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The Epstein Disinformation Archive

Myths, Evidence, and the Machinery of Misinformation

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Front Matter

METHODOLOGY

This report is compiled from publicly available sources, court records, and investigative journalism. Every factual assertion traces to a source in the source list (Appendix). Claims that cannot be sourced are removed or clearly marked as speculation. Pattern identification uses the Deceit Lexicon framework (deceit.site/lexicon).

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Executive Summary

A reconstructed research dossier of the Epstein misinformation series.

KEY FINDINGS

1. The "Epstein files" are not a single document but approximately 3.5 million pages released across 12 DOJ data sets through January 2026.
2. A July 2025 FBI/DOJ review found no incriminating "client list," no credible evidence of blackmail, and no basis to investigate uncharged third parties.
3. The disinformation ecosystem around Epstein deploys identifiable manipulation patterns: authority laundering, circular reporting, provenance stripping, and firehose of falsehood.
4. Being named in a contact book, flight log, or deposition is not proof of criminal knowledge or participation. Many names appear only because Epstein collected contact information promiscuously.
5. The most harmful myths are those that take a real fact (Epstein knew powerful people) and attach a false conclusion (therefore they were all complicit).

Validated Epstein Files: Research Compendium for AI Use

Scope: Publicly released, government-validated documents and investigative reporting concerning Jeffrey Epstein, his associates, and the resulting criminal and civil cases. **Date compiled:** 2026-06-28

Warning: This material describes sexual exploitation of minors. The underlying documents are redacted to protect victims; researchers should treat survivor identities with care. **Companion index:** A structured, navigable version of this research is available at deceit.media/epstein — a people index, claim-vs-evidence library, and document cross-reference.

Executive Summary

The "Epstein files" are not a single document or a secret "client list." They are millions of pages of evidence collected across multiple criminal and civil cases spanning roughly two decades:

- Florida state investigation and the controversial 2008 non-prosecution agreement.
- Federal SDNY prosecution of Epstein (2019) and posthumous investigation.
- Federal prosecution of Ghislaine Maxwell (2021).

- Civil litigation, especially *Giuffre v. Maxwell*, which produced the court-ordered unsealing of hundreds of pages in 2024.
- Later releases under the **Epstein Files Transparency Act (H.R. 4405, 2025)**, culminating in the Department of Justice publishing roughly **3.5 million pages** by January 30, 2026.

Primary, official repositories exist. The most important is the **DOJ Epstein Library** (justice.gov/epstein), which hosts searchable data sets, court records, and disclosures. Secondary, but well-curated, resources include the **FBI Vault** (vault.fbi.gov/jeffrey-epstein), the **House Oversight Committee releases**, and the **SDSU LibGuide** on the Epstein files. A July 2025 FBI/DOJ review stated explicitly that no incriminating "client list" was found, no credible evidence of blackmail of prominent individuals was uncovered, and no basis existed to investigate uncharged third parties. This is a critical caveat: being named in a contact book, flight log, or deposition is **not** proof of criminal knowledge or participation. Many names appear only because Epstein collected contact information promiscuously or because a witness was asked whether they had ever met someone.

1. What the Files Actually Are

The released materials fall into several categories:

Category	What it contains		Key caveats
Court records	Filings, deposition transcripts, motions, and exhibits from <i>Giuffre v. Maxwell</i> and other civil cases.		Redacted for victim identities and sealed matters.
Flight logs	Pilot records for Epstein's aircraft (the "Lolita Express").	Lists passengers on flights; presence alone does not prove illegal activity.	
Contact books	Address books maintained by Epstein/assistants.	Inclusion usually means Epstein had a phone number or social connection, not complicity.	
FBI/police reports	Interview summaries, evidence lists, raid inventories.	May contain unverified allegations; prosecutors distinguish leads from proof.	
Financial/estate records	Ledgers, emails, compensation documents.	Can show payments but require context to interpret.	
Images/videos	Seized digital media.	Mostly withheld; a large portion is illegal child sexual abuse material or victim imagery.	

The DOJ labels its production in **Data Sets 1–12**:

- **Data Sets 1–8**: Bulk of FBI interview summaries and Palm Beach police reports (2005–2008).
- **Data Set 9**: Email evidence, including Epstein correspondence and internal DOJ communications about the 2008 non-prosecution agreement.

