

The Colour of Lies

According to psychological theory there are four colours of lies. The **white** lie is altruistic and told to help others. The **grey** lie, this is the one you and I tell the most, partly altruistic but partly to help oneself too. The **red** lie is told out of spite and revenge even at the expense of harming ourselves. Finally, the **black** lie, simple and callous selfishness, is told to protect oneself from trouble.

I want to introduce another colour, in my opinion, the most heinous of all – the **orange** lie. This is akin to the black lie except the teller tells it so often they believe it to be true. The most dangerous consequence of this - their rhetoric is so convincing that others, who know it is a downright lie, also end up believing it to be true. The orange lie was first introduced in America, where else, around 2016 when a certain orange-coloured politician crept from a sewer, puffed up his chest and opened his mouth.

I ask you to rise up with me now and banish these orange lies. Who will dare?