Alex Jones Apologizes for Promoting 'Pizzagate' Hoax

Alex Jones a prominent conspiracy theorist and the host of a popular right-wing radio show has apologized for helping to spread and promote the hoax known as Pizzagate. The admission on Friday by Mr. Jones the host of "The Alex Jones Show" and the operator of the website Infowars was striking. In addition to promoting the Pizzagate conspiracy theory he has contended that the Sept. 11 attacks were inside jobs carried out by the United States government and that the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Conn. was a hoax concocted by those hostile to the Second Amendment. The Pizzagate theory which posited with no evidence that top Democratic officials were involved with a satanic child pornography ring centered around Comet Ping Pong a pizza restaurant in Washington D.C. grew in online forums before making its way to more visible venues including Mr. Jones's show. And its prominence after the election drew attention to the proliferation of false and misleading news much of it politically charged that circulated on platforms like Facebook Twitter and YouTube.