

UFO report distorted

Tuesday (Feb. 27) on PBS's

"Nova," a program was aired attempting to debunk the UFO-alien abduction phenomenon. In it, the findings of abduction researcher Budd Hopkins, as well as of other investigators, e.g., Dr. John Mack of Harvard Medical School, who have interviewed hundreds of abductees in depth, were badly misrepresented.

PBS interviewed a woman who with her son were abducted and later counseled by Hopkins, but omitted evidence pointing to the reality of the abduction. They flagrantly omitted her husband's eyewitness report of seeing their son floated out of the house by aliens while he lay paralyzed. They made it seem that Hopkins had based his case on the child's hesitant recognition of a UFO-alien drawing. They tragically failed to mention that in many cases the abductee retains nearly full memory of the events without recourse to hypnosis.

PBS made it seem as if all such abductions occur at night from the bedroom, so that the inapplicable hypothesis of "sleep paralysis" might be invoked. However, as researchers well know, many such abductions have occurred in the daytime when the subject was awake.

PBS omitted photographs Hopkins made available to them showing ground traces caused by UFO landings at the time of abduction, saying it "would open a can of worms."

This is our beloved PBS, presenter of wonderful nature programs (even if rigged at times), which has resorted to distortion and half-truth when it comes to the UFO phenomenon, thereby making a mockery of the scientific method on "Nova."

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