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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Comments on the UPN thing

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>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 1998 06:42:14 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Comments on the UPN thing

>>From: BGBOPPER <BGBOPPER@aol.com> [Russ Estes]
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 1998 16:38:13 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Comments on the UPN thing

>>Hello List,

>>I would like to add a few comments from a Media point of view.

>>First:
>>Not all of the folks in the media misrepresent. Editing is
>>necessary due to the limitations of time.

>>Second:
>>Some do! Unless you live in a cave you know very well who the
>>misrepresenters are. (They have been doing it for years and they
>>still are!)

>>Third:
>>I would not consider insulting the intelligence of old media pros
>>such as, Stan Friedman, Darrell Simms, Yvonne Smith, etal, by
>>saying that they didn't know what they were getting into. Of
>>course they did! They have all done it many, many times before.
>>And many times for the same producers and programs. (Bob Kiviat)
>>(Sightings, A&E, TLC, Sci-Fi, Channel, and more talk show hosts
>>than I care to list) and each time they signed a standard
>>industry release allowing the producers to edit as they please.

>>Fourth:
>>If you don't want to be misquoted or misrepresented don't sit
>>down for interviews!
>>As a person who sticks cameras in people's faces for a living I
>>know all about the lure of the spotlight. I am also aware of the
>>dubious practice of sucking someone onto a program under false
>>pretenses. Years ago I was asked to appear on the Montel Williams
>>Show. The topic was to be the Government involvement in UFO
>>coverups and they wanted a documentarians point of view. It was
>>not the topic at all but rather a typical confrontational show
>>with the "Good Guys vs the Bad Guys." full of misquotes and B.S.
>>editing.

>>Fool me once...shame on you!
>>Fool me twice...shame on me!

>>Last but not least:
>>Kudos to John Velez for knowing better and shining it on!

>>Keep an open mind,
>>Russ Estes

>Russ-
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Hi Steve, Errol, All,

Steve writes,

>In this genre, most of the researchers have been interviewed by
>numerous groups and have little or no idea where some of those
>interviews will end up.

<snip>

> I believe that it is UPN that should bear the brunt of our anger.

Right on Steve! They were deceptive. Intentionally so I believe. Here's a 'bit' from an e-mail that I recieved from one of the producers. It was in response to my "hinting" (you guys know how -subtle- I can be! <VBG>) that they had been -less than honest- with me, and the general public. Check this out!

This is a direct quote, I have not altered or added or taken away a thing.

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>I was on the independent rescue crew that made the
>documentary around the fake video. We worked for
>30 days and nights before the air date, and we tried to
>make at least a polyester purse out of a pig's ear --
>basically by adding information to what was a
>stultifying 90-minute big-budget student film that
>was a lot more insulting and had EVEN WORSE special
>effects!

(Bad enough right? Now get this! JV)

>We are all surprised that anyone -- especially people
>in the know, like yourself -- were taken in for a moment.
>If such a tape were real, it wouldn't be the subject of
>prime time entertainment -- it would be news.

(Quote from e-mail from Robin Snelson, Production assistant to me. JV)

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Wow! Unbelievable attitude right? Here's my response.

>First, . . . of all the "experts" you contacted -I- was
>the only one that wasn't "taken in" (and that from the
>very beginning!) You're not being fair or honest Robin.
>This e-mail is the very first time you mentioned that
>the video was a "student film." (FAKE)

>Until -now- that little bit of vital info was (conveniently)
>withheld!

>Secondly, It was -me- that told -you- not to "personalize"
>my comments! I -know- you don't have anything to do with
>how UPN hypes its programs. But by the same token you
>didn't go out of your way (while trying to "recruit" me)
>-to inform me- that the video was a fake either!

>(Until now that is!)

>Who's jerking who sister? <G>

>John
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What cohones man!

1. They tried to get me on that thing under false

pretenses.

2. They hyped it to the public as the "real thing" even though they already knew it was a fake. (Intentional deception)

3. They did not inform any of their guest "experts" that the video was in fact a "student film" or a "fake" as this production person so bluntly put it to me.

4. They add insult to injury by wise cracking about how surprized they were that "knowledgeable" people like myself could be so easily "taken in" by this "obvious" fake!

5. UPN lied. They perpetrated an intentional hoax on the American public. The proof is in the poll they are currently taking on their website. Why would they be interested in how many thought it was real if they had already told the public that it wasn't! What I want to know is what they are going to do with the statistics that they gather. Who's it for?

>UPN has pushed all the right buttons, and
>made us look foolish. Unfortunately, with the approaching
>millenium, it's only going to get worse.

Not if everyone starts to boycott these "entertainment only" types of programs. Someone already mentioned that the ones who produce this type of programming are already well known, -and the same group of fellows- time and again. The solution to that problem is easy and obvious.

Nancy Reagan said it best,

"Just say NO!"

UPN should be called to task for that lie.

Peace,

John Velez

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