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The New Jersey Drone Flap: Why None of the Explanations are Acceptable



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The military expenditures for the US every year come in at around 820 billion. I won't lie and say I truly understand that number or can grasp all of the outlying entities that also have their own budgets. The true number of dollars being used to augment the military industrial complex health is beyond what I can fathom. At some point, the numbers become ludicrous, like counting grains of sand. The one thing you can take away from this is that we obviously aren't getting our money's worth. Of course, that's because the "we" I'm speaking of, the US citizens, aren't the ones this money is being used to protect or advance.

I'm going to bring up one of the weirder news stories currently making the rounds, that of the New Jersey drone sightings. And really not just New Jersey, but evidently other regions as well. They seem to have extended to Staten Island and are even being reported in various sites worldwide. It is difficult to know if there is truly an uptick in sightings such as this elsewhere, or if the knowledge of the New Jersey sightings is making people look up from their phones long enough to see objects that were there prior. We are now in the part of the

news cycle on this story where, barring an enormous escalation that is undeniable, it will be difficult to parse out the true phenomenon.

But in case you haven't been keeping up, since mid November, there have been multiple sightings of what are being called drones in the New Jersey area. Every night like clockwork, the lights show up, oddly described in ways that just don't quite make sense. Almost like the uncanny valley effect—the drones exhibit lights that seem to be like known objects in the air (helicopters and airplanes) but are not quite right—just a bit off. Some individuals have used the apps that show current flight-paths and have been able to see that objects in front of them aren't showing as normal registered air traffic (which can be seen on these apps, they are actually pretty amazing to be able to see flight paths in real time). So, what we have is a mystery in the setting of ample ability to fake video. All of this is paired with very reputable and numerous observers seeing things often described as car sized flying objects. Definitely larger than the traditional drone. Some indication has even been put out there that the objects are not showing the expected “heat signature” one would expect from any moving device and a feature that one would be able to use to track these items. Bizarre is putting it mildly.

Mayors and lower-level law enforcement seem to be slightly enraged because if this is an explainable event by some in our government, they are certainly being left out of the loop. To have throngs of constituents asking for answers and to be able to give none—well that would certainly make mayors and law enforcement feel idiotic and toothless. It is clear that lower-level officials do not know what is going on as evidenced by the frustration being exhibited by these individuals in multiple press conferences.

The information from the executive branch hasn't been forthcoming with much in the way of answers either, except to indicate in a lot of cases, these are misidentified planes (which once again, flies in the face of those using flight path apps during witnessing these things and noting their absence on said apps).

Even if 75% of the sightings are now something prosaic, the sheer number of witnesses and the very inexplicable nature of the sightings does not lead one to believe this is some sort of mass hysteria. That is gas-lighting of the worst order, to tell someone that they aren't seeing what they are truly seeing. I know I reference gas-lighting often, but I do think the term describes so much of the disinformation coming our way from every angle in our current space. I just don't have a better way to describe it.

Which brings me full circle to that military expenditure. We are left with a few options: One being that this is a foreign actor flexing and seemingly we are not able to do anything about it. This seems quite odd in light of the drama from the Chinese balloons we have seen in

years past. We certainly have a shoot first and ask questions later type of government in most arenas. We are to believe they are showing patience due to being in heavily populated areas? The government I've seen wouldn't care a bit. They would be shooting these down immediately. Didn't some school aviation group balloon get shot down during that last flap? We are to believe hundreds of these things are free to float about New Jersey at will? So these options seem very unlikely. Also, with those kinds of dollars being spent in the military, we don't have some earmarked to protect citizens from weird objects invading their airspace? That makes absolutely no sense.

So, we consider this is what I would consider to be the most likely.....it's our own government. But to what end? Why on earth if it is testing new equipment would it be done in such a populated area? And why is there such a stunning variety of objects being seen? I know direct witness testimony can be wonky, but the sheer volume of individuals seeing these things makes it pretty clear that there is some variety in the nature of these objects. Some have posited that there is some kind of full-scale search mission going on that the nature of such can't be released due to mass panic potential. Well....maybe, but again, why just at night—is this to avoid clear viewing of these objects? They do have lights which have been reported by officials as simply “going dark” when observation becomes too intense. Again, this is another possibility that is unsatisfying rationally. If it is our own government—this is what they do with all that cash? Terrorize citizens already terrorized by being citizens of New Jersey? Sorry, that wasn't fair. I've never even been there—parts of it actually look lovely. If you don't mind freaky drone swarms every night.

One other option.....yeah, you see where I'm going. Something we can't explain or fight against because it's not “us”. This one is a little harder to accept. I would love for the universe to be larger and more exciting than our day to day, but if so....truly what the hell? Is non-human intelligence just as dumb as we are? Drones that look like our drones, but off just a bit? Swarms that seem to be giving a message, but not a clear one? If these are the “aliens” I will be very depressed because this is some shady and unclear messaging for sure. It would be like that kid who liked you in first period and showed it by pulling your hair or blurting out a couple words and running off. It doesn't seem to be elevated behavior.

I love to hike around the odder regions of Reddit. Yes, I enjoy reading some of the areas that deal with unexplained phenomena. I will admit it. I think the most wonderful thing I've ever read was in one of these back alleys of Reddit in regard to the drones. Some guy in Jersey said that he had one of these things directly above him, close enough to shoot down. He didn't go that path, but did want to register his disgust with their behavior—whatever is

causing it. He had just finished dinner and was taking out the garbage, so he was able to reach into the garbage sack and pull out a corn cob, which he proceeded to throw at the drone. He missed and chucked a second one in its direction. Many responded in the post, questioning if this is an alien intelligence, would this be considered our first act of aggression? Are we at war now because of the corn cob assault? I think this would make sense for our species to go out this way. Monkeys throwing corncobs.

But I'll back away from the Ft. Sumter type implications of the corn cob assault.

There is one more possibility that extends back to the government angle....could this be one faction showing what they can do against the more mainstream regions of government? Again, pretty wild brainstorming with no satisfying solution. This theory feels too Q-Anon adjacent.

One must also take into the context of this that a very similar drone situation was occurring in 2019 and early 2020 in Colorado. This was in the news; I remember hearing about it, but something happened in spring of 2020 with so much noise that it drowned out these drones. Yeah, Covid kind of stole the drones' thunder and that story just faded. But it's important to realize that this seems to have happened before, not to this extent or in such populated areas, but still.....it happened.

So, for the tidy price of 820 billion.....we can have our skies inundated with mysterious weirdo drones and we have representatives of our government shrugging. What a wonderful return on investment we get for our tax dollars. No answers, at least not for us. I know a lot of people said, "this is the bad timeline" in response to Trump winning and all of the other mayhem in the world, but maybe we are just in the "weird timeline". So of course, we need to go pro. I for one, will welcome the alien overlords and I vow in this public manner to throw no corncobs.

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