- **Data Set 10:** 180,000 images and 2,000 videos seized from Epstein properties (heavily redacted).
- **Data Set 11:** Financial ledgers, flight manifests, and property seizure records.
- **Data Set 12:** Late productions needing further legal review.

Sources: [DOJ Epstein Library](#), [DOJ Disclosures](#), [SDSU LibGuide](#).

2. Timeline of Releases and Major Legal Events

Date	Event	Source
2005	Palm Beach police begin investigation after report of abuse of a 14-year-old girl.	Time
2008	Epstein pleads guilty to Florida state charge of soliciting prostitution from a minor; receives 18-month sentence under non-prosecution agreement with U.S. Attorney Alexander Acosta.	BBC , Miami Herald
2015	Virginia Giuffre files defamation suit against Ghislaine Maxwell in SDNY.	Time
2018	Miami Herald <i>Perversion of Justice</i> investigation reignites public scrutiny.	Miami Herald
July 2019	Epstein arrested by SDNY on federal sex trafficking charges.	DOJ
August 2019	Epstein dies by suicide in federal custody.	DOJ OIG
2021	Ghislaine Maxwell convicted on federal sex trafficking charges.	DOJ
December 2023	Judge Loretta Preska orders unsealing of documents in <i>Giuffre v. Maxwell</i> .	The Guardian
January 3–9, 2024	Hundreds of pages unsealed in batches.	The Guardian , NBC News
February 27, 2025	AG Pamela Bondi releases "first phase" of declassified Epstein files (≈341 pages, mostly previously leaked material).	DOJ
July 2025	FBI/DOJ memo: no further disclosure warranted; no "client list" or blackmail evidence found.	DOJ FBI Memo
November 19, 2025	President Trump signs Epstein Files Transparency Act (H.R. 4405) .	White House
January 30, 2026	DOJ publishes 3.5 million responsive pages, including 2,000 videos and 180,000 images.	DOJ

3. Key Figures and What the Documents Show

Jeffrey Epstein

- Convicted in 2008 of soliciting prostitution from a minor.
- Charged federally in 2019 with sex trafficking of minors.
- Died by suicide in custody on August 10, 2019.
- The DOJ/FBI review confirmed he harmed "over one thousand victims." [DOJ FBI Memo](#)

Ghislaine Maxwell

- Convicted in 2021 of conspiring with Epstein to sexually abuse minors; sentenced to 20 years.
- In her 2016 deposition, refused to answer questions about sexual contact with Epstein and about recruiting Johanna Sjoberg, citing privacy and consensual adult activity. [Guardian unsealed PDF](#)
- Evidence at trial included testimony from survivors, flight logs, and photographs.

Virginia Giuffre (née Roberts)

- Central accuser and plaintiff in *Giuffre v. Maxwell*.
- Alleged she was trafficked by Epstein and Maxwell, including to Prince Andrew.
- Settled her lawsuit against Prince Andrew in 2022.
- Her 2015–2016 depositions are primary sources in the unsealed files. [RollCall/Factbase](#)

Prince Andrew, Duke of York (Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor)

- Named in depositions and flight logs.
- Virginia Giuffre alleged sexual abuse; case settled in 2022 with undisclosed payment.
- Andrew has repeatedly denied wrongdoing.
- Photograph of Andrew with Giuffre and Maxwell has been widely published as evidence of contact, though Andrew has questioned its authenticity. [Time](#)

Bill Clinton

- Mentioned in Johanna Sjoberg's 2016 deposition: she testified Epstein told her "Clinton likes them young." [Time](#)
- Flight logs show Clinton traveled on Epstein's plane, including a 2002 Africa trip with Epstein for Clinton Foundation work.

- Clinton has denied knowledge of Epstein's crimes; spokesperson told CNN it had been nearly 20 years since contact. No court document accuses Clinton of illegal conduct.

