

are necessary to serve the reader.

Journalists have a duty to spotlight deceptions — especially lies that are elaborate, public and persuasive. These are not conspiracy theories.

It would be convenient here to super-charge my argument by saying the trafficking in so-called conspiracy theories is worse than ever right now. However, it seems likely that we constantly perceive ourselves in a misinformation cloud, breathing in noxious stories about the grand cabal of overlords controlling minds, politicians and military. Grand schemes describing such conspiracies were more common, according to studies, decades ago.

There are useful elements to the phrase “conspiracy theories.” There are many elaborate fictions in the world, and they deserve to be called out. These lies rely on our skepticism in institutions, whether government, religion or political parties. It’s plausible — if not alluring — to believe that powerful forces are arrayed against us. These stories surround us.

A political spectacle

Joe Biden and his democrats have humiliated the United States before the world!

From the spectacle of FBI raider’s invading former president Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence fishing for the ever-elusive smoking gun.

The calculated rape both literally and figuratively of our southern border to the debacle of the Afghanistan withdrawal.

Doubling the size of the Internal Revenue Service army while thousands of Americans molder in the ground from fentanyl overdose linked directly to the willfully open border.

What new administration assault on our national sovereignty and constitutional liberty awaits and how many more times do we have to hear sleazy political operators like congressman Eric Swalwell and house speaker Nancy Pelosi tell us that no “one is above the law?”

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