

conspiracy[kən'spɪrəsi] *n*

- заговор, тайный или преступный сговор
conspiracy of silence - заговор молчания
conspiracy to overthrow the government - заговор, имеющий целью свержение правительства
- группа заговорщиков

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con·spir·acy [conspiracy conspiracies] *BrE* [kən'spɪrəsi] ^ˈ *NAmE* [kən'spɪrəsi]^ˈ **noun** **countable, uncountable** (pl. **con·spir·acies**)

a secret plan by a group of people to do sth harmful or illegal

- ~ **(to do sth)** a conspiracy to overthrow the government
- ~ **(against sb/sth)** conspiracies against the president
- ~ **(to sth)** They were charged with conspiracy to murder.
- a **conspiracy of silence** (= an agreement not to talk publicly about sth which should be made public)
- a **conspiracy theory** (= the belief that a secret ↑conspiracy is responsible for a particular event)

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French **conspiracie**, alteration of Old French **conspiration**, based on Latin **conspirare** 'agree, plot', from **con-** 'together with' + **spirare** 'breathe'.Thesaurus:**conspiracy** **noun** **C, U**

- a conspiracy to overthrow the government
- plot** • **scheme** • |especially **AmE** **sting** • |especially written **intrigue** • |formal **collusion** •
- a conspiracy/plot/intrigue **against** sb
- (an) **alleged** conspiracy/plot/scheme/intrigue/collusion
- be involved in** (a) conspiracy/plot/scheme/sting/intrigue/collusion

Example Bank:

- He's the sort of person who sees a conspiracy around every corner.
- I suspected that he was involved in the conspiracy.
- Officials have uncovered a conspiracy to discredit the government
- There is a conspiracy of silence about the killer.
- This action was part of a conspiracy to deceive the public.
- Who organized the conspiracy against the president?
- a conspiracy against the king
- a conspiracy between the police and the right-wing parties
- charges of criminal conspiracy and corruption
- A lot of people subscribe to the conspiracy theory.
- He claimed there had been a conspiracy to overthrow the government
- There had been several conspiracies against the president.
- There seems to be a conspiracy of silence on this matter.

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con·spi·ra·cy /kən'spɪrəsi/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** (plural **conspiracies**) [uncountable and countable]

- a secret plan made by two or more people to do something that is harmful or illegal ⇒ **conspire**
conspiracy to do something
^ˈ He was charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.
conspiracy against
^ˈ a conspiracy against the government
^ˈ There were many conspiracy theories (=beliefs that something is the result of a conspiracy) surrounding Princess Diana's death.
- conspiracy of silence** an agreement not to talk about something, even though it should not be a secret:
^ˈ There's often a conspiracy of silence surrounding bullying in schools.
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COLLOCATIONS■ **adjectives**

- a **international /worldwide /global conspiracy** Hitler believed there was a worldwide conspiracy to enslave Germany.
- a **criminal conspiracy** His crimes were illegal possession of arms and criminal conspiracy.
- a **political conspiracy** Were the killings part of a political conspiracy?
- a **alleged conspiracy** (=that people say exists but that is not yet proved to exist) The charges against him relate to an alleged conspiracy.

■ **verbs**

- **be part of a conspiracy** (also **take part in a conspiracy**) The jury found that Poindexter was part of a conspiracy to ship arms to Iran.
- **be involved in a conspiracy** Apparently the commander of the army had also been involved in the conspiracy.
- **be charged with conspiracy** (=be formally accused of it) The women were charged with conspiracy to supply heroin.

- **be convicted of conspiracy** (=be found guilty of it in a court) He was convicted of conspiracy to carry out terrorist acts.

■ **conspiracy + NOUN**

- **a conspiracy theory** (=a belief by a number of people that something is the result of a conspiracy) President Kennedy's assassination inspired a lot of conspiracy theories.
- **a conspiracy theorist** (=someone who believes in a particular conspiracy) Conspiracy theorists believe that Princess Diana's death was not an accident.
- **a conspiracy charge/charge of conspiracy** Three men have been convicted on fraud and conspiracy charges.

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THESAURUS

- **plan** a set of actions for achieving something in the future, especially a set of actions that has been considered carefully and in detail: Leaders outlined a plan to end the fighting.
- **plot/conspiracy** a secret plan to do something bad or illegal, made by a group of people: There was a plot to assassinate the President. | a terrorist conspiracy
- **scheme** *British English* an official plan that is intended to help people: The government has introduced a new scheme to help young people find work.
- **strategy** a carefully designed plan which is intended to achieve a particular purpose over a long period of time: the company's business strategy | The government's economic strategy has been criticized by many experts. | We need to develop effective strategies for combating the sale of counterfeit goods.
- **initiative** a new plan for dealing with a particular problem or for achieving a particular aim: a peace initiative | a major new initiative to tackle street crime
- **policy** a plan that members of a government, political party, company etc agree on, that states how they intend to deal with a particular subject or problem: the government's immigration policy | It's company policy to allow people to work from home.
- **programme** *British English*, **program** *American English* a series of activities that a government or organization organizes, which aims to achieve something important and will continue for a long time: a five-year programme which will create 2000 new jobs | federal programs for low-income housing

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