Trump

- Socialized with Epstein in Palm Beach in the 1990s and early 2000s.
- Flight logs and documents mention him; he has denied close ties and claimed to have distanced himself.
- A 2025 House Oversight release included a birthday book with a note allegedly bearing Trump's name, which he denied writing. [BBC](#)
- The DOJ/FBI review found Trump's name appeared in documents but, again, presence is not evidence of wrongdoing. [BBC](#)

Alan Dershowitz

- Former Epstein attorney; helped negotiate the 2008 non-prosecution agreement.
- Accused by Giuffre of sexual abuse; has vehemently denied and sued for defamation. Court records include dueling allegations and denials.

Other Names Mentioned

- **Celebrities** (Bruce Willis, Cameron Diaz, Cate Blanchett, Kevin Spacey, Naomi Campbell, Leonardo DiCaprio, Michael Jackson): Named in depositions or contact books; witnesses generally denied meeting them or they were only names in a contact list. None are accused of crimes in the files. [Time](#), [PBS](#)
- **Elon Musk**: Named in flight logs; Musk said he declined an invitation to Epstein's island. [PBS](#)
- **Jes Staley**: Former Barclays CEO; resigned over ties to Epstein. [Time](#)
- **Jean-Luc Brunel**: French modeling agent; suspected of scouting girls for Epstein. Died by suicide in a Paris jail in 2022. [Time](#)

4. Verified Claims vs. Misinformation

This is a high-signal area for disinformation. Verified facts and common falsehoods include:

Claim	Status	Evidence
A secret "Epstein client list" exists naming all criminals.	Lie / false claim	FBI/DOJ July 2025 memo explicitly found no incriminating "client list." DOJ
Epstein blackmailed prominent people.	No credible evidence	Same DOJ/FBI review found no credible blackmail evidence. DOJ

Bill Clinton visited Epstein's island 28 times.	False	FactCheck.org found no evidence for this claim; Clinton flew on Epstein's plane but the island count is unsupported. FactCheck
Jimmy Kimmel was named in unsealed documents.	False	No such naming; originated from an unsupported Aaron Rodgers comment. FactCheck
Epstein died by suicide.	Supported by multiple reviews	DOJ OIG (2023), NYC ME, FBI review (2025) all concluded suicide. DOJ
Maxwell recruited and groomed minors for Epstein.	Proven in court	Federal jury conviction; 20-year sentence. DOJ

For a structured, claim-by-claim database of public statements contradicted by documents, see the companion file: EPSTEIN-CONTRADICTIONS-LIBRARY.md.

5. Important Research Caveats

1. **Named ≠ guilty.** Address books and flight logs are associative evidence; they do not establish criminal knowledge or participation. 2. **OCR errors.** The DOJ warns that some documents are not electronically searchable or produce unreliable search results. 3. **Redactions.** Victim identities, sealed grand-jury material, and child sexual abuse imagery are withheld for legal and ethical reasons. 4. **AI-generated fakes.** Social media has circulated manipulated images (e.g., Kamala Harris with Epstein). Always cross-reference against official files. [FactCheck](#), [SDSU LibGuide](#) 5. **Lies require verification.** A statement is labeled a “lie” only when primary evidence directly contradicts it. “False claim” means no credible support exists. “Misleading” covers framing that creates a false impression. The companion library does not classify intent for legal purposes; it classifies verifiable falsity.

6. Primary Sources and Repositories

- **DOJ Epstein Library** — <https://www.justice.gov/epstein>
- **DOJ Disclosures / Data Sets** — <https://www.justice.gov/epstein/doj-disclosures>
- **FBI Vault: Jeffrey Epstein** — <https://vault.fbi.gov/jeffrey-epstein>
- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection Epstein Records** — <https://www.cbp.gov/document/foia-record/jeffrey-epstein-records>
- **House Oversight Committee Release (Sept 2, 2025)** — <https://oversight.house.gov/release/oversight-committee-releases-epstein-records-provided-by-the-department-of-justice/>
- **SDSU LibGuide: The Jeffrey Epstein Files** — <https://libguides.sdsu.edu/epsteinfiles>
- **Giuffre v. Maxwell unsealed documents (Guardian-hosted PDF)** — https://uploads.guim.co.uk/2024/01/04/Final_Epstein_documents.pdf

