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10 August 2018 at 23:19

Heya Paul,

I'm a reporter for NBC News in New York and I've been following the QAnon beat for a few months now. Would love to speak with you if you have the time or inclination.

Thanks,

Brandy Zadrozny
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Paul Furber <paul.furber@gmail.com>
To: "Zadrozny, Brandy (NBCUniversal)" <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com>

12 August 2018 at 19:49

Hello Brandy,

I must respectfully decline as I have been advised not to talk to the media. You are very welcome to browse my Q threads here though:

https://threadreaderapp.com/user/paul_furber

and take whatever you need.

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To: Paul Furber <paul.furber@gmail.com>

13 August 2018 at 02:24

Oooh, advised by whom?

Thanks so much.

From: Paul Furber <paul.furber@gmail.com>
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 1:49 PM
To: Brandy Zadrozny <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: NBC News

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To: "Zadrozny, Brandy (NBCUniversal)" <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com>

13 August 2018 at 18:27

This guy here:
<http://voxdays.blogspot.com/2017/06/dont-talk-to-media.html>

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Zadrozny, Brandy (NBCUniversal) <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com>
To: Paul Furber <paul.furber@gmail.com>

13 August 2018 at 19:58

Don't listen to that guy. Talk to me, instead.

Brandy Zadrozny
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From: Paul Furber <paul.furber@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, August 13, 2018 at 12:27 PM
To: Brandy Zadrozny <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: NBC News

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14 August 2018 at 13:41

Go on then Brandy - ask me anything. I'm probably one of the very few people in the world who can give you a 100% accurate overview of the whole thing.

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Zadrozny, Brandy (NBCUniversal) <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com>
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14 August 2018 at 13:52

Well thank you!

First I would love to get you on the phone. Would love to hear the whole story of how QAnon came to be. How it spread where others like it WHAnon FBIAnon CIAAnon, etc etc etc had fizzled out.

My understanding is that you as BTS and Pam were the real engine behind its spread. You went on a sort of publicity tour, most effectively with Tracy, who formed the Reddit board. That move to reddit was the key to moving beyond the chans. It brought it to Twitter and to retirees in Facebook groups and eventually into Trump rallies. Now some crazy followers are doing scary things like hunting kid sex camps that aren't there and getting into armed standoffs with police at the Hoover Dam.

For me its a lesson in meme spread.

So my question is, if I only get one: Broadly, how did QAnon spread and who is to credit with its success?

OK I lied I have two. It also seems like you were banished after you did the work of getting it mainstream. What happened there?

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Brandy Zadrozny
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From: Paul Furber <paul.furber@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:41 AM

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To: "Zadrozny, Brandy (NBCUniversal)" <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com>

14 August 2018 at 14:48

On 14 August 2018 at 13:52, Zadrozny, Brandy (NBCUniversal) <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Well thank you!

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We can do skype or zoom if you like.

My understanding is that you as BTS and Pam were the real engine behind its spread. You went on a sort of publicity tour, most effectively with Tracy, who formed the Reddit board. That move to reddit was the key to moving beyond the chans. It brought it to Twitter and to retirees in Facebook groups and eventually into Trump rallies. Now some crazy followers are doing scary things like hunting kid sex camps that aren't there and getting into armed standoffs with police at the Hoover Dam.

Let me fill in some gaps: Q started leaking to the /pol/ board on 4chan in late October and claimed all sorts of utterly outrageous things - which then came true. He predicted the President's Twitter would be shut down - it was. He predicted mass arrests and the deployment of the National Guard - which then happened in Saudi Arabia. He took original photos from Air Force One which matched the President's Far Eastern itinerary exactly. He gave orders to special forces to kidnap Lord Jacob Rothschild - and an attempt was made a few days later. None of this was faked: 4chan is a hostile hivemind that would see through any lies or role playing and all the evidence is archived and out in the open for anyone to read and confirm for themselves.

