

Summary Thesis Philosophy:

In this Bachelor Thesis I investigated what the influence is of social media and technology on the forming of conspiracy theories and hereby I compared the view of Baudrillard with the psychological view and asked the question whether the theory of Baudrillard can have an added value for psychologists. We can conclude that both disciplines find a negative impact of social media on the forming of conspiracy theories, but the role of social media in Baudrillard is bigger (it is the root cause) than in psychology (only as a medium). The theory of Baudrillard has added value for psychologists and gives a new perspective on the topic. Also, his theory can be used as inspiration for social scientists to further investigate the role of social media and to what extent social media is the root cause of conspiracy theories.