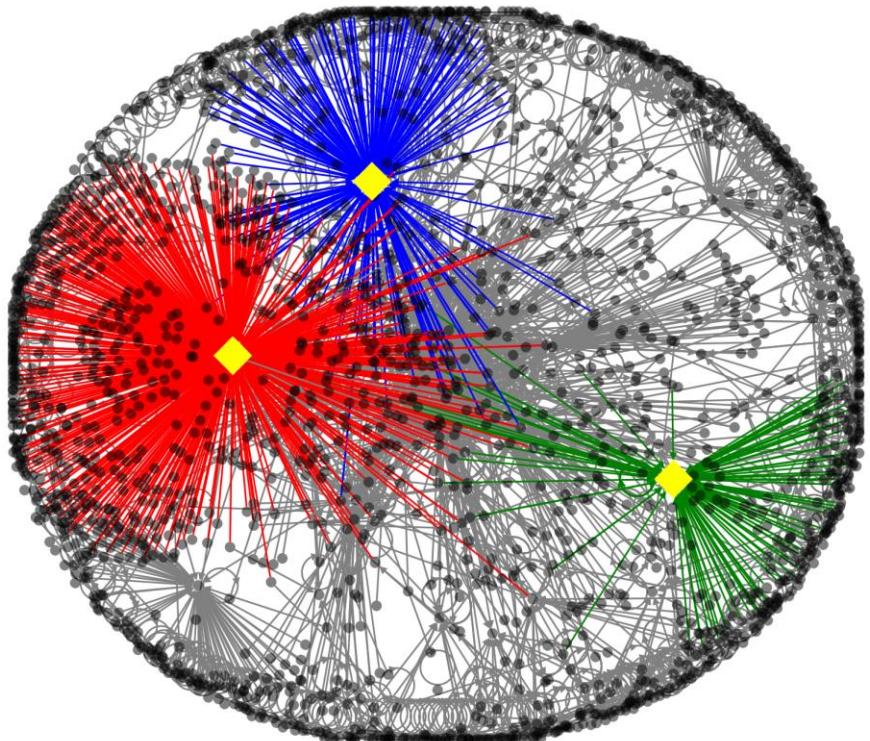
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Chemtrails



Chemtrails



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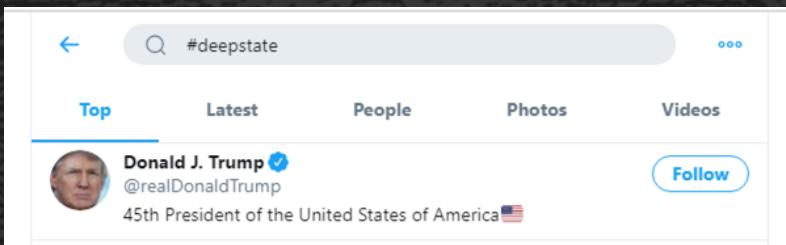
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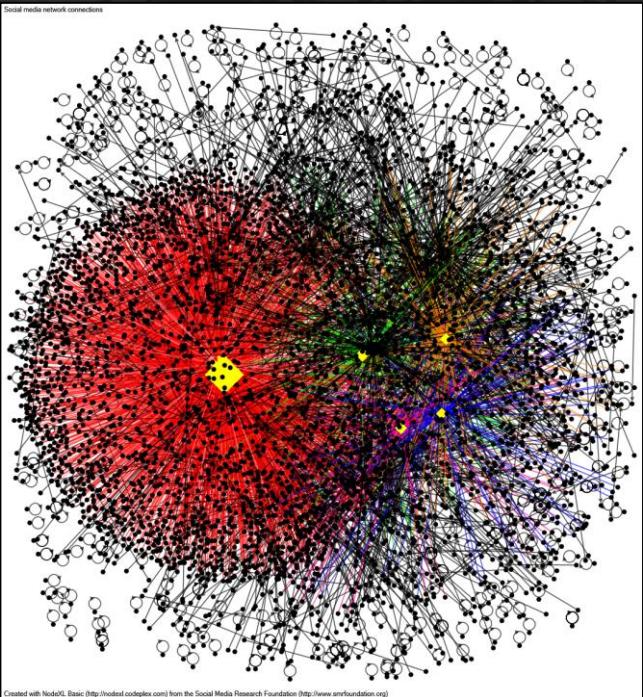
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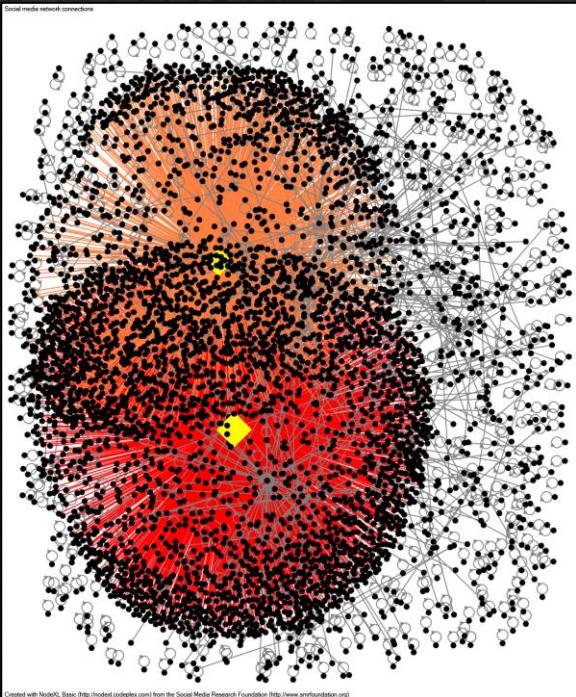