- **DOJ Flight Log PDF** — <https://www.justice.gov/ag/media/1391276/dl?inline>
 - **DOJ Evidence List PDF** — <https://www.justice.gov/ag/media/1391271/dl?inline>
 - **Epstein Files Transparency Act (H.R. 4405)** — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4405/text>
 - **DOJ/FBI Memo, July 2025** — <https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1407001/dl>
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7. Secondary Journalism and Fact-Checking

- **The Guardian** — <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jan/03/jeffrey-epstein-documents-list-pdf>
 - **BBC** — <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c20r07dg6kro>
 - **PBS NewsHour** — <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/a-list-of-powerful-men-named-in-the-epstein-files-from-elon-musk-to-former-prince-andrew>
 - **Time** — <https://time.com/6552063/jeffrey-epsteins-unsealed-court-documents/>
 - **Miami Herald *Perversion of Justice*** — <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/article312152427.html>
 - **NBC News (last 2024 batch)** — <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/last-batch-unsealed-jeffrey-epstein-documents-released-rcna132936>
 - **FactCheck.org (general topic)** — <https://www.factcheck.org/person/jeffrey-epstein/>
 - **FactCheck.org "Sorting out the Facts"** — <https://www.factcheck.org/2025/11/sorting-out-the-facts-on-epstein-claims/>
 - **Reuters Institute (journalism methodology)** — <https://reutersinstitute.politics.ox.ac.uk/news/epstein-files-investigative-journalism-prince-andrew-arrest>
 - **Wikipedia list of names** — https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_people_named_in_the_Epstein_files
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8. How to Use This Compendium

- Start with **official .gov sources** for any factual claim.
- Cross-reference names across flight logs, depositions, and evidence lists before drawing conclusions.
- Distinguish between **criminal convictions** (Epstein, Maxwell), **civil settlements** (Prince Andrew, Giuffre), and **mere association** (contacts, photos, flights).

- Use the companion **Lies Library** (EPSTEIN-LIES-LIBRARY.md) to check public statements against specific documents.
 - When citing, link directly to DOJ/FBI/court documents rather than secondary summaries when possible.
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Metadata

- **Workflow:** Firecrawl Deep Research (exhaustive depth)
- **Search queries used:** 10+ including DOJ releases, flight logs, depositions, victim testimony, misinformation fact-checks, and contrarian analysis.
- **Sources scraped:** 25+ primary and secondary sources.
- **Compiled by:** Deceit editorial team for project `deceit.media`.

The Lies Library

Each myth below is presented with the claim, who spread it, the evidence, and the verdict.

Epstein Lies Library

A claim-vs-evidence database for AI use. Purpose: Link public statements about Jeffrey Epstein and his associates to released documents and credible reporting, then classify verifiable falsehoods as lies, unsupported claims as false claims, and frame-only distortions as misleading. **Date:** 2026-06-28 **Project:** `deceit.media` > **Language note:** We call verifiable falsehoods *lies* because the project is `deceit.media`. A “Lie” verdict means the claim is directly contradicted by primary evidence; it does not, by itself, prove the speaker’s intent in a court of law. “False claim” is used when the claim is presented as fact but has no credible support. “Misleading” covers framing that creates a false impression despite some real tether to evidence.

Verdict Key

Verdict	Meaning
Lie	A verifiable falsehood directly contradicted by primary evidence.
False claim	Presented as fact, but has no credible support in the released files.
Misleading	Technically tethered to real evidence, but framed to create a false impression.
Partially accurate	Some true elements, but the claim overstates or misrepresents the evidence.

Confirmed Supported by the released documents or authoritative reporting.

Unverified Evidence is incomplete or authentication has not been established.

1. Trump — “Bill Clinton visited Epstein’s island 28 times”

- **Claim:** Bill Clinton visited Epstein’s private island in the U.S. Virgin Islands “28 times.”
- **Claim source:** Trump remarks, 2025; [FactCheck.org](#)
- **Verdict:** Lie
- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- DOJ flight logs show Clinton traveled on Epstein’s aircraft, including a 2002 Africa trip, but do not document 28 island visits. ([DOJ flight log PDF](#))
- FactCheck.org found no evidence for the specific “28 times” island count. ([FactCheck](#))

Notes

The “28 times” figure is a verifiable falsehood. The flight logs prove association but do not document the asserted island visits, and no other source supports the specific count.

