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Since the 1940s, many people in the United States have wondered and speculated on [Unidentified Flying Objects](#), or as they are more commonly known as, UFOs. Ever since the famous UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico, news media and the entertainment industry has been capitalizing on the idea that there are aliens, or extraterrestrial beings, are visiting earth. Many people have claimed to have been visited or abducted by aliens. Some individuals and organizations have claimed that the United States government has been participating in a massive cover-up and know about aliens. For more than sixty years, people around the world have asked the question, "Are we alone in the universe?" While this question has yet to be answered, many ufologists and individuals interested in the UFO phenomenon have attempted to answer it. In this essay, I will argue that we are not alone in the universe and provide evidence such as recorded testimonials, documentaries and articles to prove the validity of my argument. The three main proofs that I will present in this argument that aliens, or extraterrestrial beings, do exist and have been visiting earth are 1) early governmental investigations into UFOs and extraterrestrial beings, 2) abduction and contactee theories and stories and 3) an individual account from Phil Schneider, who worked for the United States government as an engineer building underground bases and his personal encounter with large gray aliens.

Roswell, Majestic 12 (MJ 12) and Project Blue Book: The beginning of the governmental "investigations"

In late June and early July of 1947, William Ware "Mac" Brazel was working as a foreman on the Foster ranch near Roswell, New Mexico when he noticed some shiny, metallic debris in the field ([The Roswell UFO crash \[1\]](#), n.d.). Brazel and William D. "Dee" Proctor, a neighbor's son and frequent riding companion, decided to investigate the wreckage. They found

that "the debris was composed of small pieces of shiny, metallic material" (Roswell crash [1], n.d.). According to "Mack" Brazel:

Some of the metal-foil pieces had a sort of tape stuck to them, and when these were held to the light they showed what looked like pastel flowers or designs. Even though the stuff looked like tape it could not be peeled off or removed at all (Roswell crash [1], n.d.).

Brazel is reported to have shown some of the pieces of the shiny, metallic material to friends and individuals in town. Soon afterward, the military, particularly the United States Air Force, USAF, became involved and sent individuals to conduct their own investigation of the debris (Roswell crash [1], n.d.). However, once the investigation was under way, the personnel in charge released the statement that the debris was from a flying saucer. On July 8, 1947, [The Roswell Daily Record](#), ran the headline "[RAAF captures flying saucer on ranch in Roswell region](#)," while [The Sacramento Bee](#) ran an article titled "[Army reveals it has flying disc found on ranch in New Mexico](#)." In The Sacramento Bee's article, it reported, "a flying disc has been found on a ranch near Roswell and is in the possession of the army" (*The Sacramento Bee*, 1947). However, not long after the publications of these two articles, the official governmental statement switched to the debris belonging to a [weather balloon](#) (Roswell Crash [1]). Since then, the government has neither accepted nor denied the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrials. While the government to this day does not acknowledge nor deny the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrials, there have been various programs formed since the Roswell incident that were created to look into the matter of these two subjects. For instance, two famous investigations formed by the government were [Majestic 12](#), or MJ 12, and [Project Blue Book](#).

Majestic 12, or MJ 12, was purportedly a committee put together by U. S. President Harry S. Truman in response to the Roswell incident (Bishop, 2005). Since the discovery of the

Majestic 12 documents in the early 1980s, the FBI has discounted them as being fraudulent (An FBI archive containing details of "Majestic 12," 2012). Although many of the documents have been criticized or considered fake, some individuals and organizations that focus on governmental conspiracies and cover-ups argue that they are authentic. For example, the website, ufocasebook.com, has links to the various documents of MJ 12, as well as pictures and names of the twelve members. This website also provides a brief overview of how the research was compiled for the website and some of the background or history of how these documents and information surfaced. The documents displayed on this website are dated November 18, 1952 and are mainly lists of MJ 12 members and memos summarizing the 1947 Roswell incident as well as the existence of flying saucers. The documents are formatted in a business or professional way, which suggests that they were created for governmental or military use only. Some of the language, such as "eyes only" or "top secret," which suggests that the discourse is not meant from public viewing or knowledge. While some of the MJ 12 documents may have been debunked as phonies or fakes, some of the other ones are supposedly authentic.

