Some supporters of the Trump Administration in the United States believe in a vast conspiracy of Democrats, liberals, leftists, socialists, communists, “homosexuals,” (and those nasty non-monogamous heterosexuals) to destroy America from within. Many of them believe that collectivism, labor unions, all forms of socialism, and environmentalism threaten the very survival of Western Christian Culture. These claims are not new. Nor is linking these exotic paranoid fantasies to a claim of a global and age-old Jewish or Muslim conspiracy. (Just for the record—these credulous conspiracy theories have no basis in discernable facts). These conspiracy theories have a long lineage, with false claims about Jewish perfidy stretching back generations, as do claims of Muslim savagery.

It sounds absurd, so let’s start with an example from after Trump took office as President in 2017. President Trump appointed a man named Sebastian Gorka to be his deputy assistant. Gorka is a militant anti-socialist who has supported far right groups in Hungary seen by some as harboring antisemitic conspiracy theories—theories that were popularized by the Nazi-collaborationist Hungarian Arrow Cross movement during World War Two. Gorka denied most of this yet resigned his post in August 2017.