

T H A T

UFO

P O D C A S T

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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,510

[Music]

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00:00:08,710 --> 00:00:06,789

there's a whole fleet of them look on

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00:00:10,950 --> 00:00:08,720

the assay

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00:00:14,310 --> 00:00:10,960

oh my gosh they're all going against the

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:16,390

it was basically a cube with inside of

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00:00:23,940 --> 00:00:18,960

sphere where the points of the cube

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00:00:37,110 --> 00:00:33,200

[Music]

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:37,120

[Applause]

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00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:38,719

so this isn't anything that just is

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00:00:50,150 --> 00:00:40,960

limited to the united states it's a

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00:00:55,270 --> 00:00:52,790

hi everyone and welcome back to that ufo

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00:00:58,150 --> 00:00:55,280

podcast making his second appearance on

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00:01:00,630 --> 00:00:58,160

the pod i have award-winning journalist

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00:01:02,389 --> 00:01:00,640

author of the believer alien encounters

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00:01:04,310 --> 00:01:02,399

hard science and the passion of john

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00:01:06,310 --> 00:01:04,320

mack i'd like to welcome back ralph

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00:01:08,630 --> 00:01:06,320

blumenthal ralph how are we

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00:01:10,469 --> 00:01:08,640

oh great thank you for having me

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00:01:12,390 --> 00:01:10,479

it's always a pleasure anytime ralph and

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00:01:14,310 --> 00:01:12,400

i do mean that with yourself listen

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00:01:16,469 --> 00:01:14,320

ralph you were on the pod a few months

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00:01:19,270 --> 00:01:16,479

ago talking about your fantastic book on

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00:01:21,910 --> 00:01:19,280

john mack who so ferociously studied the

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00:01:23,830 --> 00:01:21,920

alien abduction experience now just a

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00:01:25,749 --> 00:01:23,840

few days ago as we recalled this you

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00:01:28,789 --> 00:01:25,759

authored an article for the debrief

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00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:28,799

titled the experience the cultural rise

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00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:30,640

of alien abductions and those who

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00:01:34,230 --> 00:01:32,079

experience them

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00:01:36,390 --> 00:01:34,240

what about this particular aspect of the

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phenomenon do you find so compelling

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00:01:41,749 --> 00:01:38,960

that you're still pursuing it

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well first of all um i in this article i

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00:01:47,749 --> 00:01:43,200

try to relate

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00:01:49,190 --> 00:01:47,759

uh the revelations uh about uh ufos that

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00:01:52,469 --> 00:01:49,200

are very recent

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00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:52,479

uh to the the broader question of uh

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00:01:57,350 --> 00:01:54,960

alien experiences so

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00:02:00,789 --> 00:01:57,360

in the new york times uh the articles we

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did we dealt with the ufo sightings and

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the

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00:02:09,669 --> 00:02:08,720

air force have done

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00:02:17,510 --> 00:02:09,679

in

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00:02:18,869 --> 00:02:17,520

uap unidentified area aerial phenomena

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00:02:20,869 --> 00:02:18,879

whatever they are

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00:02:23,030 --> 00:02:20,879

and um

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00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:23,040

so i start off by saying

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00:02:26,949 --> 00:02:24,560

um

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00:02:29,030 --> 00:02:26,959

the news with ufos is that the

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00:02:31,589 --> 00:02:29,040

government is now saying that these

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00:02:34,150 --> 00:02:31,599
things exist okay there's physical

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00:02:35,270 --> 00:02:34,160
confirmation in measurements and

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00:02:38,390 --> 00:02:35,280
video

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00:02:40,229 --> 00:02:38,400
radar etc that something physical exists

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00:02:41,270 --> 00:02:40,239
and that's quite a breakthrough from the

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00:02:44,070 --> 00:02:41,280
previous

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00:02:46,710 --> 00:02:44,080
uh stances that the government has taken

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00:02:48,670 --> 00:02:46,720
um claiming that this is marsh gas or

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00:02:50,790 --> 00:02:48,680
the planet venus or

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00:02:52,229 --> 00:02:50,800
hallucinations or fly specs on the

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00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:52,239
windshield

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00:02:54,550 --> 00:02:53,120
um

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00:02:56,790 --> 00:02:54,560

so now the government has come around

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00:02:58,470 --> 00:02:56,800

not only do they physically exist but

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00:03:00,550 --> 00:02:58,480

they represent a threat

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00:03:03,509 --> 00:03:00,560

to other aircraft

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00:03:05,190 --> 00:03:03,519

so uh in terms of you know near misses

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00:03:07,110 --> 00:03:05,200

so so that's really interesting these

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00:03:08,710 --> 00:03:07,120

things exist now

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00:03:10,630 --> 00:03:08,720

and then i make the distinction in the

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00:03:11,670 --> 00:03:10,640

article that the government is not

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00:03:12,470 --> 00:03:11,680

saying

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00:03:14,229 --> 00:03:12,480

uh

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00:03:16,309 --> 00:03:14,239

where these things come from what they

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00:03:18,630 --> 00:03:16,319

think they are who's behind or what is

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00:03:19,670 --> 00:03:18,640

behind the wheel if there is a wheel

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00:03:21,270 --> 00:03:19,680

um

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00:03:23,350 --> 00:03:21,280

because first of all the government

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00:03:25,270 --> 00:03:23,360

doesn't know it's pure speculation and

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00:03:28,070 --> 00:03:25,280

and we and in the times too we like to

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00:03:30,550 --> 00:03:28,080

stick to what we can what we can back up

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00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:30,560

so this article was an attempt to kind

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00:03:35,270 --> 00:03:34,080

of relate these two sides of the

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00:03:38,789 --> 00:03:35,280

of the issue

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00:03:41,430 --> 00:03:38,799

um uh bridge them in a way of course

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00:03:42,789 --> 00:03:41,440

that it's not necessarily bridgeable but

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00:03:45,030 --> 00:03:42,799

um

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john mack

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00:03:49,509 --> 00:03:46,799

the harvard psychiatrist i wrote about

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00:03:50,630 --> 00:03:49,519

in the believer found a correlation

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00:03:51,670 --> 00:03:50,640

between

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00:03:54,630 --> 00:03:51,680

um

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00:03:56,869 --> 00:03:54,640

experiencer accounts of

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00:03:59,509 --> 00:03:56,879

you know meeting with or being abducted

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00:04:02,229 --> 00:03:59,519

by alien beings

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and ufos he said very often a ufo was

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cited in proximity to where these

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00:04:09,429 --> 00:04:06,720

encounters

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00:04:11,030 --> 00:04:09,439

happened at night or in driving in a car

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00:04:13,670 --> 00:04:11,040

or wherever

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00:04:17,349 --> 00:04:13,680
so there is some kind of a correlation

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00:04:20,949 --> 00:04:17,359
but not all the experienter accounts

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00:04:23,270 --> 00:04:20,959
mention ufos uh sometimes they're very

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00:04:25,270 --> 00:04:23,280
strange these accounts they are you

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00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:25,280
cannot make them up

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00:04:29,590 --> 00:04:28,000
it seems to me the details are so

