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### Re: John Ford

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> <snip>

> >If this is true, that John Ford has been institutionalized  
> >because of his belief in UFOs, then we all have \_a lot\_ to think  
> >about.

> I'll jump in here and just say that if people were  
> institutionalized purely on their belief in UFOs, then the  
> institutions will be full to bursting point.

That's a fallacious leap to the absurd -- good buddy. The issue is unlawful retaliation against lawful but inconvenient and tiresome opposition -- using the UFO issue as \*obvious\* supporting evidence of his (Ford's) lack of faculty, and criminal behavior.

> There ARE insane people out there, and John Ford \_appears\_ to be  
> one of them.

I think a valid question at this point is -- "Who says"? The machine that put him there?

> His belief in UFOs is \_probably\_ irrelevant.

...So don't bet \_everything\_ that he deserves to be where he is?

> But assuming he's an innocent victim of a worldwide conspiracy  
> takes a LOT to beleive -

That sounds like an opinion <g>.

> independent QUALIFIED mental analysis  
> would solve the issue either way.

You have to believe in them, too. I just finished up a twenty page paper on debilitating mental illness (sent on request). The ethical money supports that psychologists and psychiatrists (psy guys of any stripe) don't have a clue what they are doing, are groping in blacked out paradigms of process and convenience, and serve harsh early century mores of protection of property over individual rights. A broad brush, but a lot of the paint sticks.

> I haven't seen anyone on here  
> claim that he shouldn't be institutionalized and be able to back  
> it up properly.

If there is a GRAIN of conspiracy in his incarceration everything you just said is meaningless. There is no \*news\* regarding John Ford, and some straight up people (as far as I can tell) who know the particulars will stand for him.

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These people indicate that the whole "John Ford" story strains credulity to the breaking point, and is not set right by mere pronouncements regarding the mental fidelity of one man when that man was such a strident inconvenience to the machine that brought him down...

> Restore John Ford - if he's confirmed sane and innocent.

John Velez has already pointed out that it may be too late for that. If he's crazy now he was likely driven to it. I think I would be a raving lunatic after being accused of heinous crimes I did not commit, institutionalized for three years as a UFO loon (for the protection of the community), intellectually paralyzed by lobotomizing drugs, and lastly -- forgotten by my peers. I'd be flip city, dude! Foop Shooby! Crazy, man. Certifiable!

I don't know John Ford from a rusty door knob -- I understand that he is abrasive, and unlikable ... it doesn't matter! The situation smells, it doesn't hold together, and too many people had to be \*impossibly\* crazy at the same time for there to be even a shred of believability to it. You assume institutional fidelity where there may be none, sir. We ALL lose when that is the case. And when it becomes convenient, any one of us could be next. That's the issue.

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Restore John Ford, no ifs, or buts, and at any cost -- though the heavens fall (pardoning my penchant for hyperbole)!  
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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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