

# If Someone Shares the ‘Plandemic’ Video, What Do I Say? | The Atlantic

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Writing in *The Atlantic* [late last month](#), the political scientists Joseph E. Uscinski and Adam M. Enders observed that the coronavirus has created an environment dangerously conducive to conspiracy theories. “We have a global pandemic, a crashing economy, social isolation, and restrictive government policies,” they wrote. “All of these can cause feelings of extreme anxiety, powerlessness, and stress, which in turn encourage conspiracy beliefs.”

This past week, a [widely discredited](#) video—a 26-minute clip from a slickly produced documentary called *Plandemic*—circulated online. It promotes a number of harmful and false ideas, including that wearing a protective mask can make people sick and that the novel coronavirus most likely emerged from a laboratory. (Facebook, YouTube, and other companies are [trying to scrub it from their platforms](#).)

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