

## **Conspiracy theorists**

**I used to think conspiracy theories  
were the refuge of the powerless  
and the uneducated.**

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**But conspiracy theorists  
have moved from the streets to the suites.  
They have become presidents of countries,  
including Turkey and Brazil.**

**In the US, Donald Trump  
— who sees plots against him everywhere —  
is planning his political comeback.  
The most dangerous conspiracy theorist of  
them all is Vladimir Putin, who is currently  
threatening the world with nuclear war.**

**Gideon Rachman,  
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