Project Blue Book is another government sponsored investigation of flying saucers and the possibility of extraterrestrials. This investigation started in 1947 and was closed in 1969 ("[U. S. Air Force Fact Sheet](#)," 2012). Essentially, Project Blue Books' purpose was to look at the UFO phenomenon from a scientific lens and to determine if the UFOs posed a threat to national security (UFO Evidence.org, [Project Blue Book](#), 2012). Project Blue Book went through six "eras," where different military personnel headed it with various scientific research teams ([Project Blue Book](#), Wikipedia.com, 2012). Many critics of Project Blue Book have claimed that this investigation was aimed at only debunking the UFO phenomenon. The investigation ended with the [Condon Committee](#) in 1968. Many critics have claimed that while the committee

employed a scientific approach, many members of the committee were biased from the beginning, as well as the head of the committee, physicist Edward Condon. The findings from the investigation were published in a book titled, [Scientific study of unidentified flying objects](#), also known as *The Condon Report*. According to Sturrock, "The Condon Report, presenting the results of the Colorado Project on a Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, does not give the impression of a tightly integrated research program" ([Sturrock](#), 1987). The 2006 UFO documentary titled "[Out of the blue](#)" criticizes The Condon Report for leaving out important case studies, eyewitness testimonials and having "ignored the data" ("Out of the blue," 2006). Since its closure in 1969 with The Condon Report, many individuals interested in the UFO phenomenon have sought to revive Project Blue Book. One of these efforts has resulted in the creation of the [Project Blue Book Archive](#) website, where individuals share a variety of information on previously concealed government documents dealing with UFOs. Many of the individuals that are interested in the UFO phenomenon claim to have personally seen a UFO, been abducted by extraterrestrial beings or been contacted by extraterrestrials.

Alien abductees and contactees

Many individuals in North America have claimed that they have been contacted or abducted by aliens. The first well-documented alien abduction was the [Betty and Barney Hill](#) incident in New Hampshire in 1961 (Booth, [The Betty and Barney Hill abduction, part 1](#)). According to Betty and Barney Hill, they were returning home late one night in 1961 from a trip to Canada (Booth). This incident became highly publicized in the news media and even the entertainment industry, which even was made into a television movie in 1975 titled "[The UFO incident](#)" starring James Earl Jones as Barney Hill. Two years after their abduction, Betty and Barney Hill underwent hypnosis therapy to recreate their experience (Booth). According to the

results of their hypnosis therapy, Betty and Barney Hill described what the aliens did to them. Betty even asked the aliens where they were from and they showed her on a map of the stars, disclosing that they were from the [Reticulum Constellation](#), specifically from a planet that orbits the star Zeta Reticuli (Booth). However, other psychologists' opinions following the Hill's story have claimed that their abduction was fabricated, brought on by stress from being an interracial couple in the early 1960s (Booth). Skeptics have been unable to debunk the Hill's abduction story, though.

Another notable abduction story is that of [Travis Walton](#), which the 1993 movie "[Fire in the sky](#)" is based upon. Walton's story starts with him and his co-workers finishing up a day's work of logging near Heber, Arizona in 1975 (<http://www.abovetopsecret.com>, 2010). On their way home, they encounter a UFO. Walton exits the truck and approaches the craft only to be hit by a beam of light and left apparently unconscious on the ground (<http://www.abovetopsecret.com>, 2010). Frightened by what they saw, the rest of Walton's co-workers fled the scene, leaving him behind. Walton was not found until five days later. There has been much debate as to whether Walton was truly abducted by aliens (<http://www.abovetopsecret.com>, 2010). In his book, *Alien abduction: Creating a modern phenomenon*, Matheson (1998) claims that Walton displays inconsistencies in his original story and the narrative he gives in his book, *The Walton experience* (Matheson, 1998). However, in a re-release of his book, Walton refuted Phillip J. Klass', a journalist and UFO critic, claims that his alien encounter and abduction was a fabrication (Clark, 1998). In an interview on *Larry King Live*, Walton and his friend Mike Rogers argued against Klass's disbelief. Here is the first part of Travis Walton's first interview on YouTube.com, conducted shortly after his abduction in 1975: "[Travis Walton interview part 1](#)," "[Part 2](#)" and "[Part 3](#)" (Here is a direct to the first part of

Walton's interview on YouTube.com: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrSDIP4-nrQ>, 2009).

While many critics have challenged Walton's abduction claim, they have yet to discredit it.

The famous alien contactee, Alex Collier, claimed to have been visited by extraterrestrial beings from the constellation of Andromeda (Lecture, "[An Andromedan perspective on galactic history](#)," from the Golden Wings Conference, 2002, transcribed 2007). In this particular lecture, Collier explains the differences between the "terrestrial history" of earth compared to the "extraterrestrial history" given to him by the extraterrestrial beings from Andromeda (Collier, 2003). However, some skeptics of Collier's claims of being an alien contactee have argued that he is a fraud because he changed his name (Horn, "[The 'Alex Collier' hoax is now ... over!](#)", 2009). However, Collier has not admitted that he made up being an alien contactee and that he changed his name to protect his family. Two other famous alien contactees are [Billy Meier](#) from Switzerland and [George Adamski](#), a Polish-born America citizen. Meier's story of being an alien contactee is explored in the 2009 documentary titled, "[The Billy Meier story: UFO's and prophecies from outer space](#)." In this documentary, Meier's early life is examined as well as his first contact with extraterrestrial beings. In this documentary, the extraterrestrial beings that contacted Meier claimed to be from the Pleiades star cluster system. Meier claims that the Plejaren, the extraterrestrials from the Pleiades, provided him with information the future of earth. Meier claims that the information he was given by the Plejaren are not predictions, but rather future possibilities that are dependent on human civilizations changing their warlike ways (Meier, "The Billy Meier Story," 2009). Adamski's claims of contact with extraterrestrial beings are explored in the 2006 documentary, titled "[UFO secret-alien contacts](#)" on [UFO TV](#). The extraterrestrial beings that Adamski claimed to have been visited by came from cities located beneath the surface Venus. Similar to Meier, Adamski also was invited to travel with the