By Nov 25th, 4chan was becoming unusable because of attacks so Q moved to 8chan and a board that I had set up - /cbts/. He then continued leaking for just over a month, also with spectacular predictions that came true and seemingly direct access to the President's Twitter account. By the 19th Dec, a bunch of us decided that the message needed to go wider so we contacted Youtubers who had been commenting on the Q drops. Tracy replied to my email immediately and we went on her show that evening. She had the idea to form the subreddit /cbts_stream/ to attract people who weren't comfortable with the chans - because they are not pleasant to interact with if you're not used to it. We went on Rob Dew's show on Infowars on the 27th as I recall and attracted more people to the subreddit. I wrote a wiki with a summary of what had happened so far and all seemed good.

Jan 5 is when some imposters cracked Q's password and started pretending to be him. I called this out immediately but the fakers were backed up by the 8chan administrator who said he was genuine. My timeline gives an overview of the change in style and content:

<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/980789585801351168.html>

Since Jan 5, Q has been a couple of script kiddies with the tripcode password pretending to be the same Q as before. They've lied about all sorts of things but their followers don't seem to care about that. Here are some of the more blatant examples:

https://twitter.com/paul_furber/status/996748691552784384

<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1014542479897612288.html>

<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1014494107123806209.html>

https://media.8ch.net/file_store/208c16049815b31c42cc0f88db299161df9b7478cfa1e38cae5ebd9ba232138.png

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OK I lied I have two. It also seems like you were banished after you did the work of getting it mainstream. What happened there?

I was very definitely banished. After Jan 5, I knew we weren't dealing with the same Q as before and I made this known very stridently. So I was kicked off the discussion group. Later it became clear that Pamphlet and his wife used their live stream as a way to solicit donations. I have no idea whether they believe the current Q is real or not.

So to summarize, it is my informed opinion:

- Q from Oct 28 to Jan 4 was a member of military intelligence standing at the President's elbow. What he revealed about how the world worked will be incredibly shocking when it all comes out (my guess is just before or just after the midterms - so less than 90 days away).
- Q from Jan 5 onwards is a small group of imposters who play their followers like a cult. There are some good people who believe it though sadly.

Note that:

- the press secretary condemned harrassment by Q
- Sean Spicer said Q was not legitimate
- Michael Flynn Jnr said he was not legitimate
- Scott Adams met with the President and a day later said he was not legitimate

This is yet more compelling evidence that the current Q isn't legitimate.

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14 August 2018 at 16:15

Would love to Skype. I'm available in two hours?

In the meantime, you say, "a bunch of us decided that the message needed to go wider." Who are we talking about here?

According to people I've spoken with, you and Diaz and Pam are the real leaders that pushed this thing mainstream. Am I missing someone? Multiple people?

My goal is not to say WHO Q is. Because that's really unknowable. But I'm so interested in how it spread. How QAnon spread from the chans to boomers is super fascinating.

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14 August 2018 at 16:39

On 14 August 2018 at 16:15, Zadrozny, Brandy (NBCUniversal) <Brandy.Zadrozny@nbcuni.com> wrote:
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Sure.

| In the meantime, you say, "a bunch of us decided that the message needed to go wider." Who are we talking about here?

The moderators of 8chan CBTS. We would more or less continually communicate on a Discord channel. Maybe six or seven people? Certainly myself, Pamphlet and Tracy were there and a couple of others - FarmerFunkk and Abobo also.

| According to people I've spoken with, you and Diaz and Pam are the real leaders that pushed this thing mainstream. Am I missing someone? Multiple people?

That's probably fair to say. We certainly did the most work reaching out to people via YouTube and Infowars and answering questions on the subreddit about Q's legitimacy. My wiki documents from the time are attached: a FAQ and proofs list which I wrote up for the older visitors to the subreddit.

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I have never been particularly interested in who Q is, just that what he predicted came true therefore he must have been who he claimed to be - someone from MILINT with Q Clearance. How the concept spread in December involved a lot of hard work on our part creating awareness based on his leaks and the research from the chans. It certainly didn't spread because it was an amusing meme - we had undeniable proof that he was very close to the President and that we were watching history being made and even participating in it to some extent.

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2 attachments

 **faq.md**
11K

 **proof.md**
9K