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00:04:31,270 --> 00:04:29,600
incredible

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00:04:33,350 --> 00:04:31,280
that uh

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00:04:35,270 --> 00:04:33,360
humans do not have the imagination it

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00:04:38,150 --> 00:04:35,280
seems to me to make up these these

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00:04:40,070 --> 00:04:38,160
stories the detail of these stories

112
00:04:42,629 --> 00:04:40,080
so

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00:04:46,390 --> 00:04:42,639

what the relationship is between ufos

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00:04:48,070 --> 00:04:46,400

and and alien experiences um is very

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00:04:50,710 --> 00:04:48,080

difficult to

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00:04:52,790 --> 00:04:50,720

to establish um as i said there's some

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00:04:55,189 --> 00:04:52,800

kind of a correlation but not all

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00:04:56,469 --> 00:04:55,199

experiences involve ufos

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00:04:59,749 --> 00:04:56,479

and um

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00:05:01,270 --> 00:04:59,759

and the uh and the scientific backing

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00:05:02,469 --> 00:05:01,280

that the government has

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00:05:03,909 --> 00:05:02,479

has gotten

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00:05:08,629 --> 00:05:03,919

in order to be able to say that these

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00:05:10,790 --> 00:05:08,639

things exist say nothing about uh aliens

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00:05:12,790 --> 00:05:10,800

now the article itself was originally

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00:05:14,550 --> 00:05:12,800
scheduled to be printed by the new york

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00:05:17,510 --> 00:05:14,560
times but at the last minute it was

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00:05:19,430 --> 00:05:17,520
decided against why was this and did you

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00:05:20,870 --> 00:05:19,440
expect that given the nature of what was

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00:05:23,590 --> 00:05:20,880
being discussed

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00:05:27,590 --> 00:05:23,600
well it was a little complicated um

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00:05:29,350 --> 00:05:27,600
the times in in very good faith uh uh

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00:05:31,590 --> 00:05:29,360
asked me to look into this for an

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00:05:33,350 --> 00:05:31,600
article uh which i did

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00:05:35,830 --> 00:05:33,360
but you know along the way as often

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00:05:39,510 --> 00:05:35,840
happens people move

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00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:39,520
and my editor of the piece left and two

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00:05:43,909 --> 00:05:41,919

photo editors left and by the time

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00:05:45,909 --> 00:05:43,919

everybody moved um the piece was

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00:05:47,029 --> 00:05:45,919

essentially you know handed off to

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00:05:48,790 --> 00:05:47,039

people who didn't have the same

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00:05:53,510 --> 00:05:48,800

commitment to it so that happens in

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00:05:54,790 --> 00:05:53,520

journalism i understand that um and um

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00:05:55,670 --> 00:05:54,800

you know they were very good about it

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00:05:57,749 --> 00:05:55,680

they

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00:05:59,909 --> 00:05:57,759

i certainly was free to to place it

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elsewhere which i did very happily at

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00:06:03,749 --> 00:06:01,120

the debrief

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and um you know not every article works

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out i've written in my long career at

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00:06:11,110 --> 00:06:09,520
the times 45 years uh many articles ran

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00:06:12,710 --> 00:06:11,120
some didn't for different reasons

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00:06:13,909 --> 00:06:12,720
different editors have different takes

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00:06:16,390 --> 00:06:13,919
on things

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00:06:17,430 --> 00:06:16,400
it's a difficult you know area

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00:06:19,909 --> 00:06:17,440
um

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00:06:23,590 --> 00:06:19,919
i understand that so i there's no hard

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00:06:27,830 --> 00:06:25,270
ralph i'm going to ask is there an

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00:06:30,070 --> 00:06:27,840
argument that the public is not anywhere

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00:06:31,830 --> 00:06:30,080
near ready for this aspect of the

161
00:06:35,510 --> 00:06:31,840
phenomenon to be brought into the

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00:06:37,749 --> 00:06:35,520
conversation in the mainstream

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00:06:39,909 --> 00:06:37,759

well i don't agree with that um i think

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00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:39,919

the the the public is ahead of the

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00:06:44,070 --> 00:06:41,759

government in many ways

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i think the government was historically

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00:06:48,230 --> 00:06:46,000

afraid

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00:06:50,469 --> 00:06:48,240

of dealing with the subject which is why

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00:06:52,150 --> 00:06:50,479

you know going back to roswell and

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00:06:53,589 --> 00:06:52,160

kenneth arnold's

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00:06:55,990 --> 00:06:53,599

sighting

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of ufos over mount rainier

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1947 was a banner a banner year for ufos

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00:07:05,270 --> 00:07:02,400

and then of course all the sightings

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over washington dc and you know the the

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00:07:10,870 --> 00:07:09,039

whole flurry of uh of ufo activity uh

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the government seemed to take the

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position that people this is too

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upsetting uh to people to to acknowledge

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so they came up with all kinds of

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stories that this was you know these

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00:07:22,309 --> 00:07:21,440

were hallucinations that these were

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00:07:25,430 --> 00:07:22,319

um

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00:07:28,150 --> 00:07:25,440

uh you know the planet venus as i said

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which is ridiculous because you had um

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00:07:33,589 --> 00:07:31,360

veterans of world war ii who had close

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uh encounters with some of these objects

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00:07:37,909 --> 00:07:35,840

pilots particularly and they know what

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00:07:40,710 --> 00:07:37,919

the planet venus looks like

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00:07:41,670 --> 00:07:40,720

and they know what a ufo looks like

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so

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the public was ahead of the government

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in many ways and the government not only

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didn't acknowledge it but in some cases

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00:07:51,270 --> 00:07:49,840

it went to great lengths to come up with

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00:07:52,629 --> 00:07:51,280

disinformation

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00:07:53,589 --> 00:07:52,639

um

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00:07:55,830 --> 00:07:53,599

you know

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full stories and to try to undermine

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some of the people who were reporting

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00:08:01,909 --> 00:08:00,160
these things and and try to paint them

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00:08:04,230 --> 00:08:01,919
as communist subversive i mean there's a

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00:08:06,309 --> 00:08:04,240
long unhappy history of this

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00:08:08,309 --> 00:08:06,319
um so

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00:08:10,390 --> 00:08:08,319
i would say the public has been ahead of

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00:08:12,469 --> 00:08:10,400
the government because people have seen

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00:08:13,830 --> 00:08:12,479
these things they know they exist now

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00:08:15,589 --> 00:08:13,840
the government is admitting that they

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00:08:17,430 --> 00:08:15,599
exist now

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00:08:18,390 --> 00:08:17,440
um

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00:08:20,469 --> 00:08:18,400
you know

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00:08:22,710 --> 00:08:20,479
jumping ahead to alien encounters i

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00:08:25,350 --> 00:08:22,720

think there's still a lot of skepticism

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for the very nature of the phenomenon

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these experiences are not happening in

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our everyday reality that we can tell

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that's that's the difference that the

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ufos have been cited by pilots and

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captured on radar and imaging devices um

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encounters with alien beings have not

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been

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captured on instruments

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00:08:53,590 --> 00:08:51,440

um and

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people who have had these experiences

