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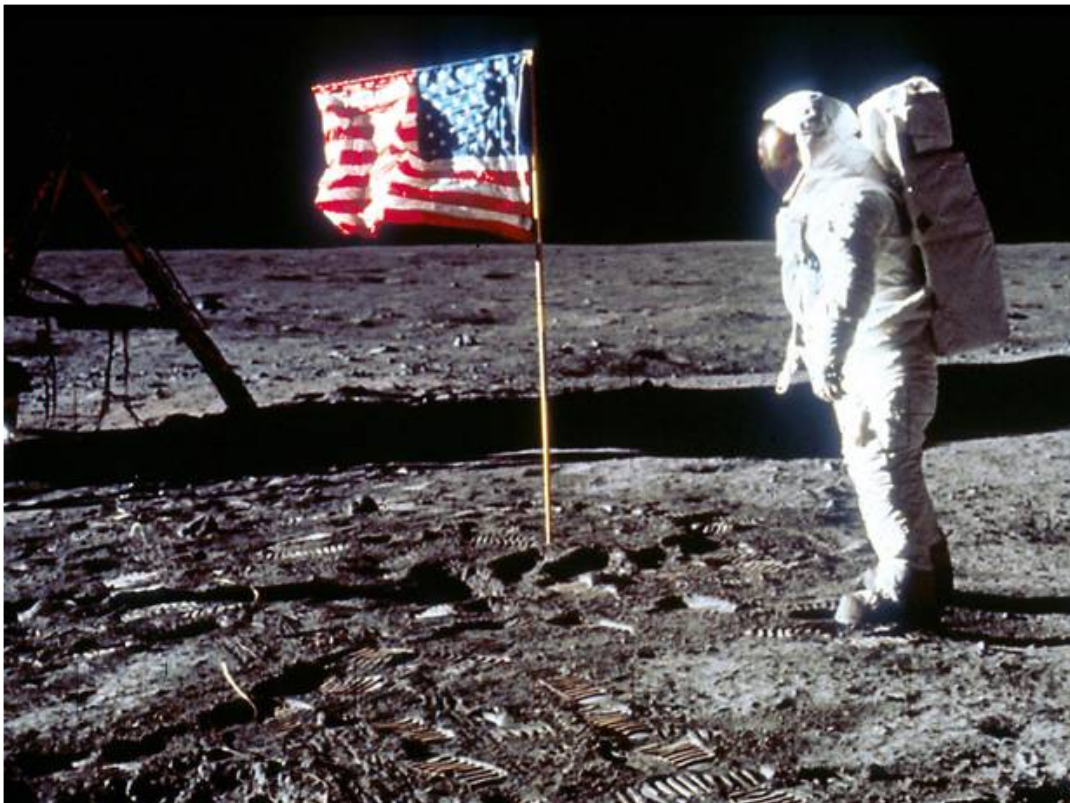


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## Russia calls investigation into whether US moon landings happened



