

# Oh My God! It's a Conspiracy Theory!

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*Americans must be eternally vigilant against outrageous conspiracy theories.*

**The Clueless Conservative (laughing uproariously):** Ha! Ha! Ha!  
Ha!! Ha!! Ha!! HA! HA! HA! HA!! HA!! HA!!

**The Average American:** What is so funny? I could use a good laugh!

**The Clueless Conservative:** HA!! HA!! HA!! HA!! HA!! HA!! HA!!  
HA!! HA!! HA!! HA!! HA!! (URK CHOKE)

**The Average American (pounding on the Clueless Conservative's back):** It's ok. Calm down. Take a deep breath. Breathe slowly. That's it. Keep breathing slowly.

**The Clueless Conservative:** Oh, dear. (pant pant pant) Oh, dear.

**The Average American:** Just keep breathing slowly and deeply. That's it.

**The Clueless Conservative:** OK. (pant pant) I'm ok now. (pant) Really, I'm feeling better. Boy that is too funny.

**The Average American:** OK, so what is so funny?

**The Clueless Conservative:** I was just reading the most ridiculous conspiracy theory on the Web. I mean just absolutely nuts.

**The Average American:** You mean like the one that giant shape shifting green lizard men from outer space are secretly running the

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world and that both George W. Bush and Tony Blair are secretly shape shifting lizard men from outer space?

**The Clueless Conservative:** Uh, no.

**The Average American:** Strange little gray creatures from Zeta Reticuli are secretly abducting hillbillies with some American Indian ancestry, social workers, and other unimportant people to have sex with them and produce a race of alien-human hybrids with extreme intelligence and psychic powers to take over the world?

**The Clueless Conservative:** Uh, no.

**The Average American:** And the CIA knows all about it and is helping the aliens do it under the terms of a secret treaty that Eisenhower made with the gray aliens in 1953?

**The Clueless Conservative:** Uh, no.

**The Average American:** So what is this ridiculous conspiracy theory?

**The Clueless Conservative (incredulous):** Well these liberal nut jobs like Arianna Huffington and Naomi Klein say that Goldman Sachs is secretly running the United States!

**The Average American (puzzled):** It's a secret?

**The Clueless Conservative (incredulous):** These conspiracy theorists say that Treasury Secretary Hank "The Hammer" Paulson actually placed the narrow financial interests of his former employer Goldman Sachs above the national interest and engineered a disastrous bailout of Goldman Sachs in the guise of preventing another Great Depression! Can you believe that!

**The Average American:** Er, well, it does look a lot like that.

**The Clueless Conservative (incredulous):** These conspiracy theorists actually suggest that AIG was bailed out because it owed Goldman Sachs billions of dollars! HA! HA! HA! HA! Can you believe that! HA! HA! HA! HA! And they suggest that Edward Liddy has a conflict of interest because he owns over three millions dollars in Goldman Sachs stock!

**The Average American:** Edward who?

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**The Clueless Conservative:** Edward Liddy is the selfless businessman who volunteered to run AIG after the government took it over. These liberal nut job conspiracy theorists suggest ... HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! ... that he might be part of a ... HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! ... conspiracy orchestrated by ... HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!... Goldman Sachs!

**The Average American:** Er, um, could be.

**The Clueless Conservative:** These liberal nut job conspiracy theorists actually believe that ...HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!... Goldman Sachs has such powerful political connections in the socialist Obama Administration and the socialist Democratic Party that the *socialists* are secretly bailing out Goldman Sachs!

**The Average American (puzzled again):** It's a secret?

**The Clueless Conservative:** HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! These conspiracy theorists claim that the socialist Obama's appointment of Gary Gensler as head of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission proves it! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

**The Average American:** Gary who?

**The Clueless Conservative:** Gary HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! Gensler. He worked for Goldman Sachs for eighteen years, made partner at 30. Just because he worked for Goldman Sachs, these nut jobs see a conspiracy! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! Just because the CFTC happens to regulate all the derivative securities that Goldman Sachs trades! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! Isn't that ridiculous!!!

**The Average American (uncertainly):** It doesn't sound very socialist.

**The Clueless Conservative:** HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! Not only that but these conspiracy nuts point to other Goldman Sachs alumni appointed to key positions by the *socialist* Obama! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! I mean isn't that totally ridiculous? I mean to hear them tell it the Republicans and Democrats *are doing the same thing!* HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

**The Average American:** Er, um, could be.

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**The Clueless Conservative (laughing uproariously again):** HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! And these loony conspiracy theorists actually say that Goldman Sachs is running a conspiracy that is undermining American democracy...*like the Communist Party before Reagan beat them!!!* HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

**The Average American (looking glum):** Er, um, could be.

**The Clueless Conservative (stops laughing):** You're not laughing!

**The Average American:** It really doesn't seem that funny to me.

**(long pause)**

**The Clueless Conservative (shocked):** Oh My God! You are a conspiracy theorist! Oh My God! Oh My God! I'll bet you don't even believe the Warren Commission Report!

**The Average American (defensively):** Er, um, well..., to be honest, I have my doubts.

**The Clueless Conservative (shrieking):** Oh My God! It's a conspiracy theorist! Oh My God! Oh My God! It's a conspiracy theorist!

*The Clueless Conservative runs off in terror shouting "It's a conspiracy theorist!" over and over again..*

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