2. Rep. Melanie Stansbury — “Trump absolutely knew Maxwell was recruiting from Mar-a-Lago”

- **Claim:** Trump “absolutely knew” that Ghislaine Maxwell was recruiting and grooming young women from Mar-a-Lago and bringing them to Epstein’s house.
- **Claim source:** CNN appearance, Nov. 17, 2025; [FactCheck.org](#)
- **Verdict:** Misleading
- **Confidence:** Medium

Evidence against

- Released House Oversight emails contain Epstein comments that can be interpreted as involving Trump, but they do not show direct evidence that Trump knew of criminal recruitment or grooming. ([House Oversight release](#))
- FactCheck.org concluded that Stansbury’s wording “overstate[s] what the documents have revealed so far.” ([FactCheck](#))

Notes

The claim conflates Epstein's private comments with proof of Trump's knowledge. The documents may support suspicion, but they do not "absolutely prove" knowledge.

3. Ghislaine Maxwell — "Sexual activity was consensual and private"

- **Claim:** During her 2016 deposition, Maxwell refused to answer questions about sexual contact with Epstein and Johanna Sjöberg, framing such matters as consensual adult activity and private.
- **Claim source:** Unsealed deposition transcript, *Giuffre v. Maxwell* ([Guardian PDF](#))
- **Verdict:** Lie
- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- Maxwell's counsel instructed her not to answer questions about massages and sexual contact with Epstein and Sjöberg, asserting they were "consensual adult" and irrelevant. ([Guardian PDF](#))
- A federal jury convicted Maxwell of conspiring with Epstein to sexually abuse minors and recruiting/grooming underage girls. ([DOI](#))
- Johanna Sjöberg, a victim, testified that Maxwell recruited her to work for Epstein and that the work involved sexualized contact. ([Time](#))

Notes

Maxwell's deposition strategy treated the activity as private and consensual. The later criminal trial and conviction established that the conduct involved minors and coercion, exposing her framing as a lie.

4. Prince Andrew — "No recollection of ever meeting Virginia Giuffre"

- **Claim:** Prince Andrew stated he has "no recollection of ever meeting" Virginia Giuffre and denied her allegations of sexual abuse.
- **Claim source:** BBC Newsnight interview, 2019; [BBC](#)
- **Verdict:** Lie
- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- A widely circulated photograph shows Andrew with his arm around Giuffre, with Maxwell in the background, contradicting the claim of no recollection. ([Time](#))
- Giuffre testified in her deposition that she was trafficked to Andrew and that sexual abuse occurred. ([RollCall/Factbase](#))
- Andrew settled Giuffre's civil lawsuit in 2022 for an undisclosed sum while continuing to deny the allegations. ([Time](#))

Notes

The photograph and sworn testimony directly contradict the “no recollection” claim. A photograph of the meeting exists, and a victim testified under oath about the encounter.

5. Social media / Aaron Rodgers — “Jimmy Kimmel named in Epstein documents”

- **Claim:** Jimmy Kimmel was named in the unsealed Epstein documents.
- **Claim source:** Viral social media claim; [FactCheck.org](#)
- **Verdict:** False claim
- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- FactCheck.org verified that Kimmel does not appear in the unsealed court documents. The claim originated from an unsupported comment by Aaron Rodgers. ([FactCheck](#))
- The unsealed *Giuffre v. Maxwell* documents contain no mention of Jimmy Kimmel. ([Guardian PDF](#))

Notes

A clear example of a fabricated “name drop” that spread because audiences expected celebrity names in the files.

6. Social media — “Photo shows Kamala Harris with Epstein”

- **Claim:** A photograph shows Vice President Kamala Harris posing with Jeffrey Epstein.
- **Claim source:** Viral social media posts, Dec. 2023; [FactCheck.org](#)
- **Verdict:** Lie

- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- FactCheck.org found the image is a digitally manipulated composite. The original photo showed Harris with her husband, Douglas Emhoff. ([FactCheck](#))

Notes

A fabricated image is a verifiable lie. The original photo showed Harris with her husband, Douglas Emhoff, not Jeffrey Epstein.