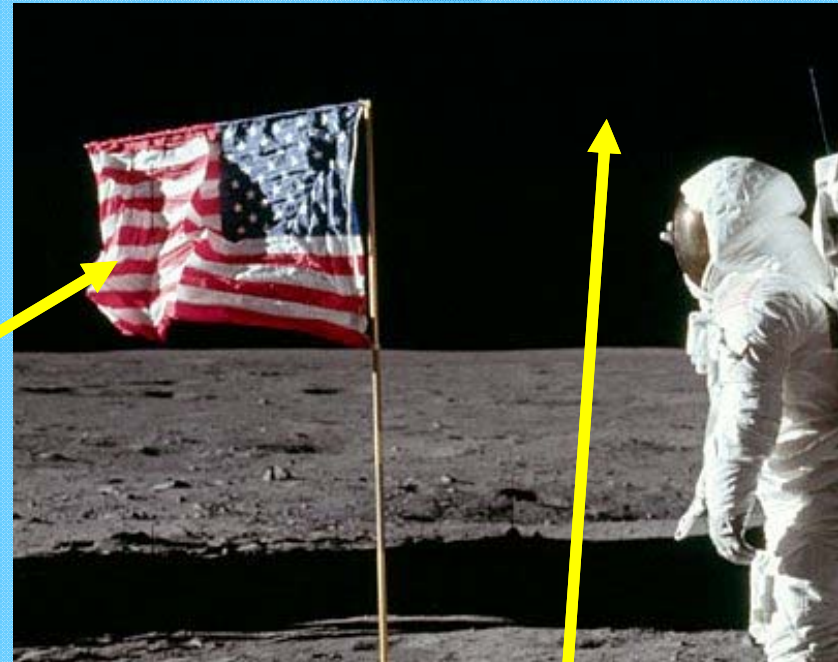
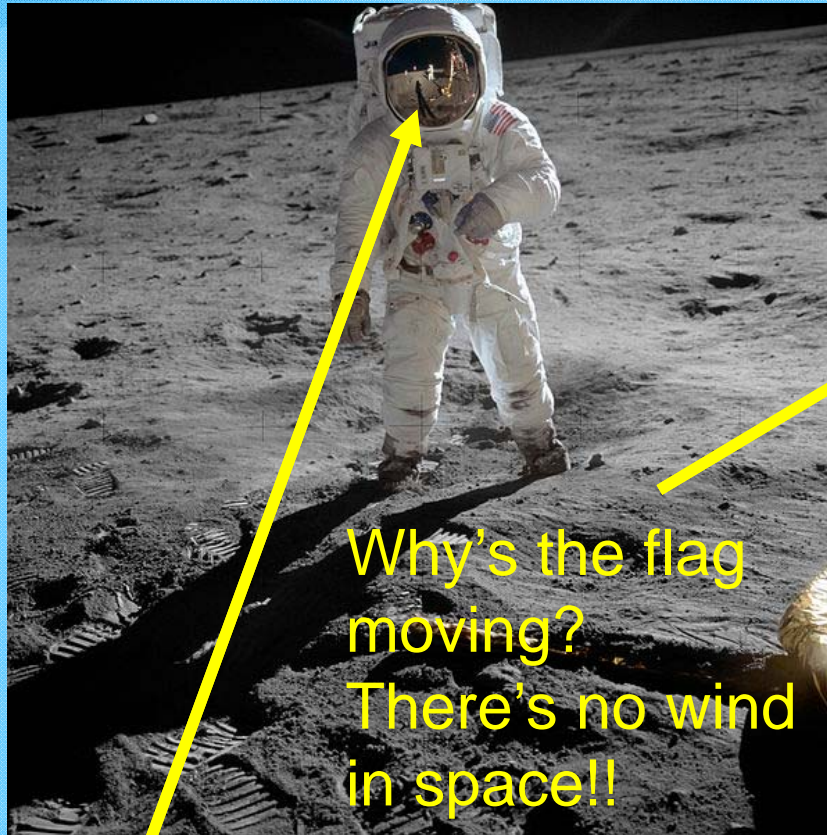
Russia is suspicious over missing scientific evidence

An article from June 2015 says that Russia wants an investigation to see if the Americans really did land on the moon in 1969.

We're now going to look at some of the evidence which makes people think the Americans faked the whole thing.



## Is there anything strange about these pictures?



IT WAS FAKED!!

There was no moon landing!!

If you zoom in on the photo you can see the other astronaut's reflection

If they're in space, why are there no stars?

**Wrong**

**Right**

He's not holding a camera!



<http://time.com/5103259/cape-town-water-crisis/>

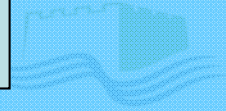
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**TRUE OR FALSE?  
HOW DO YOU KNOW?**

