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## Reddit bans QAnon Subreddit | TheHill

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Reddit has banned a forum dedicated to the QAnon conspiracy theory, saying users repeatedly violated its content policies.

"As of September 12, r/greatawakening has been banned due to repeated violations of the terms of our content policy," a Reddit spokesperson said in a statement to The Hill. "We are very clear in our site terms of service that posting content that incites violence, disseminates personal information, or harasses will get users and communities banned from Reddit."

QAnon followers believe in a vague and far-reaching conspiracy theory that posits a "deep state" plot against President Trump and a vast pedophile ring among elites.

Their theories are spurred by a poster or a group of posters that goes by the pseudonym "Q."

The persona first posted on 4chan last year, claiming to be a high-ranking security official in the Trump administration, and has led to groups being created on Reddit as well as Facebook that boast thousands of members.

Q has pushed the unsubstantiated theory Trump was persuaded to run for president by military leaders and that together Trump and the officials are planning the arrests of "deep state" members in what Q and its followers call "The Storm."

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