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A man wearing a buffalo cap proves how far mis/disinformation can go and how dangerous it can be | Poynter

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Jake Angeli stood bare-chested, wearing his trademark buffalo cap and holding an American flag, among a group of other men who stormed the U.S. Capitol building Wednesday afternoon. The well-known QAnon evangelist's presence in such a moment was considered by some fact-checkers and researchers as the culmination of the impact of mis- and disinformation on American politics.

Angeli has mostly been active in Arizona. In 2019, he was seen outside the state Capitol building shouting dozens of conspiracy theories. According to The Arizona Republic, he carried a sign that read "Q sent me" and kept repeating that "Q was a government agent who wanted to 'take the country back' from pedophiles and globalists".

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