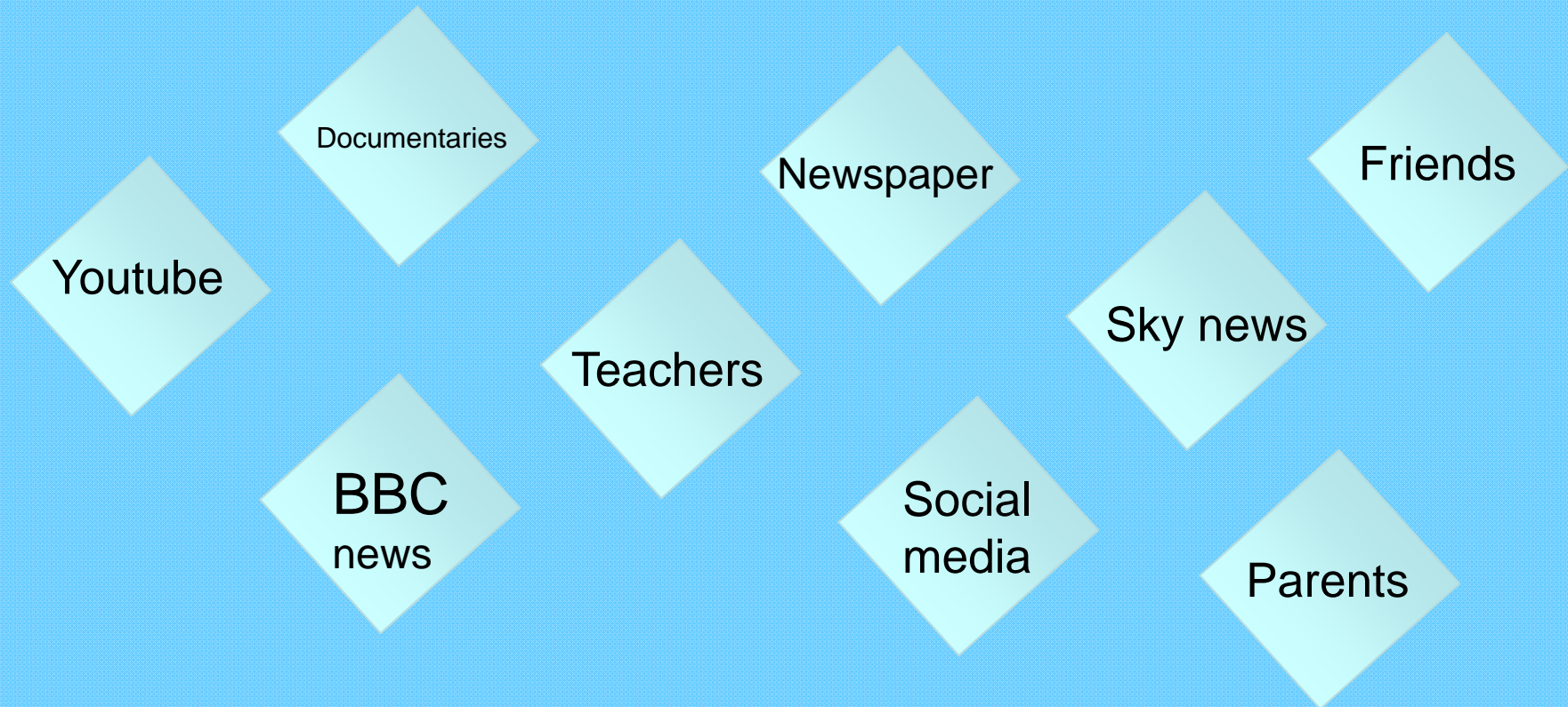


## How do we establish what is true?



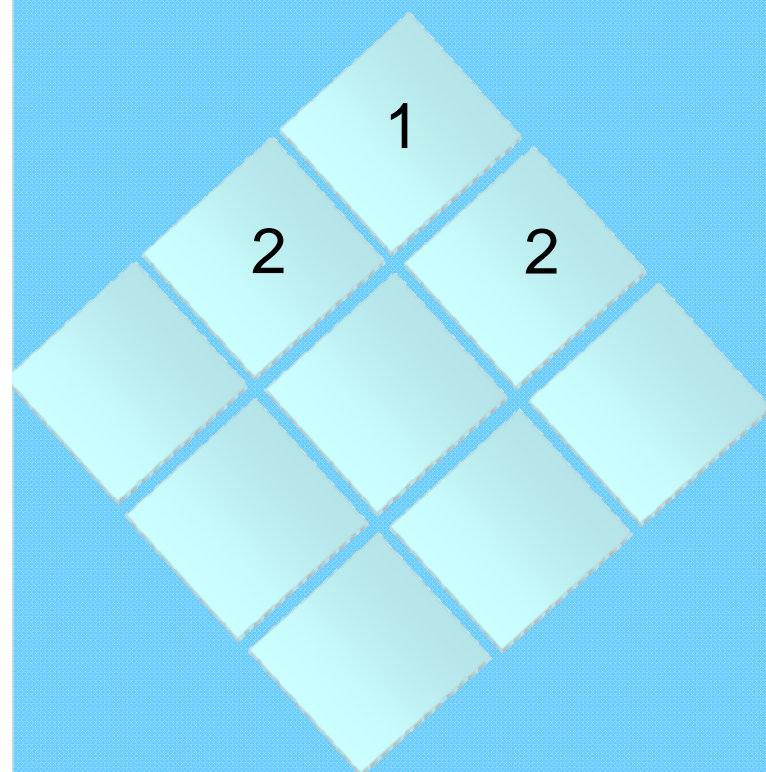
### Diamond 9

You have a sheet with 9 diamonds on. You need order the 9 diamonds into a big one in order of what you think is the most reliable source of information to the least.





