

"The widespread support for the QAnon conspiracy movement is mind-boggling and worrisome. What drives support for QAnon, and what place does QAnon have in modern society? This excellent volume provides a thorough analysis of QAnon, and is a must-read for anyone interested in the social science of conspiracy theories."

- Jan-Willem van Prooijen, VU Amsterdam, the Netherlands

QAnon has emerged as the defining conspiracy group of our times, and its far-right conspiracies are extraordinary for their breadth and extremity. Bringing together scholars from psychology, sociology, communications, and political science, this cutting-edge volume uses social science theory to investigate aspects of QAnon. Following an introduction to the "who, what, and why" of QAnon in Part I, Part II focuses on the psychological characteristics of QAnon followers and the group's methods for recruiting and maintaining these followers. Part III includes chapters at the intersection of QAnon and society, arguing that society has constructed QAnon as a threat and that the social need to belong motivates its followers. Part IV discusses the role of communication in promoting and limiting QAnon support, while Part V concludes by considering the future of QAnon. *The Social Science of QAnon* is vital reading for scholars and students across the social sciences and for legal and policy professionals.

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