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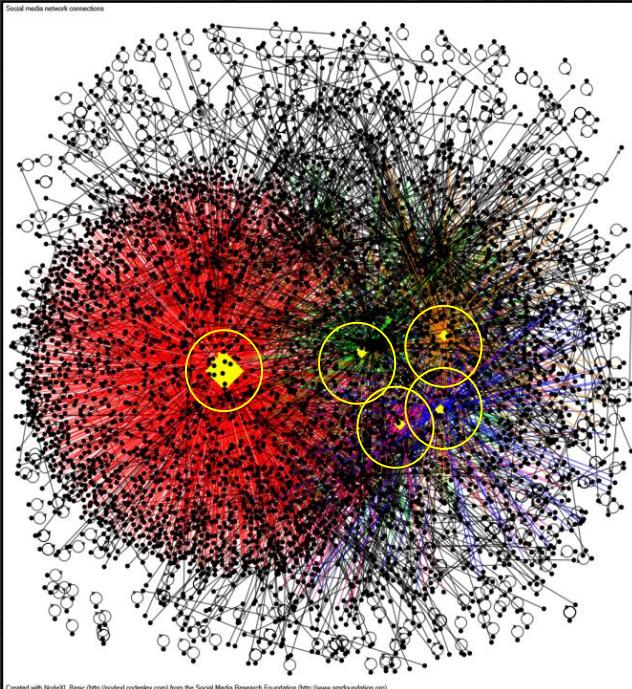


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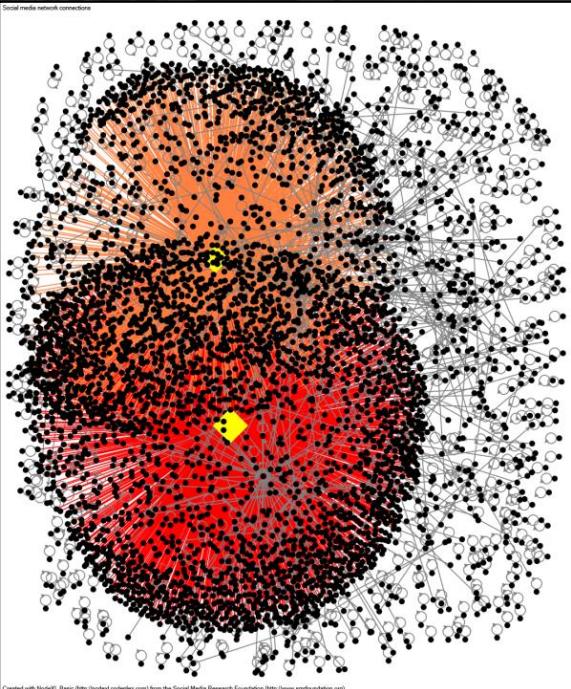
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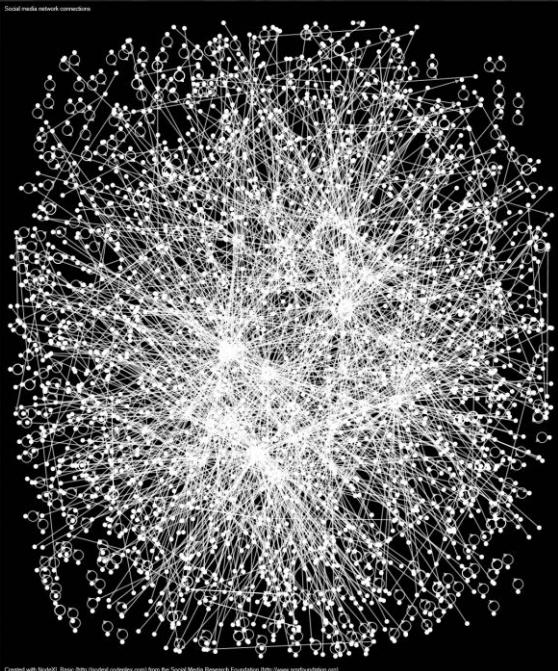
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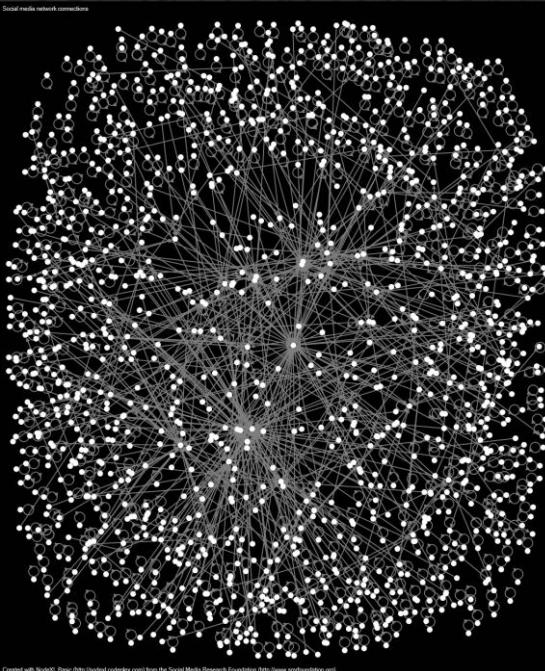
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What is the Iowa Caucus conspiracy?