Most reliable



Least reliable

Youtube

Documentaries

BBC  
news

Teachers

Newspaper

Friends

Sky news

Social  
media

Parents

You're about to be shown some footage that the government doesn't want you to see



If the video doesn't play click [here](#) or [here](#).

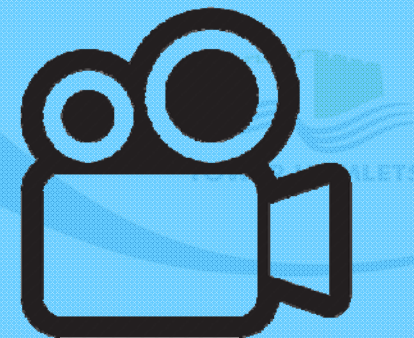
## Discuss

What are the main issues raised by this film?

What should be done about them?



Now watch this interview with the maker  
of the film



How are you being influenced? Just a few of the  
techniques...

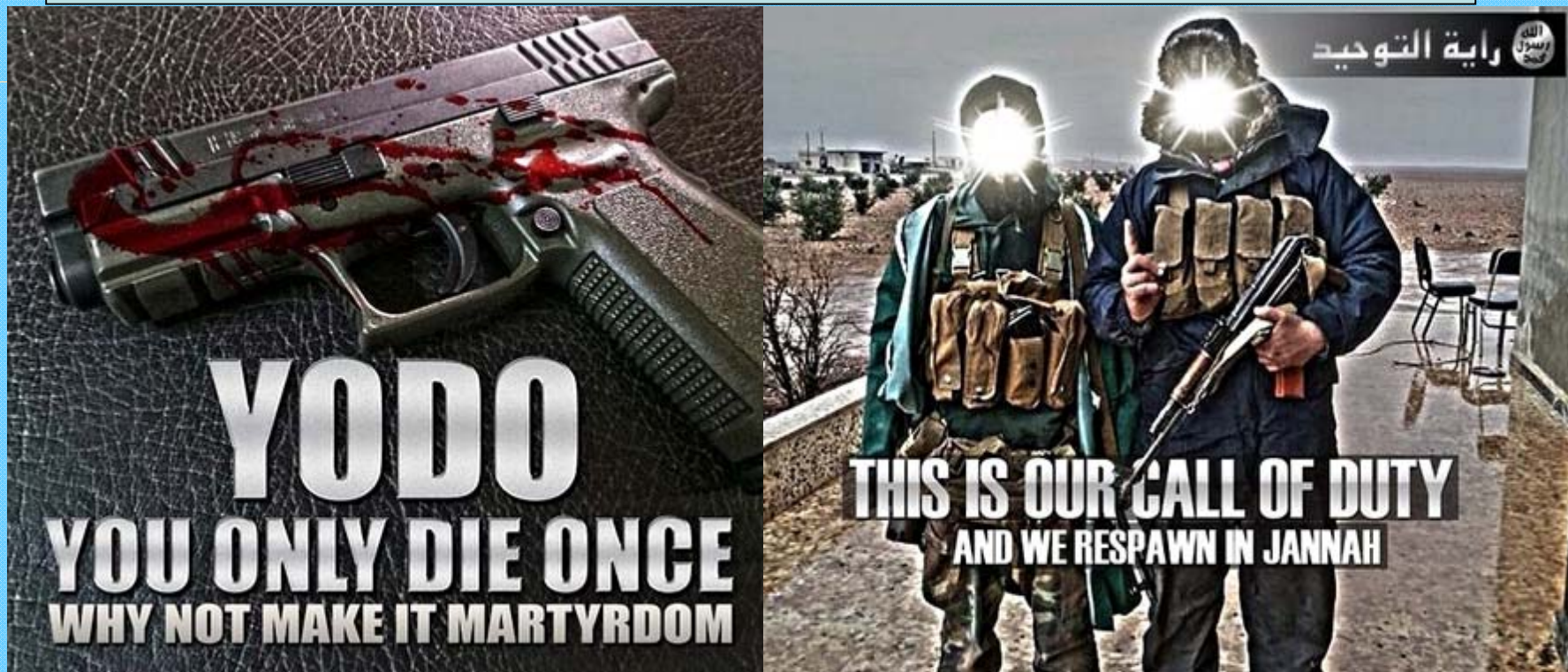
- Bandwagon – everyone is talking about it
- Being selective with the truth
- Using so-called “experts”
- Scapegoating – blame the fox – simplifies the issue
- Offering a simplistic solution
- Down with the kids
- Misrepresentation of the facts – using true articles spread over 30 years from many countries
- Playing to your emotions – using music to scare you





