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QAnon conspiracy theory gaining ground in UK, analysis shows | The Guardian

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A conspiracy theory that Donald Trump is waging a secret war against an elite who engage in ritual child abuse is growing across UK social media, Guardian analysis has found.

The QAnon conspiracy theory is propelled by an unlikely coalition of spirituality and wellness groups, vigilante "paedophile hunter" networks, pre-existing conspiracy forums, local news pages, pro-Brexit campaigners and the far right.

The Guardian tracked five slogans associated with QAnon shared by UK-run Facebook pages over the past year, and found interactions on posts containing these keywords increased fivefold between April and August, the last full month for which data was available.

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