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00:08:59,670 --> 00:08:56,480

are adamant that they that they happened

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00:09:01,269 --> 00:08:59,680

okay that they that they were real

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00:09:03,030 --> 00:09:01,279

there was not a dream

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00:09:05,670 --> 00:09:03,040

and people who have not had these

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experiences cannot imagine

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that this could be possible so that's

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00:09:11,430 --> 00:09:09,519

the problem

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00:09:13,430 --> 00:09:11,440

and um

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00:09:15,910 --> 00:09:13,440

that's why i mean a lot of scientific

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00:09:16,949 --> 00:09:15,920

work still has to be done to figure out

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00:09:18,310 --> 00:09:16,959

um

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you know the nature of this phenomenon

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john mack ended up thinking that that

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these encounters were happening in some

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twilight zone a liminal area between

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00:09:31,670 --> 00:09:29,680

our our reality and something else it's

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00:09:34,230 --> 00:09:31,680

coming to us penetrating from another

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00:09:36,870 --> 00:09:34,240

reality or another dimension or

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00:09:39,110 --> 00:09:36,880

something um and considering how little

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00:09:40,550 --> 00:09:39,120

we know about i mean we know certain

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00:09:42,310 --> 00:09:40,560

laws of physics

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00:09:45,110 --> 00:09:42,320

um but how little we know about the

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00:09:47,829 --> 00:09:45,120

makeup of the universe we 95 of it is a

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00:09:51,190 --> 00:09:47,839

mystery hard i mean dark matter and dark

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00:09:52,630 --> 00:09:51,200

energy so we we don't know everything

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00:09:54,310 --> 00:09:52,640

so um

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00:09:55,590 --> 00:09:54,320
you know where these experiences are

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00:09:58,389 --> 00:09:55,600
coming from

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00:10:00,230 --> 00:09:58,399
and why they don't happen in front of us

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00:10:03,030 --> 00:10:00,240
so that we could see them and and say

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00:10:05,110 --> 00:10:03,040
yeah it's absolute reality they're not

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00:10:09,269 --> 00:10:05,120
um that

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00:10:11,190 --> 00:10:09,279
absolutely remains to be studied

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00:10:13,269 --> 00:10:11,200
it's interesting ralph because you said

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00:10:15,750 --> 00:10:13,279
in the turn of phrase that these people

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00:10:17,509 --> 00:10:15,760
are are adamant this wasn't a dream but

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00:10:19,750 --> 00:10:17,519
it actually might be the case that some

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00:10:22,069 --> 00:10:19,760
of these are dreams but in the same

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00:10:24,630 --> 00:10:22,079

respect they are still happening because

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00:10:26,230 --> 00:10:24,640

maybe those dreams are in that twilight

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area of you know the conscious and

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00:10:29,990 --> 00:10:28,079

subconscious and

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00:10:31,509 --> 00:10:30,000

it may be that physically you could see

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00:10:33,509 --> 00:10:31,519

someone and i've discussed this on the

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00:10:35,509 --> 00:10:33,519

podcast before someone could have an

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00:10:37,030 --> 00:10:35,519

abduction experience but you would

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00:10:38,790 --> 00:10:37,040

physically stand beside them in their

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00:10:39,829 --> 00:10:38,800

bed for example and never see them leave

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00:10:42,389 --> 00:10:39,839

the bed

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00:10:43,910 --> 00:10:42,399

but the unconscious mind could be

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somewhere else and that's that's quite

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an interesting interesting way to look

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00:10:48,630 --> 00:10:47,440

at it

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yes i mean

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that's a very good point

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that there is no agreement

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on um

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the physical aspect of abduction i mean

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of course there's no agreement the whole

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00:11:02,790 --> 00:11:01,040

thing is a big mystery but um in my book

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i cite um

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uh two stories uh one as i said was the

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one about the two girls with the

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sleepover and they disappeared during

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the night

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the mother found them missing and then

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00:11:16,710 --> 00:11:14,959

they reappeared in their beds and they

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00:11:18,550 --> 00:11:16,720

remembered having some kind of abduction

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experience so that would suggest

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a physical absence

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but there was another case that was

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00:11:26,389 --> 00:11:23,519

discussed at the

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mit conference in 1992 of the conference

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at mit mit didn't really

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sponsor the conference it just provided

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00:11:36,790 --> 00:11:34,480

a venue but anyway there was a case um

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discussed of a woman

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who fainted in her husband's arms

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and uh and thought uh or felt that she

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was uh flying uh levitating uh up into

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00:11:51,590 --> 00:11:50,000

the sky and had all these uh out-of-body

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experiences

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uh while he was holding her

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and he he said later she was definitely

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00:12:00,629 --> 00:11:58,160

there in my arms but she

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00:12:03,910 --> 00:12:00,639

remembered or felt that she was

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00:12:05,509 --> 00:12:03,920

somewhere else so those are two cases

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completely opposite

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of

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the two girls who were physically absent

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and the woman who was in her husband's

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arms um

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00:12:16,389 --> 00:12:14,800

so um

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00:12:19,350 --> 00:12:16,399

make of that what you will

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00:12:21,269 --> 00:12:19,360

there is no easy answer to this question

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00:12:23,509 --> 00:12:21,279

and and the article i wrote for vanity

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fair in 2013 which was really a work in

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progress on my book which came out in

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00:12:32,389 --> 00:12:30,240

you know 2021 um

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you know just started off with the

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question are you physically absent when

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you're abducted

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according to

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you know experiencers

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and um

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they grapple with this some say you are

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absent some say you're not absent it's

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an out-of-body experience and

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out-of-body experiences by the way are

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recognized it's a psychiatric syndrome

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00:12:56,870 --> 00:12:54,560

with you know a lot has been written

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00:12:59,269 --> 00:12:56,880

about it uh people imagine that they're

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00:13:01,190 --> 00:12:59,279

out of their bodies um and it happens

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often in near-death experiences where

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00:13:04,069 --> 00:13:02,000

people

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00:13:06,629 --> 00:13:04,079

uh feel they leave their bodies and then

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come back to their bodies so

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00:13:10,550 --> 00:13:09,360

it's it's a very complicated story and

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00:13:12,150 --> 00:13:10,560

um

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00:13:16,230 --> 00:13:12,160

you know again no easy answer but

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and something your colleague leslie

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keane has an interest in with her

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00:13:24,550 --> 00:13:22,079

documentaries as well on surviving death

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now i would ask ralph um recently many

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experiencers online

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including social media have been voicing

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their frustrations that they're not

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being heard they're not being considered

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in this conversation and i i've spoken

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to some of them myself on dms or just on

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various threads and i would always

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00:13:44,949 --> 00:13:42,800

listen to someone's story is that the

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00:13:47,750 --> 00:13:44,959

frustration that you share and what

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would you say to them

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00:13:51,590 --> 00:13:48,800

definitely

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understand their frustration

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00:13:57,829 --> 00:13:56,079

in in the debrief article i just ran

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i include four

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uh verbatim accounts of experiences and

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i i applaud their courage actually in

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entrusting me with their stories they're

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identified um they're not operating

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under pseudonyms i mean i feel that's

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very important in this kind of reporting