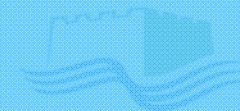
## ISIS/Daesh

The amount of propaganda released by groups like ISIS is huge. They use social media profusely to recruit people into travelling abroad, or to carry out attacks at home.

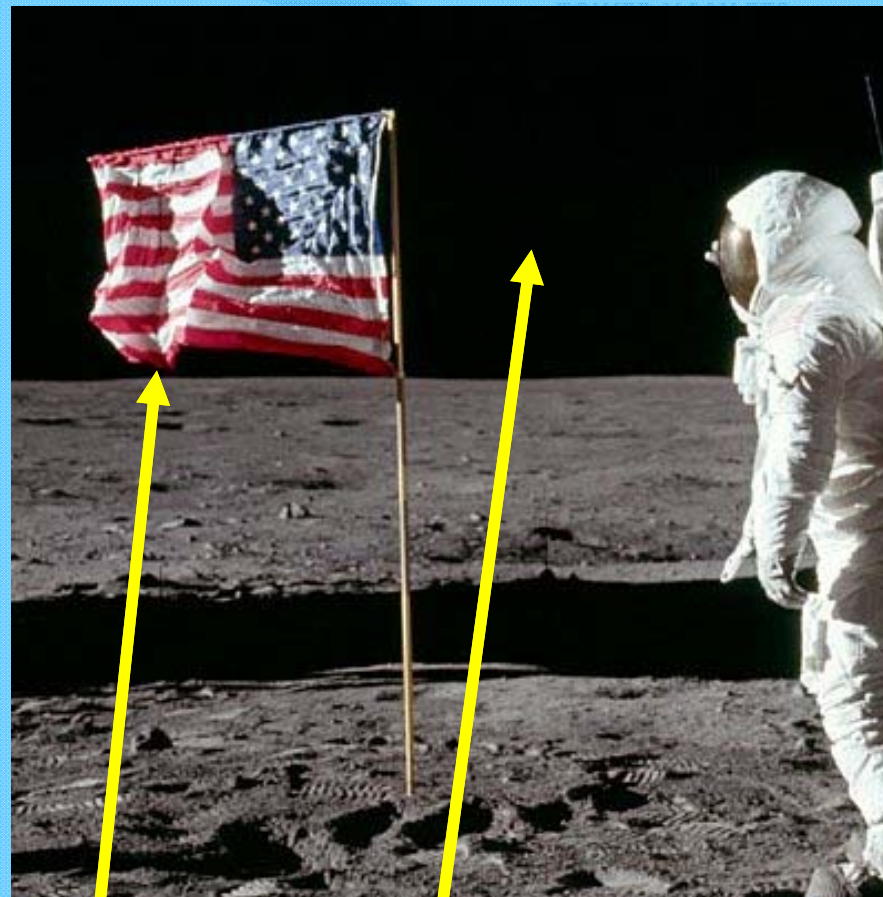
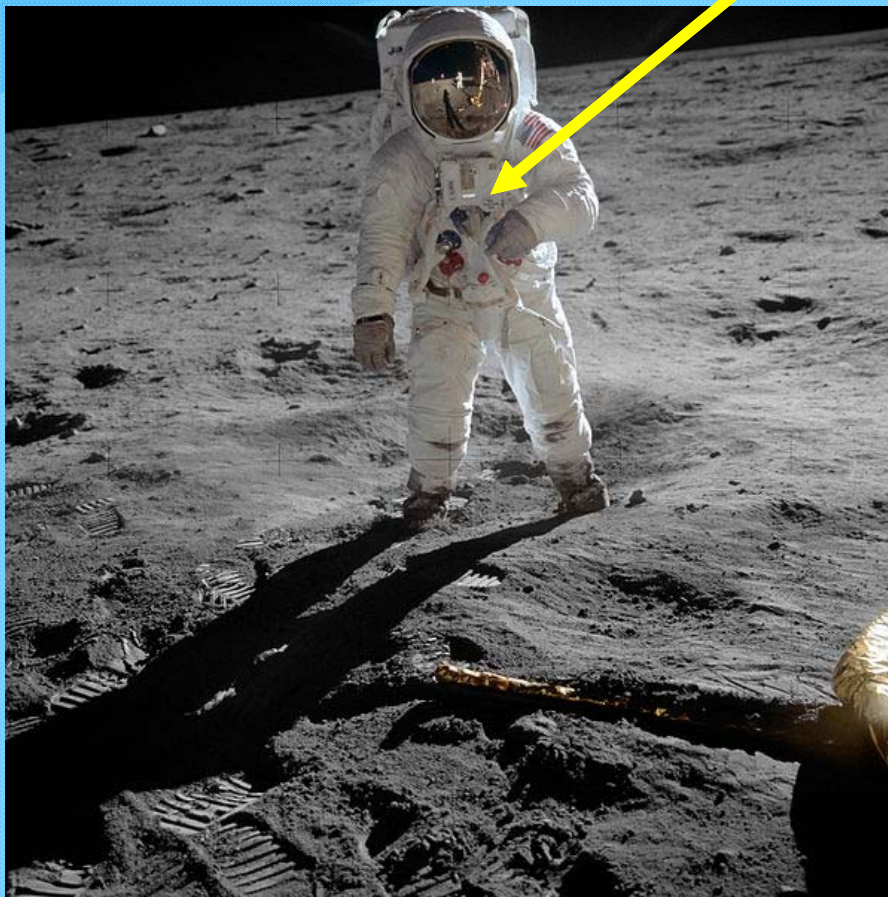


