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Title: “Not Seeing is Believing: Santa Claus and Secret Plots”

Abstract: I will report the results of a pilot study that explores the relationship between individual difference variables related to suspension of disbelief (e.g., narrative transportation, fantasy proneness, and absorption) and conspiracism (aka conspiratorial thinking), alongside other correlates identified in the literature. The goal is to provide “proof-of-concept” for a new theory that argues that the roots of adult conspiracism begin with childhood differences in the ability to suspend disbelief.

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