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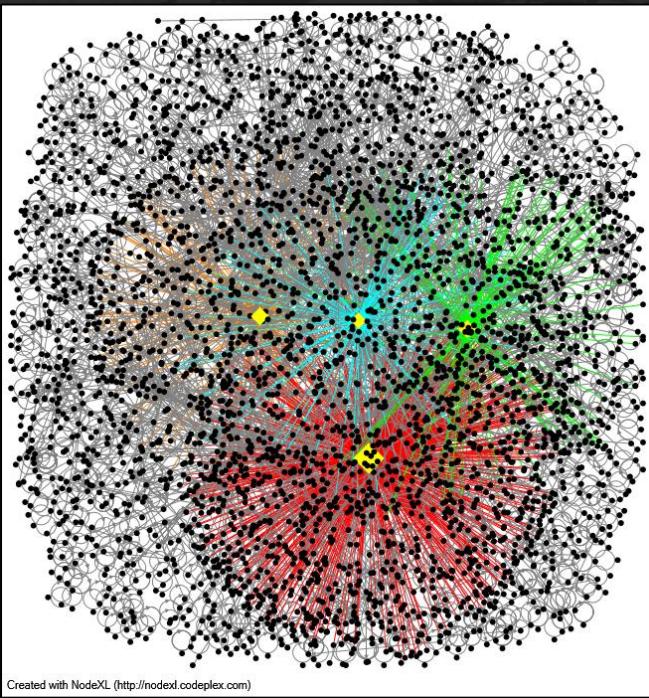
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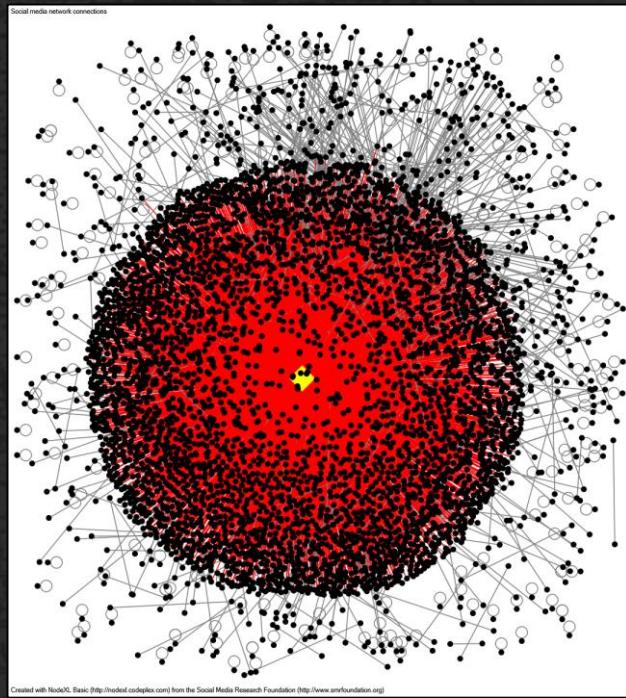
A panicked electorate is more susceptible to believing claims without evidence.