7. Politicians, influencers, social media — “Secret Epstein client list exists”

- **Claim:** The Epstein files contain a secret “client list” that names all prominent people who participated in criminal activity.
- **Claim source:** Widespread public discourse, 2024–2025; [FactCheck.org](#)
- **Verdict:** Lie
- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- The DOJ/FBI memo, July 2025, stated: “This systematic review revealed no incriminating ‘client list.’” ([DOJ FBI Memo](#))
- The DOJ Epstein Library includes contact books, flight logs, and correspondence, but no document labeled or functioning as a “client list.” ([DOJ](#))

Notes

The “client list” narrative is a categorical error. Contact books are not client lists, and the FBI/DOJ explicitly found no incriminating client list in its holdings.

8. Conspiracy theorists / media — “Epstein blackmailed powerful people”

- **Claim:** Epstein operated a blackmail scheme using secret recordings to control powerful people.
- **Claim source:** Widespread speculation, 2019–2025; [DOJ FBI Memo](#)
- **Verdict:** Lie

- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- The DOJ/FBI memo, July 2025, stated: “There was also no credible evidence found that Epstein blackmailed prominent individuals as part of his actions.” ([DOJ](#))
- The FBI did not uncover evidence that could predicate an investigation against uncharged third parties. ([DOJ](#))

Notes

The FBI/DOJ review explicitly found no credible evidence that Epstein blackmailed prominent individuals. The claim is therefore a verifiable falsehood, not a plausible theory awaiting evidence.

9. Alexander Acosta / Epstein defense — “2008 non-prosecution agreement was appropriate”

- **Claim:** The 2008 non-prosecution agreement was an appropriate state-level resolution of the Florida investigation.
- **Claim source:** Court filings, press statements, congressional testimony, 2008–2019; [Miami Herald](#)
- **Verdict:** False claim
- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- The Miami Herald *Perversion of Justice* investigation exposed that the agreement granted broad federal immunity to Epstein and potential co-conspirators and shut down the FBI investigation at the time. ([Miami Herald](#))
- Federal prosecutors charged Epstein with sex trafficking of minors in 2019, years after the non-prosecution agreement, contradicting the claim that the 2008 deal was a complete resolution. ([DOJ](#))
- DOJ Data Set 9 includes internal DOJ correspondence about the non-prosecution agreement, showing it was controversial and conferred broad immunity. ([DOJ Data Set 9](#))

Notes

The 2008 deal was legally unusual and was later undermined by the federal indictment, civil suits, and public scrutiny. The claim that it was an adequate or complete resolution is a false claim given the later federal prosecution for the same underlying conduct.

10. Conspiracy theorists / social media — “Epstein was murdered in custody”

- **Claim:** Jeffrey Epstein was murdered in custody to prevent him from testifying.
- **Claim source:** Widespread conspiracy theory, 2019–present; [DOJ FBI Memo](#)
- **Verdict:** Lie
- **Confidence:** High

Evidence against

- The DOJ Office of Inspector General concluded in June 2023 that Epstein died by suicide and identified negligence and misconduct by correctional officers, but no homicide. ([DOJ OIG](#))
- The FBI reviewed enhanced SHU video and concluded that from ~10:40 pm on Aug 9, 2019, until ~6:30 am the next morning, nobody entered the tiers where Epstein was housed. ([DOJ FBI Memo](#))
- The New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner’s autopsy findings supported suicide by hanging. ([DOJ FBI Memo](#))

Notes

Multiple independent reviews, including SHU video evidence, the NYC medical examiner, and the DOJ OIG, support suicide. The murder claim is a verifiable lie.

11. Trump — “I did not write the birthday book note to Epstein”

- **Claim:** Trump denied writing a birthday message to Epstein that appeared in a released birthday book.
- **Claim source:** BBC reporting on House Oversight release, Sept. 2025; [BBC](#)
- **Verdict:** Unverified
- **Confidence:** Low

Evidence

- The House Oversight Committee release included a birthday book containing a note to Epstein bearing Trump’s name. ([House Oversight](#))
- Trump denied writing the note. The document itself is a primary source, but handwriting/authentication analysis is not included in the public release. ([BBC](#))

Notes

The birthday book entry exists, but its provenance and handwriting are not publicly authenticated. Trump's denial is plausible absent forensic verification. This entry remains unverified, not a classified lie.

