

# Resource Sheet: From Campus to Culture

Double-sided



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## UPCOMING LECTURES SCOTT A. SHAY

- Unmasking Conspiracy Theories
- Empire of Untruths
- The Impact of Conspiracy Theories on Academic Institutions



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# Common Q&A's

## **What is a conspiracy theory?**

Is an untenable, unfalsifiable theory that takes unrelated facts and sometimes lies and puts them together into a weaponized fashion.

## **Why did the right and left concentrate their attention on universities?**

Both the far-right and far-left, have a history in recognizing the power of universities to disseminate and convert whole generations to their ideologies.

## **Why are universities so susceptible to these conspiracy theories?**

Because they are self-policing and there is no authority to put them back on track when they go off in dangerous directions.

## **How do conspiracy theories seep into greater society through universities?**

What is taught at universities is not simply an academic matter. Students become indoctrinated with these conspiracy theories and then put them into practice in “the real world”.

# Key Takeaways

- This crisis of campus to culture is not self-correcting.
- Conspiracy theories are becoming more pervasive, not less so.
- It is incumbent all of us to prevent society from going in a very bad direction.