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### UpDate: Re: Raw UFO Data - Deardorff

From: **Jim Deardorff** <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Tue, 08 Aug 2000 12:55:42 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Aug 2000 19:50:42 -0400  
Subject: UpDate: Re: Raw UFO Data - Deardorff

>Date: Mon, 07 Aug 2000 23:03:48 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Raw UFO Data  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Fri, 04 Aug 2000 10:37:42 -0700  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Raw UFO Data  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Thu, 03 Aug 2000 09:59:59 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Raw UFO Data - Deardorff  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

><snip>

>>>Your argument is only valid if one's purpose was to just make  
>>>sure to "pad the data pile". How would you propose filtering  
>>>the sightings made by the 40% of adult Americans who believe  
>>>that alien spaceships are flying above, but who have never seen  
>>>one, themselves? (52% of believers - 12% of witnesses).

>>>What would your criteria be?

>>That's pretty simple. The adult Americans who have never seen a  
>>UFO have therefore never reported a UFO. There's nothing there  
>>to filter.

>Jim, List:

>Obviously, I was referring to sightings by people who had never  
>before seen a UFO, but who believe in ET spacecraft UFOs.

Bob,

OK, I see your meaning now. I wouldn't propose filtering any of  
these out on that account, and I doubt that Larry Hatch did.  
It's common practice within science for an experimentalist to  
make a test on some theory in which he may believe, or in which  
his boss, if he's the theorist, believes. The results of those  
experiments, if well done, can get published, along with those  
made by experimentalists who may have set out to disprove the  
theory.

But even if you were to filter out all but those cases in which  
the witness(es) said, "I never used to believe in UFOs, but  
now..." you'd still have quite a lot of cases in your UFO  
collection.

Jim Deardorff

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