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X-Files/Conspiracies

1. First, do you think each of the following statements is true or not true?

[RANDOMIZE]

There is intelligent life elsewhere in the universe
Extraterrestrial beings have already visited the Earth
There are things that happen on Earth that cannot be explained by science
Some people have psychic powers enabling them to predict future events
People who die with unfinished business sometimes become ghosts
It is possible to communicate with the dead
Certain “cryptids” – animals that have not been proven to exist, like Bigfoot or the Loch Ness Monster – are real

Definitely not true
Probably not true
Probably true
Definitely true

[T] 2. And, do you think each of the following allegations is true or not true?

[RANDOMIZE]

The U.S. government has covered up the existence and presence of extraterrestrial life on Earth
The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks were not perpetrated solely by al-Qaeda
A secretive power elite with a globalist agenda is conspiring to rule the world through an authoritarian world government
Barack Obama is not a natural-born citizen of the United States and, therefore, is ineligible to serve as President
The notion of “global warming” is an invention that is being maintained for financial or ideological reasons
Tiny cameras and microphones have been inconspicuously built into TV sets to spy on people
The Apollo moon landings were “staged” in a studio

Definitely not true
Probably not true
3. In January, Fox television premiered a six-episode miniseries that continues the story of the hit 1990s television show The X-Files. The original aired from 1993 to 2002, and spawned two feature films in the 2000s. The revival is scheduled to conclude at the end of this month.

I’m a huge fan
I like the show
I’ve seen a few episodes, but never really got into it
I’m aware of The X-Files, but I’ve never seen it
I don’t know anything about The X-Files

4. The plot of The X-Files deals with conspiracy theories and paranormal activity. Regardless of whether you are a fan, would you say people who are fans of the show are generally more or less likely than non-fans to believe in such phenomena?

More likely
About as likely as people who aren’t fans of the show
Less likely