



Russia's Invasion of Ukraine Shows the Real Danger of Echo Chambers

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Around 41 million Americans, or about 16 percent of the adult population, believe in QAnon conspiracy theories, according to a [survey](#) from the Public Religion Research Institute. Some QAnon followers have [claimed](#) that Russia's recent attacks against Ukraine are part of a global effort to combat sex trafficking. QAnon followers likely won't change their minds about Russia's "real" motive to attack Ukraine despite strong evidence against it. So, how can we have a productive dialogue with them about what the U.S. policy should be in this conflict? This shows us echo chambers' real danger: they make it impossible to have rational debates about policy making.

Let's focus on QAnon. [QAnon](#) followers believe different conspiracy theories that are endorsed by [Q](#) – an anonymous user who started the QAnon phenomenon. Most notoriously, they believe that an elite cabal of devil-worshipping pedophiles control the government and the media, and that Donald Trump will bring them to justice. Most QAnon followers [don't take the evidence](#) against those conspiracies properly into account.