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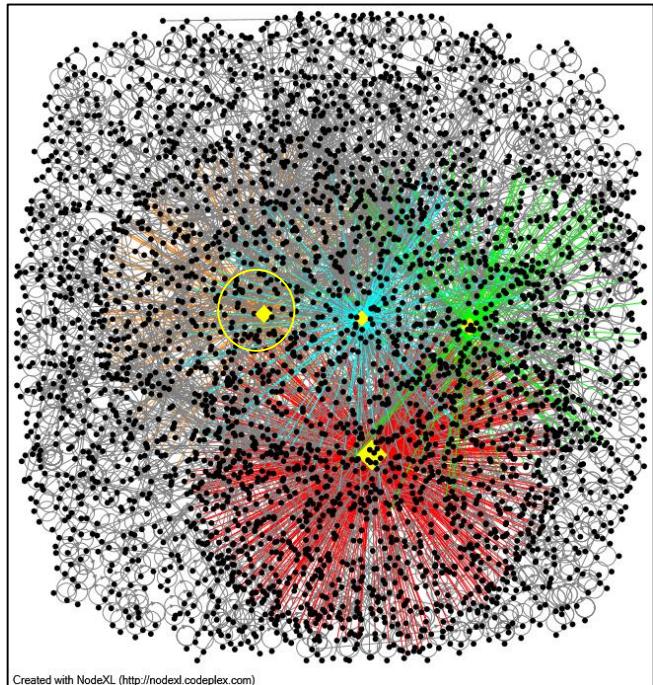


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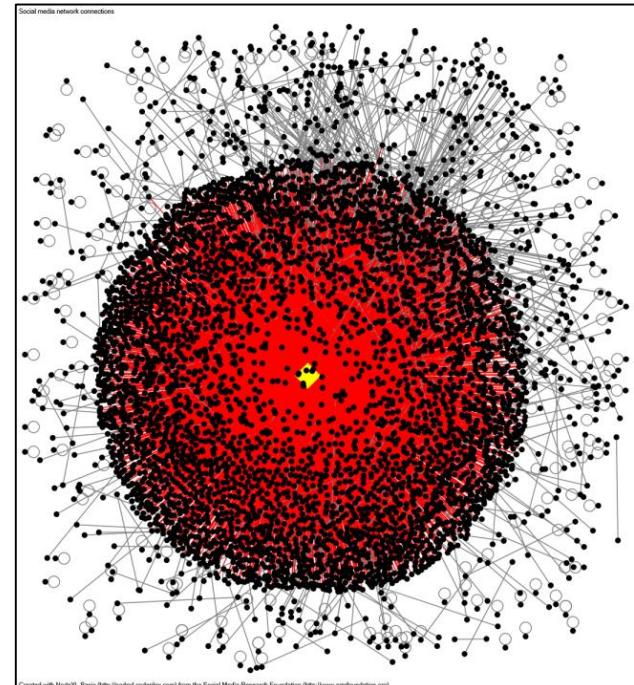


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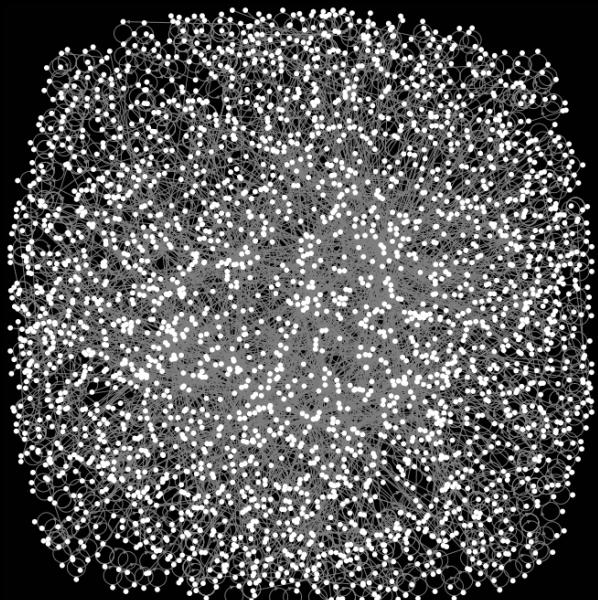


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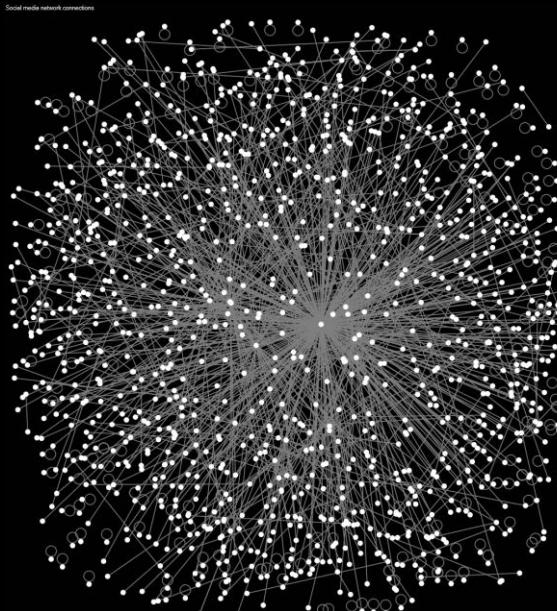
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