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### Re: A Poststructuralist Take On The UFO Phenomenon

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>Am I to assume then that when Dean states: 'to claim to have  
>seen a UFO, to have been abducted by aliens, or even to believe  
>those who say they have' constitutes 'a political act' because  
>it 'contests the status quo' - a status quo that is both  
>political and epistemological;' that to make a political  
>statement could be construed to 'violate the law of the land?' In  
>essence to become a 'political criminal?'

>If this is so, then what do we surmise about the great men and  
>women of the past who, through great inventions, change the  
>'status quo' of accepted reality, and politically speaking:  
'>violate the law of the land?'

>Does this make such people as: Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham  
>Bell, Nikola Tesla, Orvil and Wilber Wright, Madam Curie, Jonas  
>Salk, and other great names criminals because they 'challenged'  
>and 'prevailed' over the 'accepted reality of their times?'

As I recall from public education theory which has been developed over the last 60 years or so, there are several types of people who will respond differently to new information:

The Innovators: a small percentage (<5% or so?, I forget the exact numbers) who first develop new ideas.

The Early Adopters (Maybe 25% or so of the population, who are quick to pick up new ideas and adopt them.

The Late Adopters (Maybe 50% of the population, who may adopt a new idea over the next 10 years or more)

Forgot what this group's called (25% of the population, who will probably never adopt these new ideas, in their lifetimes.

Bob Young

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