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it's too easy to give people pseudonyms

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or disguise their identity and my

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training at the new york times always is

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00:14:24,629 --> 00:14:22,480

you know no pseudonyms uh names whenever

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00:14:26,629 --> 00:14:24,639

possible uh because that gives

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00:14:29,430 --> 00:14:26,639

credibility to a story

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00:14:31,829 --> 00:14:29,440

so these four people uh three woman

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00:14:35,030 --> 00:14:31,839

three women and a man

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agreed to share their stories with me

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00:14:40,310 --> 00:14:38,560

as as wild and bizarre as they as they

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sound

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and they are identified

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00:14:46,470 --> 00:14:44,160

they stand behind these stories they

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00:14:49,430 --> 00:14:46,480

don't understand it themselves you know

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00:14:52,550 --> 00:14:49,440

what happened to them and why

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00:14:55,590 --> 00:14:52,560

um it doesn't seem possible i mean you

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know as john mack said many times they

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00:14:59,990 --> 00:14:58,800

they sound totally impossible to people

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who have not

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00:15:03,750 --> 00:15:01,760

encountered this so these people are

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very frustrated they do feel they are

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00:15:10,389 --> 00:15:05,760

they are marginalized by society they're

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discuss this even with family members

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for fear of being ostracized labeled you

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00:15:18,790 --> 00:15:16,560

know insane

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uh because it doesn't comport with our

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reality and yet these are

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as john mack established eminently sane

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people

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who apart from this

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um

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are completely ordinary i mean and that

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is to say they are not

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um bereft of traumatic experience some

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of them are rape victims some of them

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had you know uh unpleasant family

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experiences traumas all kinds of

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00:15:47,590 --> 00:15:45,600
problems

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these are ordinary people

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so it's not to say these people nothing

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00:15:52,790 --> 00:15:50,959
has ever happened to these people

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they're you know they're

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on the contrary they are normal with all

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00:16:00,629 --> 00:15:56,560

the normal

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00:16:01,430 --> 00:16:00,639

um frustrations uh but they're not crazy

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so

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that's that's one of the things that

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struck john mack they come from all

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walks of life they're completely

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representative of the human population

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including young children as i said

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and yet we don't understand why they

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were picked out

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um for these experiences and by the way

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it's well known in the literature that

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that these experiences seem to run in

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families that um

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if your grandparents have had the

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experiences then their children and and

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the grandchildren have had them and

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parents have said many times that they

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they see these experiences now

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coming to their children

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so for some reason uh it follows some

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kind of family line not always

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and it also seems to center on on people

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in the reproductive years

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so

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again that's a simple matter of of

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tabulating the uh polling you know the

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this this population as difficult as it

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is to get people to to cooperate and

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talk but um you know there are certain

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common elements to this even though the

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population as i said it cuts across all

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now you've talked about the the normal

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everyday person and and what you've said

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there and of course you've got those

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case studies within the article as well

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i i would encourage people to go and

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read that article if they haven't

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already the link will be in the

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description for the show as well as that

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though many famous names are cited in

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00:17:32,390 --> 00:17:31,600
your article names such as kendrick

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00:17:35,029 --> 00:17:32,400
lamar

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00:17:37,350 --> 00:17:35,039
demi lovato and lupe fiasco there are

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more recent names that a much younger

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crowd will no doubt be aware of

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00:17:44,150 --> 00:17:41,760
how important for you is it that

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00:17:46,950 --> 00:17:44,160
celebrities of this magnitude are

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00:17:48,789 --> 00:17:46,960
discussing these sorts of experiences

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00:17:51,270 --> 00:17:48,799
yeah i i thought it was quite striking

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00:17:55,029 --> 00:17:51,280

and as as you said exactly right i

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wanted to relate this subject to a young

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audience and they certainly know

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kendrick lamar and demi lovato and

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lupe fiasco these are people who are

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cultural icons not to speak of john

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lennon and elvis

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from a previous generation

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but

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so these people have had you know again

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uh

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this is a cross-section of humanity that

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is reporting these experiences uh there

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are celebrities there are ordinary

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people there are police officers um

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there are uh you know people from from

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scientific background

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um

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you know happening to only one one kind

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of person you know somebody who's

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mentally unstable let's say it's not

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true

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and

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it is interesting that these celebrities

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that i quote in the article they didn't

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talk to me i tried to get interviews

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with them but okay you know it's

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difficult to pin down a celebrity but

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they did say this in public forums um on

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the air

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and demi lovato actually has a show

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starting uh this week

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unidentified uh i haven't seen it i

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haven't seen the trails i don't know you

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know where the show goes what she says

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00:19:16,950 --> 00:19:14,960

but anyway um it is interesting that

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celebrities have had these experiences

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too

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00:19:23,909 --> 00:19:20,960
is there a danger given some of these

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00:19:26,230 --> 00:19:23,919
personalities and and bigger names

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00:19:27,750 --> 00:19:26,240
they've had controversies or you know

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00:19:30,710 --> 00:19:27,760
odd behaviors

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00:19:32,630 --> 00:19:30,720
that it can enforce the stigma attached

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00:19:34,710 --> 00:19:32,640
to the subject and the way that the

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00:19:36,470 --> 00:19:34,720
wider media may now report on it

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00:19:38,390 --> 00:19:36,480
famously from a uk point of view the

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singer robbie williams has been attached

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00:19:43,590 --> 00:19:41,600
to jeremy corbell and skinwalker ranch

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00:19:46,070 --> 00:19:43,600
along with george knapp and robbie

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00:19:48,150 --> 00:19:46,080
williams i'm a fan of his stuff from the

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00:19:50,470 --> 00:19:48,160

early 2000s i grew up with with robbie

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williams really good great musician but

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it's no secret as he's gotten older he

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gets reported on as being a little bit

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00:20:00,070 --> 00:19:57,679

crazier for one of a better word by the

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media do you think that can enforce that

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stigma or do you still think the pros

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outweigh the cons well you know the more

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i like to think that the more we write

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about this and the more we

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uh stress the point that first of all

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there's no there should be no stigma

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attached this is an experience these

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people didn't want

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these experiences to happen they're not

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profiting from these experiences on the

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contrary

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they're they're shy they're running

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they're embarrassed they're ashamed even

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though they have no reason to be ashamed

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but um but the more we we discuss this

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um

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i think it helps to erase the stigma but

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and that's why it was interesting that

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you know lupe fiasco and kendrick lamar

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and others have mentioned it in a public

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way

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and i think it's it's brave of them to

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to combat this and they can do it

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because they're celebrities in other

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words they

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00:20:55,110 --> 00:20:53,200

um

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00:20:56,870 --> 00:20:55,120

they have a guaranteed following you

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know no matter what they say

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and uh they're insulated let's say from

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you know some of the

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00:21:05,430 --> 00:21:03,360
um

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you know setbacks that ordinary people

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might have in in their jobs or their

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relationships with their with their

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peers so a celebrity is in a

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particularly good position

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to

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sort of combat this stigma but um so i

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think the more we we discuss it and

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hammer home the point that these people

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00:21:25,190 --> 00:21:22,720
did nothing wrong

