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Re: Abduction of Blacks? [The Finalists]

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>Well, yes, maybe the aliens are only abducting white people.
>Shouldn't the abductionists now be looking at this issue and
>trying to discover the reason - it would seem a pretty vital
>factor in abduction research. At least the psychosocial brigade
>have got a suggestion to make - that abductions are a culturally
>related phenomenon which is more a part of Anglo-Saxon and
>Eurocentric culture than it is Afro-American. And despite the
>sneers elsewhere on this list (Jerry, I mean you) I still refuse
>to believe that there is *no* connection whatsoever between the
>current abduction panic in the USA and concern over "alien"
>immigration.

It is indeed touching, John, that you "refuse to believe there is no connection whatsoever between the current abduction panic [sic] in the USA and concern over 'alien' immigration." I suppose it's much easier to make sweeping statements about what Americans think when you don't live here, as you don't.

I'd sure like to know, for example, where you get the idea that there is a "panic" about abductions in my country. As a lifelong citizen, I can testify that the subject virtually never comes up in my daily interactions with other Americans, even those who know of my interest in UFOs. Some panic. It's this sort of loose and careless use of language that years ago drove me from advocacy of psychosocial hypotheses.

In any event, unless you can produce clear and specific evidence (or even, for that matter, merely intriguing and suggestive evidence) that Americans everywhere deeply fear Hispanic immigration and therefore suffer vivid fantasies about abduction by decidedly non-Hispanic extraterrestrials, it simply does not matter what you believe or refuse to believe.

Jerry Clark

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