

Table 2. Unrotated Exploratory Factor Loadings and Confirmatory Factor Estimators (Bifactor) of Conspirator Dimensions

	Exploratory Factor Analysis		Confirmatory Factor Analysis (Bifactor Models)				
	Factor 1 (General)	Factor 2 (Ideological)	Bifactor 1: General Conspiracy	Bifactor 1: Ideological Conspiracy	Bifactor 2: General Conspiracy	Bifactor 2: Liberal Conspiracy	Bifactor 2: Conservative Conspiracy
Financial Crisis	0.71	-0.152	1		1	0.489	
CFLB	0.778	0.126	1.112		1.114		0.525
Iraq War	0.685	-0.332	0.964	-0.601	0.921	0.704	
Birther	0.521	0.448	0.717	1	0.481		1
Soros	0.589	0.438	0.808	0.924	0.599		0.973
Truther	0.707	-0.293	1.072	-0.703	0.986	1	
Chemtrails	0.801	-0.067	1.232		1.549		
LR test	3267.42***						
LL	-76.312						
AIC	182.62						
RMSEA			.138			.135	

Note

Exploratory factor analysis is performed on a matrix of polychoric correlation coefficients, whereas the bifactor analyses are estimated with a weighted least squares procedure.

Source : 2011 CCES; N = 2,000.