

# TOO BAD TO BE TRUE

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Morgellons is a controversial skin condition that thousands claim to be suffering from, but health officials insist does not exist. What piqued my interest to explore this disease was the level of independent research being performed by sufferers. They post photos, videos, and updates on their lesions and parasites. They post theories about the cause of the disease: “The government is testing on us, it’s biological warfare. They’ve told doctors to keep quiet.” As a skeptic, I saw all the characteristics of a conspiracy theory, and I decided, “That’s crazy.” But is it really that crazy? I then researched our country's history of real conspiracies—from unethical medical procedures to large scale societal manipulation. The crimes that we speculate our government are committing today aren’t that much more far-fetched than the ones we know they committed.

My installation is comprised of a collection of nine prints, each depicting either a conspiracy theory or a confirmed conspiracy. When viewed together, the images ask, “Why are we so quick to disregard conspiracy theories? Is a theory dubbed as ‘crazy’ enough evidence that it isn’t true?”

Prints in order: 9/11, MK-Ultra, Aids Origin, Vaccine Cover-Up, Compulsory Sterilization, Cancer Conspiracy, Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment, Chemtrails, COINTELPRO

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