



Dark Secrets: **Conspiracy Theories - Vocabulary**

What do the following words from the article mean? Can you work out their meaning from their context within the article, or use a dictionary if you need to?

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apocalypse: **an event bringing about the end of the world**

appropriated: **taken for themselves**

brandishing: **waving; flourishing**

clandestine: **secret**

citing: **giving evidence**

countered: **spoken against**

elitist: **believing that a select group is more important than others**

explicitly: **in a clear and obvious way**

insinuated: **hinted or implied**

manipulate: **control or influence**

motorcade: **a procession of cars**

outlandish: **unusual or bizarre**

persistent: **continuing, despite opposition; not giving up**

proponent: **someone who is in favour of something**

scapegoated: **framed; unfairly blamed**

speculation: **having a theory about something without any evidence to back it up**

spherical: **round**

swastika: **a cross with its arms bent at right-angles, appropriated by the Nazi party as their emblem**

tenacious: **not letting go; persistent**

traction: **gaining popularity**