extraterrestrial beings in their spacecraft to Venus as well as other planets ("UFO secret-alien contacts," 2006). While critics were leery of Adamski's claims of alien encounters and travelling to other planets, many individuals continue to believe that he was telling the truth. While UFO sightings and extraterrestrial encounters cases such as Collier, Meier and Adamski are highly publicized, some cases are not. One of the lesser-publicized cases of contact with extraterrestrials is [Phil Schneider](#).

The Phil Schneider Story

The final proof to support the argument that UFOs and extraterrestrial beings exist is the Phil Schneider story. In 1995, Phil Schneider, a geologist and engineer, started to share his story of his encounter with large gray aliens in 1979 (Swartz & Drayer, "[The mysterious life and death of Phil Schneider](#)," UFO Digest.com). Before he was killed in early 1996, Phil Schneider gave lectures on his experiences helping dig underground bases for the United States government and military as well as his encounter with large grey aliens. One of his lectures can be watched here on YouTube.com, titled "[Phil Schneider 1 of 7 Dulce alien confrontation](#)." This particular lecture is divided into seven, ten-minute parts on YouTube.com. In this lecture, Schneider reveals details of secret U.S. government and military bases called D.U.M.B.s, which stands for Deep Underground Military Bases. In the lecture, Schneider describes his encounter with a large gray alien while being lowered down into a hole to gather rock samples while digging a D.U.M.B. As soon as he was lowered into the hole, he was confronted with a horrific order and a large gray alien. Schneider drew his gun but before he could shoot at the gray alien, the alien waved its hand over a device on its chest and fired a bluish beam at Schneider hitting him in the chest and gravely wounding him. Schneider shot and killed two gray aliens but was seriously wounded in the process. Fortunately, a soldier saved his life but lost his own in the process.

Schneider gave a similar lecture on the same topic. The video can be seen on YouTube.com, titled "[Phil Schneider: Deep underground military bases.](#)" While there are some differences concerning the details of the story, Schneider does seem to give some of the same descriptions as he did in his previous lecture. Does this mean that Schneider's story is true? Some skeptics have challenged the details of his story but have not been able to discredit it. In each of the lectures, Schneider's tone and mannerisms seem to be as if he is telling the truth. Many comments from users on YouTube.com seem to be persuaded by his lectures; however, there are some users who are not persuaded. Many users who seem persuaded by Schneider's story also seem to connect it with other conspiracy theories such as the Illuminati and government cover-ups of UFOs and extraterrestrials. Schneider's story and the information he revealed in his lectures has not been discredited nor proven.

The three proofs provided in this argument seem to suggest that UFOs and extraterrestrials exist. There exists documentation from the United States government of its investigations into the UFO phenomenon as well as the possible existence of extraterrestrial beings from other planets and solar systems. Many and critics have sought to debunk many UFO sightings and individual claims of being contacted and/or abducted by extraterrestrial beings. While many of the UFO sightings have been scientifically explained, the abductions and/or contact experiences have been difficult to disprove, even though many critics consider them highly unlikely because there exists no physical or scientifically verifiable proof or evidence. Still, many individuals continue to believe that UFOs and extraterrestrial beings exist and have visited the earth. In the end, it is up to the individual to determine if they believe in the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrial beings from other planets and solar systems. Still, there seems to be not only historical evidence and documentation to support it, but also countless

testimonies from individuals who have either been abducted or contacted by extraterrestrial beings from other planets and solar systems.

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“ Spielberg says “I still believe we’re not alone in the universe”, but laments that he has never actually seen a UFO. “ Keep looking Steven. Keep looking. Steven Spielberg followed his first major box-office success Jaws with this epic science fiction adventure about a disparate group of people who attempt to contact alien intelligence. “ The one person who deserves to have a UFO sighting, it hasn’t happened yet for me.” Spielberg’s belief in aliens isn’t all that surprising given his history of space-based movies after Close Encounters of a Third Kind but it is clear it’s what helped him create this highly revered film forty years ago. He continues: “I really believed that there was something up there. I still believe we’re not alone in the universe. ALIENS are somewhere out there in the depths of space and it is simply a matter of probability, a British scientist has spectacularly claimed. By Sebastian Kettley. PUBLISHED: 20:01, Sun, Dec 15, 2019 | UPDATED: 20:11, Sun, Dec 15, 2019. 0. The question of “are we alone in the universe” has fascinated the scientific community for decades. Aliens and other extraterrestrial organisms are the top of the priority list for bodies like NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA).