

4 Info Wars: Alex Jones

- A.** Read the text to find general information: type of document, time, topic, place, people.
- B.** Find information about: Alex Jones's activity; beliefs; influence; past and present communication tools.
- C. Have your say.** Do you think such a website should be forbidden? Explain.



Since launching his broadcast career, [Alex Jones] has become a multiplatform prophet of paranoia who sees diabolical plots in every turn of the news cycle.

[...] Jones, who loves to draw analogies to sci-fi classics like *Dune* and *Star Wars*, sees the 21st century as a kind of fanboy-fantasy landscape populated by three groups: a rebel alliance of liberty-loving patriots (his fans); masses of consumerist sheep (those who ignore him); and a sadistic elite (global bankers and their agents), forever tightening¹ the screws on the imperiled remnants² of human freedom.

[According to him] the New World Order³'s methods are many: manufactured economic crises, sophisticated surveillance tech and – above all – inside-job terror attacks that fuel exploitable hysteria. The endgame, Jones believes, is a mass eugenics operation that will depopulate the planet by poisoning our food and water with fluoride, radioactive isotopes and various futuristic toxic

soups being engineered in New World Order laboratories.

[...] By disseminating such theories over the airwaves and online, where followers can get the word out faster than any film distributor, Jones can draw a million viewers within days [...]. "In the past, such theories were circulated in booklets, books, public speeches and sermons," says Chip Berlet, who studies conspiracy culture [...]. "Jones reaches more people over the Internet than any conspiracy crank in U.S. history."

1 resserer • 2 vestiges • 3 A conspiracy involving very rich and powerful people plotting mass population reduction and a one world government.

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YOUR TURN! 5 Fact checking: true or false?

- A.** Look at the picture. Identify the type of document. What do you think it is about?
- B.** Read the text on **Worksheet n°37**. Check your hypotheses: were you right?
- C.** Do you think it is a fake? Explain.
- D.** Browse the Internet to check your answer.

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