However, headlines like the ones before probably don't help either!





The camera's on his spacesuit



The flag was folded

It was lunar daytime

How did you know someone landed on the moon?

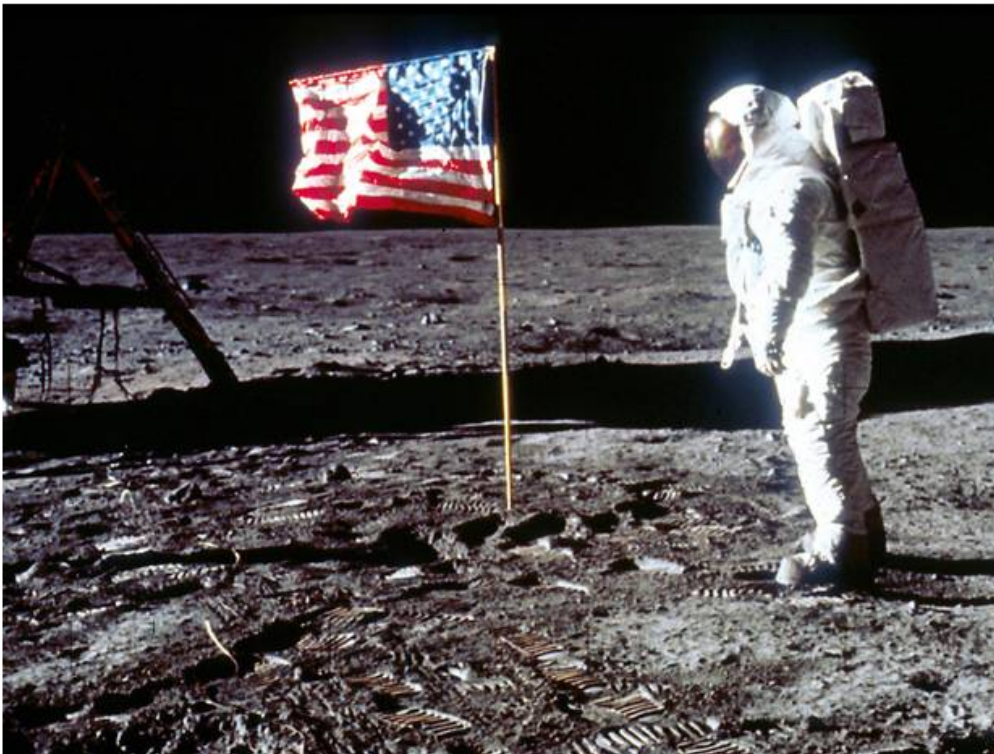




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## Russia calls investigation into whether US moon landings happened



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This article goes onto explain how Russia are asking for this investigation because they are angry about the US investigating FIFA.

You can read the article by clicking on the picture.

