

Charlie Kirk's conspiracy theories and falsehoods

All along, Kirk has imbibed in and spread conspiracy theories and outright lies. Among them:

- He embraces the antisemitic Cultural Marxism conspiracy theory, saying universities are “islands of totalitarianism.”
- He spread false information in 2018 about an alleged increase in human trafficking arrests.
- He falsely claimed in December 2018 that protesters in the French Yellow Vests movement chanted “We want Trump.”
- He falsely said that during the H1N1 swine flu pandemic it “took President Barack Obama ‘millions infected and over 1,000 deaths’” to declare a public health emergency.
- He has said the concept of white privilege is a myth and a “racist lie.”
- He has claimed Democratic immigration policies were aimed at “diminishing and decreasing white demographics in America.”
- He called George Floyd a “scumbag.”
- In November 2021 Fox News article, Kirk said state power should be used to stop teachers from indoctrinating children with Critical Race Theory.
- In December 2023, he called Martin Luther King “awful ... not a good person” and said King was admired only because he “said one thing he didn’t actually believe.”
- He has condemned the Civil Rights Act of 1964, calling it a “huge mistake.”
- He has made racist comments such as this one in January, 2024: “If I see a Black pilot, I’m going to be like, ‘Boy, I hope he’s qualified.’”
- He denies the reality and human-made causes of climate change.
- He spread false information and conspiracy theories about COVID-19 on social media platforms in 2020.
- He claimed hydroxychloroquine was “100% effective in treating the virus.”
- He described the public health measure of social distancing in churches as a “Democratic plot against Christianity.”
- During the pandemic, he refused to abide by mask requirements, saying, “The science around masks is very questionable.”
- He promoted misleading claims about the efficacy and safety of COVID-19 vaccines.
- He called mandatory requirements for students to get the COVID-19 vaccine “medical apartheid.”
- He spread falsehoods about the 2020 presidential election and the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

- He led a Stop the Steal protest at the Maricopa Tabulation Center in Phoenix.
- He said violent acts at the Capitol were not an insurrection and did not represent mainstream Trump supporters.
- He has said the “biblical model” for women in romantic relationships is to find a partner who is “a protector and a leader.”
- He has advocated for parents never to let their daughters receive prescriptions for birth control medication, saying the pills make women angry and bitter.
- He called Russia’s 2022 Ukraine invasion a “border dispute” and said what’s happening at the U.S. southern border matters a lot more.