

Info Wars : Alex Jones

After years of public pressure, conspiracy theorist [Alex Jones](#) was recently [largely barred from the world's largest social media platforms](#).

Jones has spent [more than two decades](#) developing his own kind of shocking and dangerous brand of storytelling, including calling the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks an “inside job” perpetrated by the U.S. government. He and his followers pass off these narratives as truth-telling, despite lacking sufficient evidence. Thanks to sales of his dubious nutritional products, Jones has turned his venture into a lucrative business model, earning more than \$20 million in revenues annually in recent years, according to court documents.

Now, however, Jones, 44, faces a reckoning, as many of the platforms that drove his success — most notably YouTube — have cut him off. The media emperor who President [Donald Trump](#) once said had an “amazing” reputation faces the largest setback of his career. Below are 4 of his most outrageous and disturbing theories.

The government has ‘weather weapons’

Jones doesn’t just believe that secretive forces are at work to control people’s minds: He has also warned, for years, about government efforts to control the weather to wreak havoc on unsuspecting citizens.

In a 2013 broadcast, Jones warned that “of course there’s weather weapon stuff going on,” according to a [transcript](#) produced by Media Matters, a left-leaning watchdog organization. “We had floods in Texas like fifteen years ago, killed thirty-something people in one night. Turned out it was the Air Force.”

Jones acknowledged the existence of “natural” tornadoes, but insisted that a May 2013 tornado that killed two dozen people and left more than 200 injured may have been orchestrated by the government, which he said “can create and steer groups of tornadoes.”

In a [broadcast](#) this summer, Jones maintained that “there is weather-modification going on.” “They tell you about the stuff you know about, GPS and all of that. But when it comes to controlling the weather, they don’t. But it’s in all the trade publications, the university publications. It’s all there, and that’s my frustration,” he said.

Chemicals in the water are turning frogs gay

One of Jones’ most notorious conspiracy theories is that the government is using chemicals in order to turn people gay, using a mysterious “gay bomb” devised by the Pentagon.

“The reason there’s so many gay people now is because it’s a chemical warfare operation, and I have the government documents where they said they’re going to encourage homosexuality with chemicals so that people don’t have children,” he said on his broadcast in 2010, [according](#) to NBC News.

Five years later, the theory took a turn. In a rant that has since become a meme and a line of t-shirts, Jones said he didn’t like the government “putting chemicals in the water that turn the friggin’ frogs gay.”

“The majority of frogs in most areas of the United States are now gay,” Jones said in 2017. The claim was without evidence.

In 1994, a government lab did request funds to pursue the development of a weapon that would turn enemy combatants gay, though the project was quickly shelved and no such weapon was developed. A 2013 [report](#) in Gizmodo notes that the same lab also requested funding for “bad-breath bombs, flatulence bombs and bombs designed to attract swarms of stinging insects to enemy combatants,” noting that “the gay bomb is certainly the most novel.”

The Sandy Hook shooting was staged

One of the few conspiracy theories that has led to real consequences for Jones is his claim that the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School that left 26 dead, including 20 children between six and seven years old, was a hoax that employed so-called “crisis actors.”

Jones claimed that the shooting was “completely fake” and staged in order to promote more restrictive gun control policies. Earlier this year, families of children who were killed in the shooting sued Jones for defamation, specifically citing comments he made in an April 2017 broadcast titled “Sandy Hook Vampires Exposed.”

Eight families have sued Jones, claiming that his reports on the Sandy Hook massacre have caused them immense personal pain and led his followers to harass them.

After originally calling the shooting a “hoax,” Jones later said that he believed it “really happened” but insisted that the families suing him were agents of the Democratic Party.

Alex Jones’s Bogus Coronavirus Cures

Surfing on the Covid 19 crisis, Jones’s Infowars store sells hundreds of products, from “nutraceuticals” to “tactical pens” to “survival food” (dried beans and the like, perfect for stocking a bunker). For the past few weeks, nearly every food item has been sold out. A note on the site read, “Our expanded team is focusing on and will deliver the tens of thousands of orders already in our queue as we work diligently through this national emergency together.” But what he proposes now is a cure against the new Coronavirus, using colloidal silver.

Many of Jones’s “health and wellness” products contain colloidal silver: SuperSilver Whitening Toothpaste, SuperSilver Wound Dressing Gel, ABL Nano Silver Gargle. Colloidal silver has only one known effect on the body—if you take too much of it, your skin might turn blue. Still, disaster-prepper types have long touted it as a cure for viral ailments, from H.I.V. to the common cold. “This stuff kills the whole SARS-corona family at point-blank range,” Jones said in a live stream on March 10th. “It kills every virus.” This is not true. On March 6th, the F.D.A. had issued an open letter, warning, “There currently are no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure coronavirus disease.”

It’s illegal to advertise products as a treatment or cure for human disease without reliable scientific evidence, which currently does not exist when for the pandemic that has killed more than 16,600 Americans, say the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission, both agencies admonishing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones for peddling phony cures for the [coronavirus](#).