## Why do some people like to believe conspiracy theories?

- **Confirmation bias.** Conspiracy theories sometimes confirm what someone already believes or give them a reason to discard evidence that conflicts with their beliefs.
- **Simplicity.** The causes of a problem in the real world can be very complex. Sometimes a conspiracy theory can make understanding the world seem easier. “It’s all because of...”
- **Proportionality bias.** People feel that an event that has big consequences should have a big cause, rather than having been caused by one or two random factors. Eg Death of Princess Diana.
- **Projection.** People who believe conspiracy theories may be more likely to take part in conspiratorial behaviour themselves.



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These two articles were published in the same week and they can't both be right.  
How could you find out which is true?





## Why do people believe in conspiracy theories?

63% of registered American voters believe in at least one political conspiracy theory.

Conspiracy theories appear to be a way of reacting to uncertainty and powerlessness.

They might be a rational leap to understand what just happened.

Does the Internet and other media sources make us paranoid?

Are they forms of cynicism, a turning away from politics and traditional media?

## Debunking a famous conspiracy theory



**Click the pictures**

Extensive studies have been done by independent researchers which show that 9/11 was not a planned demolition and that it was planes, not missiles or bombs that destroyed the World Trade Center.

However, many people still refuse to accept this.



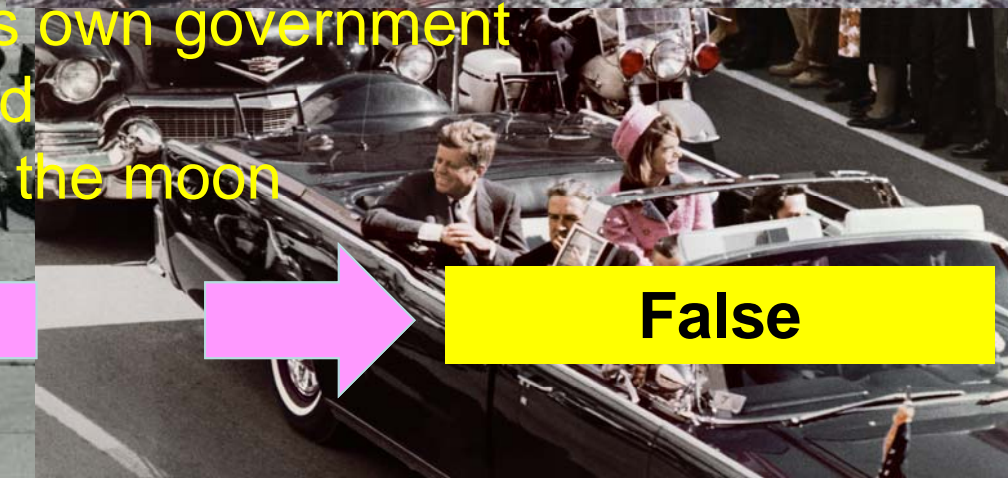
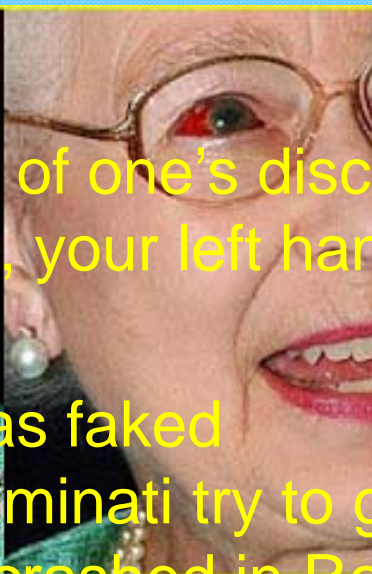


Can you think of any more famous conspiracy theories?

Try to think of one and write it on a post-it. Then stick it on the board and look what other people have put.

Are any of these convincing?

## What do the following pictures show?



For each of one's discussed raise your right hand if you believe it, your left hand if you don't.

1. 9/11 was faked
2. The illuminati try to govern the world
3. Aliens crashed in Roswell
4. JFK was killed by his own government
5. The Queen is a lizard
6. We never landed on the moon

**True**

**False**



This is not the first time the UK has been attacked.  
But what is comforting is how people come together during  
these difficult times and are defiant against hate.



## One Love Manchester: Joy shines through pain at benefit concert

By Ian Youngs  
Entertainment & arts reporter, Old Trafford

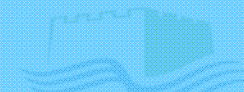
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Stars spread a message of love at the Manchester concert

Organisers said the night had raised £2m for victims and families through text and online donations, taking the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund's total to more than £10m.





