

**THURS (04/18/2019)****CREW:**

Director: Kaitlyn

Assistant Director: Camille

Teleprompter: Quincie

Technical Director: Julia

CPU: Hope

**Anchor 1: Tolou****\*\* make sure anchors are connected to these mics \*\*****Anchor 2: Molly****Anchor 3: Stacy Cabrera**

Floor Manager: Oliver

Camera 1: Billy

Camera 2: Noah

Camera 3: Hunter

Audio: Shay

**STORY RUN:**

- Disclaimer (CPU)
- Teasers (conspiracy theory, conspiracy theory, this is the MMN) (CPU)
- Conspiracy #1 Maya and Oliver (CPU)
- Conspiracy #2 Tolou and Shay (CPU)
- Live Interview with Cabrera
- Sports Intro (CPU)
- Sports Newsbrief (CPU)
- Sports Soundbite (CPU)
- Sports Outro (CPU)
- Humans of Mira Costa: Brett (CPU)

**MOVES THAT NEED TO HAPPEN:****→ At the start of the show:**

C1: over the shoulder shot of Tolou

C2: MCU Tolou and Molly

C3: MCU Cabrera

**→ During sports intro:**

C1: moves to a MCU of Molly

C2: repositions to be a MCU of Molly and Tolou, during sports intro / sports newsbrief, even though Molly is reading for sports anchor. C2 needs to be ready for Molly to hop over during the sports intro

C3: needs to move to a wide shot of the set, including the 2 other cameras

**LIVE INTERVIEW QUESTION / ANSWER PROMPT SHEET:**

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**What is the harm in someone believing in a conspiracy theory that isn't factual?**

- Many of these conspiracies lead to cultic activity, and in some cases, even extreme levels of personal or mass violence
- And while we find some of the more benign beliefs entertaining, there is some true harm not just to the belief in those conspiracies, but in the way we *treat* those who believe in them and what this says about our ability to help dissuade people from erroneous ideas
- Conspiracy theories begin in ways that *most* knowledge begins—with an ardent desire to explain experience and impose order and structure on a world where humans have become quite adept at recognizing patterns
- In a more harmless sense, we rely on this kind of thinking in our daily lives. I washed my car a month ago, and the next day it rained. At this point, I *know* that if I wash my car, it will just rain on it tomorrow, so no sense in wasting my money. The Angels have won four straight games because I have been watching every night. When I did not watch, they lost. So, reason stands that I *have* to watch their games in order for the win streak to continue. Causation, though, is harder to actually account for in measurement.
- a personal desire to advocate for a personal belief, which drives one to use *only* the evidence which confirms the previously-held belief. In a formal setting, *this* is what happens when starting with an idea or a belief, or an argumentative claim, and *then* researching information to support it
- Media may also (intentionally, or unintentionally) contribute to the continuance of these kinds of fallacious reasoning as well, though it may just be a natural pitfall of our reliance on language. This can be seen in news headings, or in character-limited online media

posts, where language is simplified for the sake of catching attention (or to fit the limitations): commonly the heading “Seat Belts Save Lives” portends accuracy.

- Unlike the examples given above, in which belief generally get overturned by objective scientific or sociological studies, *belief* in conspiracy theories are not often *weakened* by further evidence (this might actually be the results of deeper, more entrenched confirmation-bias, but causality has failed to be established in this argument here).

### How do we open up a discussion about the relationship between facts and our personal beliefs?

- Conspiracy theories are not simply ideas in themselves like many of the other realms of knowledge discussed above; instead, they say far more about the *believer* and the way the believer has been *treated* in his or her beliefs by those who do not hold the same values, suggesting that unlike some forms of knowledge, beliefs in conspiracies tend to be far more personal and entrenched in the believer’s identity.
- finding personal pleasure in the need to ‘wake up’ their interlocutors from what they believe to be deeply troubling and often ‘stupid’ ideas—but, Ignorance *is* Strength, as they say. While ‘giving people the facts’ seems like the quickest and easiest method for overturning false beliefs, this is generally not an effective method
- As a result of conversations driven by the desire to ‘debunk’ a conspiracy theory, what happens is what is called the *Backfire Effect*: the conspiracy, in the act of ‘debunking’ it, becomes far more memorable than the evidence used against it;
- A Conspiracy Theory believer has wrapped up the belief in his or her personal identity.
- The arguer dismisses the argument *and* the believer by choosing to no longer engage the discussion, thereby dismissing not only the belief, but the believer.
- We return back to comfort, no longer needing to cope with discomfort as we have more control over our experiences. We no longer *need* to listen to a variety of opinions, and we can surround ourselves, both in daily life (for the most part) *and* in digital life, with reinforcement for our own views.
- though the long-term solutions would require substantial changes to social outlook that often results from overhauls to our youngest “influences”—children in schools. In the short term though, what we need to begin to employ is a far more humanistic, empathetic historical understanding to others and to dialogue.
- Instead of ‘debunking’ where side-by-sides are shown of the ‘facts’ of the myth versus the *real* facts, we need to simply be able to talk about what is True. To do so requires restraint, and limitation. We cannot challenge entire world views, but we *should* offer explanations that work in line with the underlying assumptions and presuppositions of those who operate with conspiracies.
- This is why conspiracies are often so compelling to begin with, they entertain. To present facts as neutral and dry—however True—does not necessarily impact the emotionally-driven, and will not dissuade beliefs held on such a ground; to do so is to use apples against oranges.