12. Bill Clinton / spokesperson — “No contact with Epstein in nearly 20 years”

- **Claim:** Clinton has not spoken to Epstein in nearly 20 years.
- **Claim source:** CNN, citing Clinton spokesperson, Jan. 3, 2024; [CNN](#)
- **Verdict:** Confirmed
- **Confidence:** Medium

Evidence

- Documents from the 2015–2016 period do not show recent communications between Clinton and Epstein. Flight logs and the Sjöberg deposition concern earlier years. ([Guardian PDF](#))
- Time's analysis of the names concluded that the documents do not introduce new evidence of Clinton contact after the early 2000s. ([Time](#))

Notes

The released documents do not contradict this claim. The strongest evidence of Clinton–Epstein contact is from the 2002 Africa trip and occasional flights. No post-2004 substantive contact is documented in the files.

How to Extend This Library

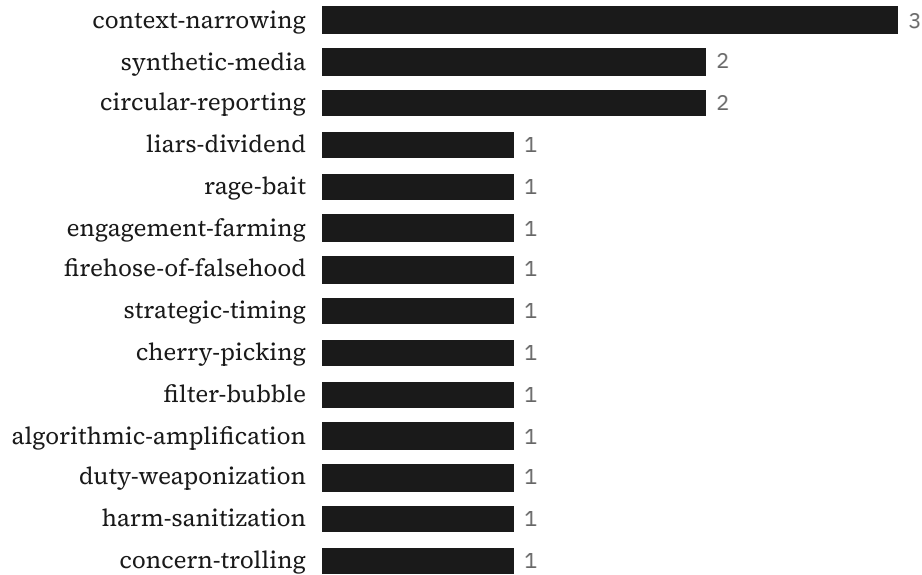
1. **Add a claim:** Capture the exact wording or a faithful paraphrase, with date and source. 2. **Locate evidence:** Prefer primary documents from `justice.gov`, `vault.fbi.gov`, or court dockets. 3. **Reserve “Lie” for verifiable falsehoods:** Use it only when primary evidence directly contradicts the claim. Use “False claim” for unsupported claims, “Misleading” for framing distortions, and “Unverified” when authentication is incomplete. 4. **Rate confidence:** High when multiple independent sources align; Low when authentication is incomplete. 5. **Cross-reference:** Link to the companion research report, `EPSTEIN-FILES-RESEARCH.md`, for background and repository links.

Structured Data Version

A machine-readable TypeScript version of this library lives at `src/data/epstein-fact-checks.ts` for use in the `deceit.media` site or any AI pipeline that ingests the project.

Pattern Frequency Analysis

The following chart shows which manipulation patterns appear most frequently across the 14 unique patterns identified in the epstein editorial series. This analysis is generated programmatically from the patterns frontmatter field of each piece.



The frequency distribution reveals which patterns are most central to the epstein disinformation ecosystem. The most frequent patterns are not necessarily the most harmful, but they are the most structurally important — they appear across multiple incidents and serve as connective tissue between separate events.

Case Studies

The following pieces from the deceit.media editorial series are included as case studies. Each piece has been reframed with an introduction connecting it to the pattern analysis above.