**ONE LOVE  
MANCHESTER**



Can you think of a design for London?



Highlights from the One Love concert

**ONE LOVE  
MANCHESTER**





The next slides are worksheets

**Choose one or more of the words which best describes your feelings about the incident in London**

<b>Confused</b>	<b>Nothing</b>	<b>Interested</b>
<b>Angry</b>	<b>Scared</b>	<b>Upset</b>
<b>Calm</b>	<b>Worried</b>	<b>Something else ...</b>

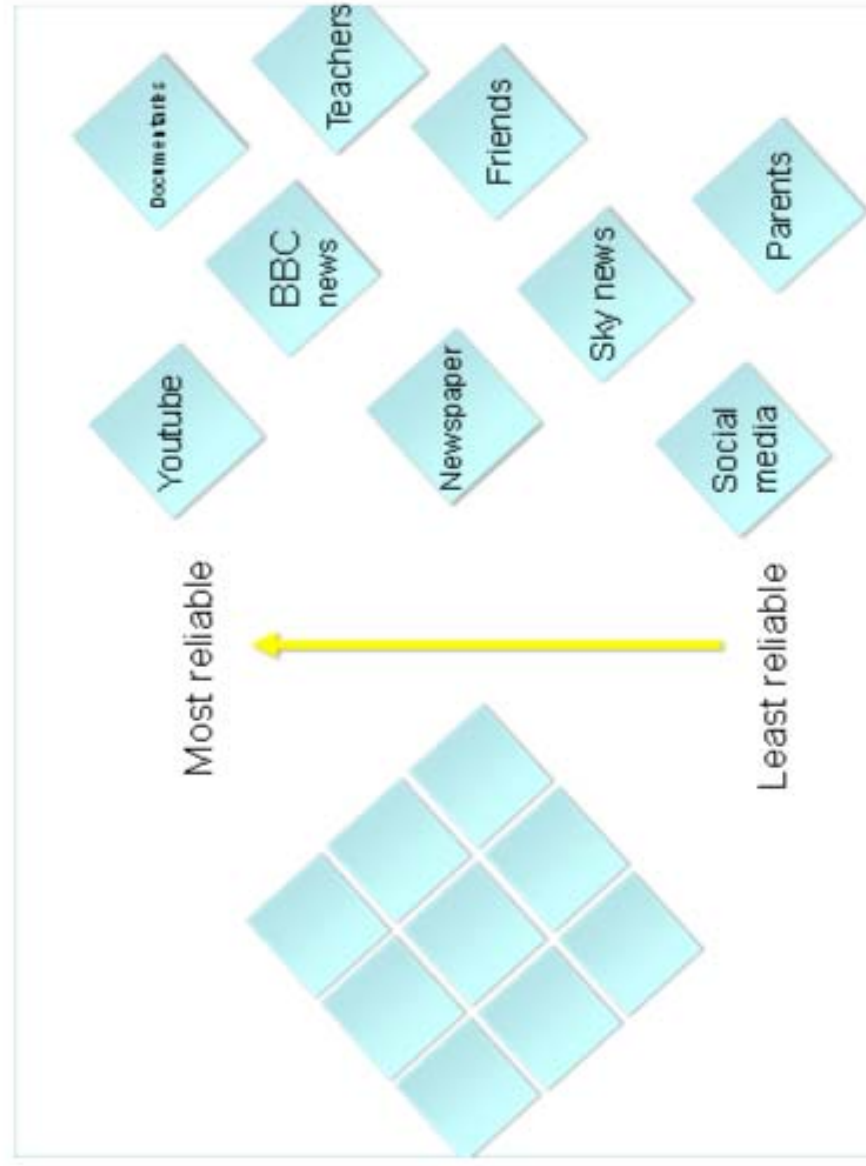
- The police are working hard to find out more about what happened.
- They have also said there will be more security on the streets, both in London and across the country, to make sure everyone stays safe.
- The UK prime minister Theresa May said "We must come together, we must pull together, and united we will take on and defeat our enemies"
- Sadiq Khan said "Londoners will see an increased police presence today and over the course of the next few days. No reason to be alarmed."

To discuss:

Should we have more security personnel on our streets?

What message would you give the public if you were prime minister or mayor?





## Design a symbol for social media