

How to Get People to Listen to Your Insane Ideas

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Ever have an idea and share it with your pals, only to get laughed at? (Apparently, attaching firebombs to bats to make “firebats” is a bad idea.)

Then again, there are people hailed as a visionary no matter what they say, which begs the question, “How can I also get my ideas out there?”

Here’s how I can convince you to lead a legion of firebats on my behalf:

1. **Say your “proof” before your idea.** Imagine this: “Bats often choose attics and warehouses as nesting places; since the enemy would not suspect anything of bats, they are the ideal means by which firebombs can be carried into enemy territory.” Sounds super legit now!
2. **Have the conversation already be on a related topic.** Imagine if the topic is how to get revenge on your ex. Upon hearing this idea, you *want* what I say to be true. I wouldn’t even have to do any work; you will delude yourself into thinking this is the next sliced bread!
3. **Give them a good reason to want to believe you are right.** Maybe you are concerned about the morality of blowing up cute animals. What if I told you that bats are evil creatures who are destructive pests? Now, you won’t be killing bats; you are doing the world a favor by ridding it of both a few bats and your awful ex.

Now there’s no way you’ll shoot down firebats; on the contrary, you’ll think they are just too “fly”.

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