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00:21:27,270 --> 00:21:25,200
they're not seeking these experiences

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00:21:29,270 --> 00:21:27,280

they're not profiting by these

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00:21:31,430 --> 00:21:29,280

experiences they're not you know

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as i say on the contrary they're they're

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trying to shrug them off or or

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00:21:38,789 --> 00:21:36,159

downplay them or run away from them

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00:21:41,029 --> 00:21:38,799

uh but the more we understand that there

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is a mystery here that's the number one

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takeaway from this whole thing that i

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got in writing my book there is a

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legitimate mystery here it is not

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something that these the so-called

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skeptics and debunkers can um you know

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point to and say oh

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this is easy you know this is it's this

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it's this it's that

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we don't know what it is

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so little by little you know i think we

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can hammer away at that stigma

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ralph humans can be seen as an

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unreliable sensor so some people can

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argue that gathering reliable abduction

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data can be tough how can we build on

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john mack's work and gather data in a

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way that's satisfying to science

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well good question

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some people are doing that i mean gary

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nolan at stanford university jacques

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these are people who are lending their

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establishment has to be assured

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that they can look into these questions

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without being stigmatized and i mean and

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there's a way of doing it

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look the internet is full of wild

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speculation sensational stories and um i

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and uh and leaders in in various

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disciplines including religion scholars

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been fascinated by this discussion

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because they see parallels to the early

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accounts of so-called miracles let's say

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that it can be

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there's nothing that is unscientific

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about the subject in other words it is

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amenable to study

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and we just have to find

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mobilize you know

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at the end of my book the believer

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i talk about the billions of dollars

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that have been spent hunting for elusive

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particles like the higgs boson which was

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found just a few years ago after

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billions and billions of collisions

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uh with an underground accelerator and

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they finally found one particle out of

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billions and trillions of collisions and

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it lasted a you know a tiny fraction of

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a second

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there's a picture now of a black hole 55

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million light years away

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scientists have astronomers have gotten

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and then caused a huge stir a few years

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so if a fraction of that money

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were to be applied to um

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studying the alien abduction phenomenon

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and understanding what changes uh are

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taking place in the bodies of people

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reporting these things if if indeed

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there are these changes what's going on

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in brain function

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are there ways of capturing

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images of these experiences in some in

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these are all legitimate scientific

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questions because these people these

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people are not making it up something is

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happening to them that we don't

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understand um and it's worth scientific

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ralph just before we get to some

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listener questions i want to mention our

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friend james ian doley over at engaging

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the phenomenon podcast now some in the

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community are are pushing for a crash

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retrieval awareness week uh from the

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17th to the 21st for the 24th sorry of

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october so it'd be remiss of me to not

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ask you a couple of questions before we

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get to the listener queues on that now

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uh the wilson documents as you'll be

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very well aware of it were edited out of

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one of your articles for the new york

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times where you given a reason for this

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and what would have to happen to see it

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okay well that nothing would they wasn't

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edited out of the article it was never

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in the article um there's a lot of stuff

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that was not in our articles because we

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never could

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build a good enough foundation

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and i must say that one of the

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frustrations that leslie and i had

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was trying to write some of our articles

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voices of the internet nipping at our

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working on this um we interview a lot of

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people and not everything we

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we pursue or not everybody we interview

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gets into the new york times because we

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can't establish it we can't get them on

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the record all kinds of things so it

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really has not been helpful

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to try to write some of these articles

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people nipping at our heels and and

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review quote revealing things about our

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methodology and people we talk to that

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really is part of our work product that

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that um the reason we didn't put it in

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the new york times is it was it didn't

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rise to the level of new york times

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reportage okay um

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so there were a lot of things that

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didn't you know make it into the article

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now the crash retrieval is a very

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difficult subject

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it's largely classified

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what the government has if it has

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materials from crashed vehicles um

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is buried deep inside uh different um

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elements in in the pentagon or private

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contractors uh we we have not been able

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to get at that data which i think we

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we've said uh in so many words um what

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we could get and we put in our last

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article was that

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congressional committees were briefed

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purported retrievals of some of some

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crashed materials okay

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we found it significant and worth

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reporting that members of congress

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congressional committees

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let's say certainly staff members

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were briefed

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by eric davis and others

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about

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some of this information now we we don't

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know exactly what information and we

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don't know what you know we can't verify

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what materials i mean there's a lot of

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unanswered questions

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we found this significant that that

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congressional committees

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were interested in the topic and we're

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given some information okay and as we

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said a lot of the information remains

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classified and we haven't been able to

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get it and even if we got it we probably

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wouldn't report it because we don't want

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to go to jail so um

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it's it's a it's a very interesting

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topic a shrouded in mystery

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and what we could report we did

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and uh we were happy with the way the

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ralph you're a man of integrity you're

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dealing facts you report on the facts

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but

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the human aspect of this for you do you

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have a gut feeling as to whether the us

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government does indeed have

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intact craft or pieces of a craft

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well there's a lot of smoke let's put it

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that way you know

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military establishment that that

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we can't get access to

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you know committees

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it's a matter of speculation

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but there's certainly been a lot of

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reporting over the years

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confirm that from my reporting um

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so uh that remains to be seen

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leslie kane and helene cooper yes when

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i'm happy to see breakthroughs elsewhere

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we at the times let's say leslie and i

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interesting things and if they have a

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george knapp certainly has wonderful

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um it does give me faith that um

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you know we'll we'll be able to add to

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the the sum of human knowledge so

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i applaud them as i said what what does

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uh not everybody has the same standards

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00:32:37,590 --> 00:32:35,440
that we have at the washington post the

856
00:32:38,549 --> 00:32:37,600
new york times the wall street journal

857
00:32:41,590 --> 00:32:38,559
um

858
00:32:43,590 --> 00:32:41,600
so that that's the problem it's a mixed

859
00:32:47,909 --> 00:32:43,600
bag and you don't know often where this

860
00:32:51,190 --> 00:32:49,190
now let's go on to some listener

861
00:32:52,789 --> 00:32:51,200
questions ralph we had plenty sent in

862
00:32:54,950 --> 00:32:52,799
but obviously in a limited time i just

863
00:32:56,950 --> 00:32:54,960

want to get some of these to you um you

864

00:32:58,789 --> 00:32:56,960

touched on this a little bit earlier but

865

00:33:01,190 --> 00:32:58,799

i'd like to know a little bit more

866

00:33:03,830 --> 00:33:01,200

so dave wants to know at what point in

867

00:33:06,070 --> 00:33:03,840

the conversation ralph for you do you

868

00:33:09,029 --> 00:33:06,080

feel yourself pulling back when it comes

869

00:33:12,070 --> 00:33:09,039

to abduction and experiences i.e is it

870

00:33:14,389 --> 00:33:12,080

too far to discuss portals dimensionals

871

00:33:17,029 --> 00:33:14,399

or alien hybrid children for example at

872

00:33:18,870 --> 00:33:17,039

what point do you sort of pull away

873

00:33:21,590 --> 00:33:18,880

well i've discussed all that it's in my

874

00:33:22,470 --> 00:33:21,600

book uh it's in the debrief article i

875

00:33:28,389 --> 00:33:22,480

talk

876

00:33:30,389 --> 00:33:28,399

portals and seeing uh a mantis type

877

00:33:33,190 --> 00:33:30,399

creature crawling through the portal

878

00:33:35,750 --> 00:33:33,200

talking to him or having a telepathic

879

00:33:38,260 --> 00:33:35,760

conversation with him um

880

00:33:39,430 --> 00:33:38,270

so i record this

881

00:33:40,710 --> 00:33:39,440

[Music]

