

Re: sci space policy targeted by disinformation experts?

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On 24 Mar, 08:17, Willie.Moo...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

The long-standing policy of the United States with respect to control of missile proliferation (several missile proliferation treaties from 1940s onward)

along with this nation's long-standing policy of the United States with respect to discrediting public enthusiasm for space travel (several executive directives of Eisenhower following Sputnik, and one from Nixon, and one from Johnson)

and debunking of UFO reports (since the UFO flap of 1953 and Project Blue Book)

have caused me to wonder whether or not these news groups are the subject of negative attention from disinformation experts

the free and open format of discussion in these groups reminds me very much of the Speaker's Corner at Hyde Park in London.

Back in the day, it was not politic for the King to have a person arrested and put in irons for what he might say at Speaker's Corner. Anyone had a right to stand up and say whatever the hell they wanted unopposed. Was the King's negative attention thwarted by the custom of Speaker's Corner?

Not in the least.

That's because the King could hire losers to stand around and do a number of things that would by their very nature, discredit and demoralize any speaker. This could range from something as simple as shouting obscenities or placing offensive and aggressive advertisers in the crowd, or personally threatening the speaker all acts unopposed by the local constabulary. Responses could be as sophisticated as engaging the speaker in detailed argument, based on what was being said and creating debates over highly technical issues that in the end portray a speaker as foolish. Or have other speakers all in the hire of the King always nearby that 'bird-dog' the targeted speaker item

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for item. .

So, as I see this as a 21st Century Speaker's Corner, I see too the possibility of the same control paradigms being used to thwart, derail, diminish, and otherwise control possible avenues where missile information may be transmitted, and where public enthusiasm and excitement over space travel and ETI could be inflamed – all in direct opposition to US public policy.

I mention this in response to the highly offensive advertisements and postings this news group has been subject to recently – along with pointing out that these poses have not been removed despite their abusive nature.

Are you saying that the debunkers have an official position in the US Govt? I don't really think there is any evidence for this. I think people in this group follow their own agendas.

As far as UFO debunking is concerned. Yes there IS a conspiracy but it is not a conspiracy to cover up space or evidence of alien life. It is the simple fact that a great many UFOs are in fact of military origin. When Steath flew over Phoenix (and did not exist at the time) the debunkers did indeed come out and were extremely offensive. It was however to cover up military research NOT aliens.

The problem I have with UFOs being alien spacecraft, and indeed SETI as a whole, is this. If aliens are here and are millenia in advance of us there are only 2 possibilities.

- 1) They would show themselves either coming down in the White House lawn, or else conquering us.
- 2) They would be totally secretive and our technology could not pick them up anyway.

There is no plausible in between.

The other think that is at the back of my mind is that UFOs (alien) are 1950s SF. Real aliens would, for example, be making extensive use of nanotechnology so that real spacecraft might be the size of dragonflies or even smaller.

Again they could take us over quite simply by putting AI onto the Web. No independence day! The Internet will proclaim that in accordance with globalization Divali will be a public holiday and the 4th July a normal working day.

I trust though that we can thrashnthis out rationally. The last time the Fermi Paradox was discusssed we had, if I recall a very good thread. Rare these days.

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