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help people they just want to

CATEGORY	What happened in	Guilty Devils The people who made things so terrible	Creation story	Sacred Victims People who continue to be harmed by original sin	The Elect Those chosen to make things right	Supernatural Beliefs Beliefs beyond scientific understanding or known laws of nature	Taboo Facts Things forbidden to say	Taboo Speech Words that trigger anger among the elect	Purifying Rituals Acts perceived to make people innocent of guilt and responsibility	Purifying Speech Words people use to be perceived as virtuous
RACISM	• Slavery	• Police	Independence was fought to maintain slavery	 Indigenous people 	 Black Lives Matter Critical Race Theorists 	 White people borrowing elements from other cultures is theft (i.e. "cultural appropriation") Culture doesn't matter Racism is as bad as ever Living white people are guilty for sins committed by dead white people Speech/silence equals violence 	 Racism has declined There is broad societal acceptance of interracial relationships and families Black wealth is rising The obsession with race can make racism worse 1964 Civil Rights Act and subsequent legislation banned structural racism Police do not kill unarmed black men at higher rates than other races Asian success is due to hard work and higher ed 	"Acting white""All lives matter"	KneelingUsing correct languagePublic apologies	 "Latinx" "People of color" Capitalized "Black" but lower-case "white" "Centering"
CLIMATE CHANGE	 Fossil fuel use Industrial revolution Modern farming Western development 	 Exxon, BP, etc. (fossil fuels industry) "Climate deniers" Monsanto Koch Brothers Corporations 	 Climate change is making natural disasters deadlier and more expensive Climate change is the main 	 Maldives, Tuvalo and other small island nations Young people Bangladeshis 	 activists, journalists UN officials Greta Thunberg Vandana Shiva Thomas Malthus 	 humans extinct Humans causing sixth mass extinction Study of "tipping points" is scientific Prosperity doesn't depend on high energy use Prosperity is not necessary for happiness Organic agriculture can feed the world while protecting nature 	 Some climate policies hurt the poor and increase emissions Nuclear energy is safe, clean, and effective, with myriad beneficial side effects Renewables are dirty to produce and distribute 	 smallest environmental impact of any energy source Fracking reduces carbon emissions Economic development outweighs impact of climate change Renewables hurt the environment Wealth is good 	 Walking, biking, or public transit 	 "Renewables" "Organics" "Climate-fueled" "Sustainable" / "Sustainability" "Net-Zero (Emissions)" "Carbon Zero" / "Carbon Negative"
TRANS	reduced to just two sexes and genders	biologically determinedOpponents of legal	 are identical to biological women or biological men Violence against trans people is on the rise, disproportionate, and due to being trans 	 Nonbinary people 	• GLAAD	 A person can immediately change their sex simply by identifying as the opposite sex, or as non-binary 	is increasing	 Sex heavily influences gender Gender dysphoria is real "De-transitioners" 	 Announcing one's pronouns Educating people about trans 	
CRIME	 Private property Capitalism 	 Police Prison guards Capitalists 	C	Black peopleCriminals	Rlack Lives Matter	Jails and prisons aren't necessary	 Police reduce crime and prevent incarceration The "Ferguson effect," whereby anti-police protests result in police pull-back and criminal emboldenment, is real Anti-police agenda hurts black people Most black people oppose defunding the police Thirty times more black people killed by civilians than by the police Taboo against cooperating with police and prosecutors is a barrier to successfully prosecuting criminals 	"Black-on-black violence"	 Defund/abolish the police De-incarceration Decriminalize theft 	 "Justice-involved" "Carceral state" "Police state" "Prison industrial complex"
	 Psychiatry Invention of mental illness Enlightenment 	Enlightenment philosophers		 Nonconformists 	 Michel Foucault Thomas Szasz 	 Mental illness doesn't exist except as a way to stigmatize neuroatypical people Mentally ill people should be free to self- medicate however they see fit 	disproportionately violentMany mentally ill people say they benefited	Some mentally ill people need involuntary medical treatment	 Close psychiatric hospitals Demand the release of mentally ill people from psychiatric hospitals 	 "Neuroatypical" "Normies"

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