882

00:33:43,590 --> 00:33:40,720

in other words it's part of the

883

00:33:45,830 --> 00:33:43,600

reporting this is what people say

884

00:33:47,430 --> 00:33:45,840

happened i'm not shy about

885

00:33:50,070 --> 00:33:47,440

uh

886

00:33:52,470 --> 00:33:50,080

you know recording this information

887

00:33:53,990 --> 00:33:52,480

i'm not saying that i believe it

888

00:33:54,870 --> 00:33:54,000

um

889

00:33:56,630 --> 00:33:54,880

you know

890

00:33:59,750 --> 00:33:56,640

even to the extent that belief is a

891

00:34:01,029 --> 00:33:59,760

peculiar thing i mean we can get started

892

00:34:02,630 --> 00:34:01,039

you know what do you what do you believe

893

00:34:04,149 --> 00:34:02,640

people say do you believe in ufos and

894

00:34:06,630 --> 00:34:04,159

say well do you believe in the ocean do

895

00:34:07,590 --> 00:34:06,640

you believe in the stars ufos exist

896

00:34:10,710 --> 00:34:07,600

um

897

00:34:11,510 --> 00:34:10,720

uh so belief is a is a fraud question

898

00:34:13,669 --> 00:34:11,520

but

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00:34:15,589 --> 00:34:13,679

i have dealt with all these issues as as

900

00:34:16,950 --> 00:34:15,599

bizarre as they are

901
00:34:19,589 --> 00:34:16,960
um

902
00:34:21,190 --> 00:34:19,599
i've at least reported that this is what

903
00:34:22,869 --> 00:34:21,200
people say

904
00:34:23,990 --> 00:34:22,879
happened to them

905
00:34:26,950 --> 00:34:24,000
um

906
00:34:29,109 --> 00:34:26,960
i can't go beyond that i can't verify it

907
00:34:31,510 --> 00:34:29,119
because it's not verifiable and they

908
00:34:32,310 --> 00:34:31,520
know that these people they know it

909
00:34:34,950 --> 00:34:32,320
so

910
00:34:37,430 --> 00:34:34,960
i i you know when you say do i pull back

911
00:34:40,389 --> 00:34:38,869
you know i it's not a question of

912
00:34:42,310 --> 00:34:40,399
pulling back it's a question of

913
00:34:46,069 --> 00:34:42,320

reporting what people say

914

00:34:48,550 --> 00:34:46,079

and and infusing it with the proper

915

00:34:50,629 --> 00:34:48,560

caveats which is to say as the debrief

916

00:34:51,990 --> 00:34:50,639

article said we can't prove this

917

00:34:55,430 --> 00:34:52,000

scientifically

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00:34:58,069 --> 00:34:55,440

um this is what people say

919

00:34:59,750 --> 00:34:58,079

the the next question is from tim and

920

00:35:01,349 --> 00:34:59,760

i'll ask you ralph bear with me because

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00:35:03,190 --> 00:35:01,359

there's a little bit of information and

922

00:35:05,990 --> 00:35:03,200

build up from tim before he gets to the

923

00:35:08,150 --> 00:35:06,000

question um there was an email from

924

00:35:11,270 --> 00:35:08,160

leslie keane to john podesta that was

925

00:35:13,750 --> 00:35:11,280

leaked in the 2016 dnc wikileaks dump

926
00:35:17,109 --> 00:35:13,760
addressing information provided to john

927
00:35:19,030 --> 00:35:17,119
via bob fish on hard data about fast

928
00:35:20,310 --> 00:35:19,040
walkers within the government and its

929
00:35:22,470 --> 00:35:20,320
contractors

930
00:35:24,630 --> 00:35:22,480
leslie's words were it's another

931
00:35:26,710 --> 00:35:24,640
confirmation of yet more documents kept

932
00:35:29,030 --> 00:35:26,720
from the public this knowledge belongs

933
00:35:31,030 --> 00:35:29,040
to the people under the law can we get

934
00:35:33,190 --> 00:35:31,040
the ball rolling during this transition

935
00:35:35,349 --> 00:35:33,200
window perhaps a quiet meeting with the

936
00:35:37,510 --> 00:35:35,359
right people before your next assignment

937
00:35:39,990 --> 00:35:37,520
i already have the perfect briefing

938
00:35:42,310 --> 00:35:40,000

package and the highly qualified staff

939

00:35:44,230 --> 00:35:42,320

are ready to go the timing seems ideal

940

00:35:47,190 --> 00:35:44,240

now that was leslie's comment the

941

00:35:49,990 --> 00:35:47,200

question from tim is has ralph seen this

942

00:35:52,069 --> 00:35:50,000

briefing package if so what was in it

943

00:35:54,310 --> 00:35:52,079

and was there ever a consideration to do

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00:35:57,990 --> 00:35:54,320

a new york times story on bob fish and

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00:36:00,390 --> 00:35:58,000

his claims to john podesta

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00:36:02,790 --> 00:36:00,400

that's a complicated question well i

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00:36:05,510 --> 00:36:02,800

have not seen that package i know leslie

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00:36:06,870 --> 00:36:05,520

as a person of utmost integrity i'm

949

00:36:08,630 --> 00:36:06,880

sorry that

950

00:36:11,589 --> 00:36:08,640

these emails were leaked because they

951
00:36:15,109 --> 00:36:11,599
were done um i think it was part of a an

952
00:36:18,230 --> 00:36:15,119
effort to embarrass uh people um

953
00:36:20,470 --> 00:36:18,240
by the the the subject

954
00:36:23,750 --> 00:36:20,480
the nature of the subject anything with

955
00:36:27,750 --> 00:36:27,030
you know and a public figure has a

956
00:36:30,230 --> 00:36:27,760
uh

957
00:36:31,910 --> 00:36:30,240
likelihood of embarrassing them and

958
00:36:33,910 --> 00:36:31,920
people say things in emails that they

959
00:36:36,150 --> 00:36:33,920
wouldn't necessarily want to see public

960
00:36:38,390 --> 00:36:36,160
it's a sensitive topic so i don't know

961
00:36:40,390 --> 00:36:38,400
the whole back story of that exchange

962
00:36:42,870 --> 00:36:40,400
that leslie had with john podesta

963
00:36:45,910 --> 00:36:42,880

but um i think it was very sad that

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00:36:47,910 --> 00:36:45,920

people used this as a way of

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00:36:49,430 --> 00:36:47,920

trying to ridicule him or undermining

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00:36:51,589 --> 00:36:49,440

him and there was a lot of private

967

00:36:52,829 --> 00:36:51,599

emails that were put out as part of

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00:36:54,390 --> 00:36:52,839