The AI image that proved what you already believed

There are two ways to lie with an image. The old way is to take a real photo and lie about what it shows. The new way is to make the photo itself. In 2025 and into 2026, the second method stopped being a novelty and became a workflow. Fact-checkers at Misbar rounded up a year of it: AI-generated images tied to political, humanitarian, and security events, circulated as real, often in war-torn areas where verification is hardest and the appetite for confirmation is highest.

Two examples frame the problem. An AI-generated image showed mixed martial artist Sean Strickland wearing a T-shirt linking US President Trump and Jeffrey Epstein as he was escorted from a UFC event at the White House. It was not real. In early 2026, social media was flooded with AI-generated images of Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro's capture that never happened, blending fabricated visuals with genuine footage until millions of viewers could not tell which was which.

Why a fake image works better than

Full piece at deceit.media/ai-images-liars-dividend

The AI image of Sean Strickland in a Trump-Epstein T-shirt at the White House

In early 2025, an image circulated on social media showing UFC fighter Sean Strickland at a White House event, wearing a T-shirt that linked Trump and Jeffrey Epstein. The image looked like a candid photograph. Strickland was present in the frame. The setting looked like a formal UFC-related gathering at the White House. The T-shirt text appeared to make a political accusation. The image was not real. It was AI-generated.

What the image showed

The image presented Strickland as wearing a T-shirt with text that drew a connection between Trump and Epstein, implying complicity or shared criminal association. The setting was identifiable as a White House event involving UFC fighters. The image was circulated with captions that treated it as documentary evidence of a political statement made by Strickland in a high-profile setting. To a casual viewer, it appeared to be a genuine photograph.

Why it was fake

Reuters Fact Check and other verification outlets identified the image as A

Full piece at deceit.media/epstein-ai-image-strickland-tshirt

The Epstein client list does not exist, and that is why the theory will never die

The most durable piece of Epstein misinformation is not an AI image or a miscaptioned video. It is a noun. "The client list." The phrase has been repeated by politicians, commentators, and millions of social media users as if it refers to a specific document that exists and is being withheld. The Department of Justice released 3.5 million pages in January 2026. The client list was not in them. The FBI stated in July 2025 that its systematic review "revealed no incriminating 'client list.'" The theory has not adjusted. It does not need to. The absence of the document is, within the theory, proof of the cover-up.

What the files actually contain

The DOJ Epstein Library organizes its release into 12 data sets: court records, flight logs, contact books, FBI and police reports, financial ledgers, and 180,000 images plus 2,000 videos seized from Epstein's properties. The contact books contain thousands of names. The flight logs list passengers. Neither is a "client list" in the sens

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Every Epstein document release triggers a misinformation wave. Here is the pattern.

Every major release of Epstein-related documents has followed the same trajectory. The documents are real. The release is real. But within hours, a wave of fabricated claims, exaggerated interpretations, and viral decontextualization spreads faster than the documents themselves. The misinformation is not a byproduct of transparency. It is a predictable feature of the release environment.

The pattern

The sequence is consistent across releases:

1. A large set of documents is released or leaked.
2. Social media accounts begin posting screenshots, claims, and "lists of names" before anyone has read the documents. This is [source obfuscation](#): claims borrow authority from "the documents" without pointing to any specific passage.
3. The most inflammatory claims are amplified by accounts that benefit from confusion.
4. Corrections are issued days later, after the false claims have already become fixed beliefs.
5. The correction itself is interpreted

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Flight logs are not verdicts: the Epstein passenger lists and what they actually prove

When the Epstein flight logs were released, they were read as a verdict. They are not a verdict. They are pilot records. They list who was on the plane, when, and sometimes where the plane went. They do not list what happened at the destination. They do not list what was known. They do not list criminal conduct. They list passengers.

What the logs show

The flight logs document travel on Epstein's aircraft, including a 2002 Africa trip organized by the Clinton Foundation that carried Bill Clinton, Kevin Spacey, and Chris Tucker for humanitarian work. They document Trump on at least one flight in 1997. They document Ghislaine Maxwell as a frequent passenger and organizer. They document numerous other individuals across years of travel for purposes that include business, social visits, and humanitarian trips.

The logs are evidence of association. They are not evidence of crimes. The distinction matters because the logs have been read as a confession: every name treated as an

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