

Conspiracy Report: Area 51

“Less than 100 miles from Las Vegas, Nevada is the most famous secret military installation on the planet. Rumors swirl around this base, much like the mysterious aircraft that twist and turn in the skies overhead. Although it’s known by many names, most people call it by the Atomic Energy Commission’s (AEC) designation: Area 51.” – Darkgovernment.com

Are aliens real? Have they made contact with human kind and is the US Government concealing their existences in a super secret compound in the Mojave Desert? Well, according to a well know conspiracy, the answers are a yes, yes, and another yes. The conspiracy concerning the existence of aliens and Area 51 is well known by Americans. According to *Dark Government*, an online conspiracy site, the US government shipped the wreckage from a UFO that crash-landed in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947 to the top-secret military instillation. (DG, 2015) It also has been suggested that there is not only one, but several extraterrestrial vehicles housed at Area 51. While in 2013, the Washington Post released a story about the US Government declassifying Area 51, it is still unknown if the whole story surrounding the base has been altered to hide information.

There have been speculations that the main objective at this desolate government base, approximately 100 miles north of Las Vegas, is to study and potentially adapt the alien technology to be used by the US government (most likely the US military). (DG, 2015) Apparently the declassified report stated that the base was used as a test site for new aircrafts, but it has still left the public wondering what type of aircrafts were being tested, along with where the new technology used to design the aircrafts originated from. With the US Government finally releasing some details about the remote compound, Google Earth was allowed to show an areal view of it for the public to see. It appears to be a typical

military base, with a small landing strip, buildings, and lots of desert. Even with this obvious attempt to convince the public that there are no secrets concerning aliens and the US Government, or at least anymore concerning Area 51, more conspiracies are continuing to circulate that there are actually underground levels that house the US's darkest secrets, including those concerning extraterrestrials.

Although I was unable to find the polling information to verify its validity, the National Geographic website shared a poll that found that 57 percent of Americans believe in the existence of UFOs. (Nat Geo, 2015) With this in mind, it is easier to understand how so many people could believe in the Area 51 conspiracy, being that Area 51 is said to have been, at least at one point, the US Government's housing ground for alien technology and potentially aliens themselves. After spending time researching this topic, I have compiled a list of potential evidence that leads people to believe in this conspiracy. The evidence is as followed: top secret locations and operations, no public access and extremely dangerous implications for trespassers, secrecy from base employees, and several other strange factors like weird occurrences leaked to the public. When this information is all put together and released to a public who is already weary of their government's behavior and is poorly trained in the skill of fact checking information, I can understand why this conspiracy is so widely known and believed in.

What brings truth to facts and opinions in conspiracies is that when enough believable information is collected and the actual truth of an event is unknown, people piece together all that they are able to connect and draw conclusions off of those connections. When members of the public read about these conclusions, especially when

they seem to be outlandish, the coincidences in the story grab an individual's attention and make the conspiracy seem extremely probable. This can be applied to every conspiracy.