you know

969

00:36:56,230 --> 00:36:54,400

machinations

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00:36:57,990 --> 00:36:56,240

from different parties i'm not going to

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00:36:58,870 --> 00:36:58,000

go into all that but we know what

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00:37:01,670 --> 00:36:58,880

happened

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00:37:05,589 --> 00:37:01,680

in the run-up to the 2016 election

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00:37:06,950 --> 00:37:05,599

uh some very sordid stories uh emerged

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00:37:09,349 --> 00:37:06,960

so um

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00:37:10,950 --> 00:37:09,359

you know i i'm not just i'm not familiar

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00:37:14,230 --> 00:37:10,960

enough with it with the background of

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00:37:16,069 --> 00:37:14,240

that exchange to really comment on it

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00:37:18,310 --> 00:37:16,079

no that that's fair

980

00:37:19,750 --> 00:37:18,320

michael has a good interesting question

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00:37:21,829 --> 00:37:19,760

don't know how much you can go into this

982

00:37:23,990 --> 00:37:21,839

one to be fair though he wants to know

983

00:37:26,710 --> 00:37:24,000

have any of your top sources ever

984

00:37:29,510 --> 00:37:26,720

indicated that uap occupants have been

985

00:37:33,670 --> 00:37:30,390

no

986

00:37:35,109 --> 00:37:33,680

ever indicated that to me

987

00:37:36,870 --> 00:37:35,119

um

988

00:37:39,750 --> 00:37:36,880

and if they did i would like to say i

989

00:37:41,430 --> 00:37:39,760

would say let's see the film um

990

00:37:44,150 --> 00:37:41,440

you know i hear a lot of stories from

991

00:37:47,510 --> 00:37:44,160

people and i get sent a lot of material

992

00:37:48,790 --> 00:37:47,520

um and i welcome it um

993

00:37:51,109 --> 00:37:48,800

um

994

00:37:54,470 --> 00:37:51,119

you know i i but i always tell people i

995

00:37:57,030 --> 00:37:54,480

don't have the technical expertise to to

996

00:37:59,510 --> 00:37:57,040

vet a lot of the um

997

00:38:00,710 --> 00:37:59,520

uh videos that come to me uh you know

998

00:38:04,150 --> 00:38:00,720

i'm not a

999

00:38:05,589 --> 00:38:04,160

an expert in terms of uh

1000

00:38:07,589 --> 00:38:05,599

you know

1001
00:38:09,750 --> 00:38:07,599
unpacking the the information and

1002
00:38:12,470 --> 00:38:09,760
figuring out what's you know real what's

1003
00:38:15,030 --> 00:38:12,480
not real a lot of the the videos are not

1004
00:38:17,270 --> 00:38:15,040
very precise they're they're they're

1005
00:38:19,190 --> 00:38:17,280
um you know um

1006
00:38:21,430 --> 00:38:19,200
uh blurry

1007
00:38:25,030 --> 00:38:21,440
which has been the problem all along

1008
00:38:26,710 --> 00:38:25,040
so uh but uh i can't say i've ever had

1009
00:38:29,109 --> 00:38:26,720
an account that oh somebody has a

1010
00:38:31,750 --> 00:38:29,119
picture of an alien uh or a video of an

1011
00:38:33,910 --> 00:38:31,760
alien that they're willing to to share

1012
00:38:35,829 --> 00:38:33,920
i'd look in anything but

1013
00:38:37,910 --> 00:38:35,839

it's very hard to verify and you know

1014

00:38:40,069 --> 00:38:37,920

that famous tape of the the alien

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00:38:41,829 --> 00:38:40,079

autopsy has been subject to a lot of

1016

00:38:43,109 --> 00:38:41,839

controversy so

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00:38:45,750 --> 00:38:43,119

yeah

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00:38:48,310 --> 00:38:45,760

no that's that's fair uh next up carl

1019

00:38:51,589 --> 00:38:48,320

wants to know uh he is curious ralph if

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00:38:53,670 --> 00:38:51,599

john max notes ever mentioned the cia or

1021

00:38:55,349 --> 00:38:53,680

the stanford research institute and

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00:38:58,630 --> 00:38:55,359

remote viewing

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00:39:02,069 --> 00:38:58,640

good question um the answer the simple

1024

00:39:03,910 --> 00:39:02,079

answer is no uh john mack was asked a

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00:39:05,670 --> 00:39:03,920

number of times whether the government

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00:39:07,270 --> 00:39:05,680

ever tried to interfere with him and

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00:39:08,870 --> 00:39:07,280

this is interesting because of the

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00:39:10,950 --> 00:39:08,880

government's history

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00:39:14,630 --> 00:39:10,960

of disinformation in this field they

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00:39:16,550 --> 00:39:14,640

have messed with some people as we know

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00:39:18,950 --> 00:39:16,560

according to john mack himself they did

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00:39:21,190 --> 00:39:18,960

not mess with him and he would have been

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00:39:24,150 --> 00:39:21,200

you would think a perfect person to mess

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00:39:26,550 --> 00:39:24,160

with if the government was out to

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00:39:27,510 --> 00:39:26,560

discredit somebody

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00:39:30,630 --> 00:39:27,520

and now

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00:39:33,510 --> 00:39:30,640

i have not caught him in any lies

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00:39:35,670 --> 00:39:33,520

and i i would take him at his word

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00:39:39,430 --> 00:39:35,680

um i would not conclude that the

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00:39:41,750 --> 00:39:39,440

government did try to you know

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00:39:43,829 --> 00:39:41,760

mess with him but he but he's hiding it

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00:39:45,190 --> 00:39:43,839

i i that would not be

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00:39:47,030 --> 00:39:45,200

uh

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00:39:48,230 --> 00:39:47,040

congruent that would not be

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00:39:49,829 --> 00:39:48,240

consistent

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00:39:51,349 --> 00:39:49,839

with everything else i found in his

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00:39:54,069 --> 00:39:51,359

papers when he

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00:39:55,030 --> 00:39:54,079

encountered a problem he owned up to it

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00:39:57,270 --> 00:39:55,040

um

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00:39:58,470 --> 00:39:57,280

and he wasn't shy about uh you know

1051
00:40:01,030 --> 00:39:58,480
talking about

1052
00:40:03,190 --> 00:40:01,040
what you know people did and said to him

1053
00:40:05,510 --> 00:40:03,200
so uh but he did make a point of saying

1054
00:40:07,670 --> 00:40:05,520
the government never reached out to him

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00:40:09,910 --> 00:40:07,680
he was never the subject of any

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00:40:13,109 --> 00:40:09,920
government effort to

