

AIMS:

- to practise listening and speaking
- to practise group work
- to learn how to differentiate between facts and opinions

LEVEL: B1+

MUSE „Uprising”

I. Listen to the song and complete the gaps:

Paranoia is in bloom,
The PR**transmissions**.....will resume,
They'll try to push**drugs**.....that keep us all dumbed down,
And hope that we will never see the**truth**.....around

(So come on)

Another**promise**....., another scene,
Another packaged lie to keep us trapped in greed,
And all the green belts.....**wrapped**..... around our minds,
And endless.....**red tape**.....to keep the truth confined

(So come on)

They will not**force**..... us,
They will stop degrading us,
They will not ...**control**.....us,
We will be**victorious**.....

(So come on)

Interchanging mind control,
Come let the revolution take its toll,
If you could flick a**switch**..... and open your third eye,
You'd see that
We should never be**afraid to die**.....

(So come on)

Rise up and take the power back,
It's time the...**fat cats**.....had a heart attack,
You know that their time's**coming**..... to an end,
We have to unify and watch our**flag**..... ascend

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We will be**victorious**.....

II. Explain the meaning of the expressions below:

- a. green belts - a policy and land use designation used in **land use planning** to retain areas of largely undeveloped, wild, or agricultural **land** surrounding or neighbouring urban areas (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_belt)
- b. red tape – **bureaucratic rules, often unnecessary and time-consuming**
- c. fat cats – **very rich people**
- d. to flick a switch -  **metaphorically – to change the way of thinking**
- e. to take (its) toll – **to have a bad effect, to cause suffering**
- f. to keep the truth confined – **to keep the truth hidden so that it is not spread**
- g. paranoia is in bloom – **paranoia is getting bigger and bigger**

III. Answer the following questions:

NOTE: The suggested answers below are my interpretation of the song, allow your students to have their own ideas)

1. What is the meaning of the title?

The song might be about a rebellion against some kind of authority. The meaning of the title - uprising – is an act of rebellion, a fight against something (an enemy?)

2. What is the uprising against?

It might be an uprising against the government, politicians, authority, fat cats.

3. Who are „they“?

“They” might be politicians, government, fat cats, New World Order

4. Which different aspects of control/actions against the society are mentioned in the song?
What is the meaning of the song?

- **People are scared and paranoid because of the news – terrorist attacks, refugees etc (“Paranoia is in bloom”)**
- **Various public relations techniques are used, which may hide the truth/mislead the public (“The PR transmissions will resume”)**
- **People spend their time on different drugs, which means that they don't have time to think about the surrounding world. Drugs might be alcohol, illegal substances but also the Internet, games and so on. (“They'll try to push drugs that keep us all dumbed down, And hope that we will never see the truth around”)**

- **Politicians promise a lot during their campaigns, their promises are rarely kept** (“Another promise, another scene”)
- **People are encouraged to spend more and earn more, their world evolves around money, they get greedy always wanting more, they are encouraged to have a brand new smartphone, computer, car etc.** (“Another packaged lie to keep us trapped in greed”)
- **Ecology – people don't care about ecology, they ruin the planet** (*note that some conspiracy theories state that global warming is a lie, so this line might mean that people are encouraged to spend time on ecology to keep their mind busy) ”And all the green belts wrapped around our minds”)
- **Too much bureaucracy means that people spend too much time on unnecessary things, they don't have time and energy to see the real world** (“And endless red tape to keep the truth confined”)
- **Mind control** (“Interchanging mind control”)
- **People are not able to “see”, as they see only what is shown to them, they do not use their “third eye” (intuition?)** (“If you could flick a switch and open your third eye”)
- **Rich, powerful people will not rule forever** (“It's time the fat cats had a heart attack, You know that their time's coming to an end”)
- **People should unify and work together, they should not be divided, but they should learn how to cooperate – only then will they be victorious** (“We have to unify and watch our flag ascend”)

5. What is a conspiracy theory? Name at least three different conspiracy theories you are aware of.

A conspiracy theory is “an explanation of an event or situation that invokes a conspiracy without warrant, generally one involving an illegal or harmful act carried out by government or other powerful actors. Conspiracy theories often produce hypotheses that contradict the prevailing understanding of history or simple facts”(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conspiracy_theory)

Famous conspiracy theories: [New World Order](#), [Moon Landing](#), [9/11](#), Assassination of John F. Kennedy, [Global warming conspiracy theory](#), [Chemtrails](#), Plane crash at Smolensk Airport.

PROJECT WORK

1. Search the Internet and find the information about the NWO and two conspiracy theories of your choice. Then, fill in the table below:

Conspiracy theory	General info about the theory	Evidence to support the claims	Your opinion about it
1. New World Order	<p>“The common theme in conspiracy theories about a New World Order is that a secretive power elite with a globalist agenda is conspiring o eventually rule the world”</p> <p><u>(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_World_Order_(conspiracy_theory))</u></p>		
2.			
3.			

2. Talk to three students about different conspiracy theories and complete the following table.

Conspiracy theory	General info about the theory	Evidence to support the claims	Your partner's opinion about it
1.			
2.			
3.			

***3. Prepare a presentation about a conspiracy theory of your choice (you can also invent one if you want to!)**