- We have to be aware of our *own* cognitive processes, our own personal biases, and also recognize that holding *any* belief in so steadfast a way provides us little room to grow and truly learn.

R 1 OVER-THE-SHOULDER		
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<p>SHOT OF TOLOU / CABRERA  R 2 MCU 2 ANCHORS  R 3 MCU CABRERA</p> <p>SB OPEN CPU AUDIO  SB &gt; MUSIC  SB ROLL DISCLAIMER  R CPU</p> <p>SB OPEN MICS  SB Q TALENT</p> <p>SB CLOSE MICS</p> <p>SB OPEN MICS  SB &gt; CPU AUDIO  SB &lt;&lt; 2  SB Q TALENT</p>	<p>OPEN CPU AUDIO</p> <p>&gt; MUSIC  ROLL DISCLAIMER  T CPU</p> <p>OPEN MICS</p> <p>Q TALENT</p> <p>CLOSE MICS</p> <p>OPEN MICS</p>	<p><b><u>(DISCLAIMER)</u></b></p> <p>(ROSKIN)  CAN VACCINATING YOUR CHILD CAUSE AUTISM? ARE BIRDS JUST GOVERNMENT DRONES?</p> <p>(SHAMS)  HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE BEING DUPED? WE'LL HEAR FROM AN EXPERT ABOUT HOW TO TELL FACT FROM FICTION.</p> <p>(ROSKIN)  THIS IS THE MUSTANG MORNING NEWS, LIVE FROM MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL.</p> <p><b><u>(INTRO)</u></b></p>
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<p>SB OPEN CPU AUDIO SB ROLL STORY 1 R CPU SB CLOSE MICS</p>	<p>T2 Q TALENT CLOSE CPU AUDIO</p> <p>OPEN CPU AUDIO</p>	<p>(SHAMS) YOU WOULDN'T WALK ACROSS A BUSY STREET WHEN CARS HAVE A GREEN LIGHT OR EAT SOMETHING YOU ARE ALLERGIC TO.</p> <p>ONLINE IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO TELL WHAT IS A FACT, BUT THE CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT KNOWING CAN BE JUST AS DANGEROUS.</p> <p>(ROSKIN) TOLOU SHAMS AND SHAY MISHRA HELP US FIGURE OUT HOW TO TELL FACT FROM FICTION.</p>
<p>SB OPEN MICS R2 SB Q TALENT SB CLOSE CPU AUDIO</p>	<p>ROLL STORY 2 T CPU CLOSE MICS</p> <p>*AUDIO DIRECTOR WILL HAVE TO TURN ON MOLLY'S MIC ONCE SHE MOVES AND IS SEATED IN THE SPORTS SECTION. PROBABLY WON'T HAVE TIME TO CALL THIS, SO IT IS AUDIO DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TURN IT ON*</p> <p>OPEN MICS (TOLOU,</p>	<p><b><u>(CONSPIRACY #2 TOLOU AND SHAY)</u></b></p>







<p>R2 SQ TALENT</p> <p>READY NEWSBRIEF 1 R CPU</p> <p>READY SOUNDBITE <b>SB CLOSE MOLLY MIC</b></p> <p>R2 SB Q TALENT SB CLOSE CPU AUDIO</p>	<p>T CPU</p> <p>T2 Q TALENT</p> <p>ROLL IT TAKE IT</p> <p>TAKE SOUNDBITE <b>CLOSE MOLLY MIC</b> **ONCE MOLLY MOVES OVER, OPEN BOTH TOLOU AND MOLLY RIGHT AWAY**</p> <p>T2</p>	<p>(ROSKIN) HEY, MUSTANGS! HERE'S THE LATEST IN MUSTANG ATHLETICS.</p> <p>BOYS TENNIS DEFEATED RIVAL REDONDO UNION YESTERDAY TO FINISH THE BAY LEAGUE SEASON UNDEFEATED.</p> <p>IN SINGLES, SENIOR NICK DARROW WON THREE SETS, KELLY GIESE WON THREE SETS, AND FRESHMAN MAX WUELFING WON TWO.</p> <p>IN DOUBLES, KEY WINS BY ETHAN HAN, LASLO SOLINIKI, AND SENIORS NOAH GOLLANS AND KYLE SILLMAN SWEEP ALL THREE SETS, KEEPING THE MUSTANGS IN THE LEAD WITH A FINAL SCORE OF COSTA EIGHTEEN, REDONDO ONE.</p> <p><b><u>SB: "I THINK AS A TEAM WE PLAYED REALLY WELL AND INDIVIDUALLY I THINK I PLAYED THE BEST I COULD UH WE JUST HAVE TO PLAY WELL FOR CIF AND BAY LEAGUE NOW"</u></b> <b><u>(SPORTS OUTRO)</u></b></p> <p>(SHAMS) BRETT SWARTZLANDER IS TAKING A WILD RIDE IN THE</p>
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