

# UFO abductees face psychological damage

**CHICAGO**  
UFO investigators who promoted the stories of people claiming to have been kidnapped by unidentified flying objects might be causing serious psychological damage to those "abductees", a psychologist warned.

Some recent books chronicling alleged UFO abductions have become bestsellers in the United States.

An expert in abnormal psychology at the University of Kentucky, Robert Baker, said the authors and promoters of books on UFO abductions might be using hypnosis to un-

cover many of the stories of kidnappings by flying saucers.

Because hypnosis could transform a dream, a hallucination or a fantasy into a seemingly real event, the UFO investigators might be doing psychological harm to their subjects.

A hypnotist, using the power of suggestion, could even create "memories" of an event that never occurred, he said.

The claims made by UFO 'abductees' fell into a category of psychology that was by no means new, and it was well documented, Mr Baker said. — NZPA-Reuter

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