1057
00:40:15,109 --> 00:40:13,119
shut him up or to mislead him or to feed

1058
00:40:16,790 --> 00:40:15,119
him false information so that's

1059
00:40:18,150 --> 00:40:16,800
interesting

1060
00:40:20,309 --> 00:40:18,160
so the answer

1061
00:40:23,750 --> 00:40:20,319
i'm happy to say in this case i can be

1062
00:40:25,910 --> 00:40:23,760
pretty definitive is no

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00:40:28,069 --> 00:40:25,920

that's fair enough and last question is

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00:40:30,630 --> 00:40:28,079

from nathan um i don't know if you've

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00:40:33,270 --> 00:40:30,640

read brian bender's piece in politico

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00:40:35,589 --> 00:40:33,280

recently he quotes reuben uh is it

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00:40:38,069 --> 00:40:35,599

gallego gallagher i'm not too familiar

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00:40:40,230 --> 00:40:38,079

on the pronunciation of the sun name uh

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00:40:42,150 --> 00:40:40,240

as saying that a hearing without a real

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00:40:44,950 --> 00:40:42,160

understanding of what's happening

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00:40:47,589 --> 00:40:44,960

without real data is not going to do

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00:40:49,430 --> 00:40:47,599

anybody any good is it fair to say that

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00:40:51,510 --> 00:40:49,440

lawmakers really

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00:40:54,150 --> 00:40:51,520

don't have decent information to push

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00:40:56,069 --> 00:40:54,160

for these congressional hearings and in

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00:40:58,390 --> 00:40:56,079

addition to that are there enough people

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00:41:00,550 --> 00:40:58,400

who have already briefed certain members

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00:41:03,030 --> 00:41:00,560

that when given the chance to speak on

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00:41:06,150 --> 00:41:03,040

record without fear of their nda more

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00:41:08,309 --> 00:41:06,160

info would be made readily available

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00:41:10,710 --> 00:41:08,319

well i know brian bender and he's a he's

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00:41:14,150 --> 00:41:10,720

a meticulous and reliable journalist on

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00:41:16,069 --> 00:41:14,160

politico i didn't read that last article

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00:41:19,430 --> 00:41:16,079

there have been congressional hearings

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00:41:24,230 --> 00:41:23,030

as recently as the 2000s uh dealing with

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00:41:26,550 --> 00:41:24,240

roswell

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00:41:29,349 --> 00:41:26,560

uh dealing with um

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00:41:30,870 --> 00:41:29,359

gerald ford called hearings when he was

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00:41:45,589 --> 00:41:30,880

a

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00:41:48,790 --> 00:41:45,599

um

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00:41:50,470 --> 00:41:48,800

how it might change the the paradigm uh

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00:41:52,870 --> 00:41:50,480

you know what it might say

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00:41:54,470 --> 00:41:52,880

uh i i hope that the

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00:41:57,990 --> 00:41:54,480

i mean we know that there was a secret

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00:42:01,270 --> 00:41:58,000

annex a a a classified annex

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00:42:02,710 --> 00:42:01,280

to the uap report of june 25th

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00:42:03,750 --> 00:42:02,720

that was given to congressional

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00:42:05,349 --> 00:42:03,760

committees

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00:42:08,069 --> 00:42:05,359

i don't know whether that will ever see

1100

00:42:10,470 --> 00:42:09,430

as far as i know

1101

00:42:12,230 --> 00:42:10,480

no

1102

00:42:13,829 --> 00:42:12,240

members of congress have talked about

1103

00:42:18,069 --> 00:42:13,839

that they're not supposed to talk about

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00:42:21,030 --> 00:42:18,079

it that's why it's it's classified um

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00:42:23,430 --> 00:42:21,040

so i don't know what's in that um

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00:42:24,870 --> 00:42:23,440

but um i don't know whether hearings at

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00:42:28,150 --> 00:42:24,880

this point would

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00:42:30,950 --> 00:42:28,160

uh you know hearings are usually held to

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00:42:31,910 --> 00:42:30,960

investigate like the the january 6th

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00:42:36,230 --> 00:42:31,920

riot

1111

00:42:37,109 --> 00:42:36,240

um you know uh uh malfeasance or

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00:42:39,349 --> 00:42:37,119

uh

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00:42:42,069 --> 00:42:39,359

or the the 911

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00:42:43,910 --> 00:42:42,079

tragedy obviously 911 commission

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00:42:45,109 --> 00:42:43,920

um so that you have a congressional

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00:42:47,030 --> 00:42:45,119

hearing when you want to bring something

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00:42:48,870 --> 00:42:47,040

to light i don't know whether this

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00:42:49,990 --> 00:42:48,880

evolving

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00:42:52,309 --> 00:42:50,000

um

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00:42:54,710 --> 00:42:52,319

investigation of the pentagon is is the

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00:42:57,670 --> 00:42:54,720

kind of thing that would lend itself to

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00:42:59,750 --> 00:42:57,680

congressional hearings at this point

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00:43:01,910 --> 00:42:59,760

maybe after the next step when we know a

1124

00:43:03,190 --> 00:43:01,920

little more

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00:43:04,550 --> 00:43:03,200

i think there are people in the

1126
00:43:06,710 --> 00:43:04,560
government who do want to get more

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00:43:08,470 --> 00:43:06,720
information out

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00:43:10,150 --> 00:43:08,480
the media is certainly sensitive to it

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00:43:13,270 --> 00:43:10,160
there was a lot of

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00:43:15,349 --> 00:43:13,280
build up to the january 25th um

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00:43:18,550 --> 00:43:15,359
the june 25th report

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um you know a great appetite for that i

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think it kind of fell with a thought

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it didn't answer all the questions that

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people had but the questions are still

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there

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so maybe at some point it would be

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useful but i i'm not sure i

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i would say i would clamor now to we've

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got to have congressional hearings

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ralph it's always a pleasure speaking to

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you i would ask you what's next for you

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what you're working on just now and then

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just let listeners know how they can

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follow you and your work of course

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well i'm very involved with publicizing

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my book i'm doing a lot of shows like

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this uh talking about it i think um

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there's still a lot of questions out

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there obviously the experienter thing uh

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is an un um

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well it's it's still

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worthy of a lot of examination these

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people are out there they've got stories

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to tell there's a lot of scientific

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investigation that should be done

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and also we still don't know anything

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about the we know that the you know ufos

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exist according to the pentagon but we

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don't know anything else about them how

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do they operate underwater

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a good question

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you know and uh have they been spotted

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coming into the atmosphere at all what

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do you know what do the satellites show

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i mean you know a lot of

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interesting questions

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so i haven't given up this field but i'm

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doing other things too i was recently on

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a panel talking about

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president roosevelt's packing of the

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supreme court so i have uh historical

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interests apart from

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ufos i i work in the baruch archives

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where we have a lot of

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interesting historical materials on

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reform government and the roosevelt

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administration and

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you know a guy named luther gulick who

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was very involved in reshaping

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government and public administration so

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i have a lot of interests so

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we'll see every book i've done sort of

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dropped into my lap in a strange way so

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maybe something

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i'm not even thinking about will come

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along

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well ralph on behalf of myself and the

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community thank you very much for the

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work you've done and continue to do and

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i would encourage people to go out and

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pick up your copy of the believer alien

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encounters hard science and the passion

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of john mack by ralph blumenthal ralph

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always a pleasure to speak to you

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likewise thank you great to be here good

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night that is all for this week's show

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all be very much appreciated the shows

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and again folks as always keep looking

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up you never know what you might see

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i can't imagine how it could have been

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i wasn't a tic-tac and not quite a

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so

