

Drone Incursions in the UK and USA

A briefing note for Average People

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Introduction

In recent weeks, residents of the United Kingdom and later, New Jersey, New York, and Oregon have all reported the same thing: strange drones flying over their homes and communities and demonstrating a particular interest in restricted air space. While some of these drones have been demonstrated to be misidentified aircraft, a significant number of these drones are leaving NATO forces stumped as to whose they are or why they are here. These “drones” in some cases are about the size of a car, can stay aloft for hours at a time, and manage to completely avoid detection methods like thermal imaging to detect their propulsion systems, or signals for their controllers. And both the US and UK Governments seem to have no idea what is going on. Some are alleging mass hysteria, but that doesn't seem likely given the qualifications of the observers.

Updates Since Last Publication

- The drone incursions caused the shutdown of Wright Patterson Air Force Base.
- The White House has released a statement attributing all drone activity to hobbyist, law enforcement, and commercial drone operators.
- The White House briefing for New Jersey Mayors was released, and the mayors don't seem to agree with the White House assessment.
- Various intelligence agencies are briefing congressional reps in a classified setting at 2:00 today.
- President-Elect Trump has stated that the government knows what these drones are but is refusing to tell the American people, and he has cancelled his usual trip to New Jersey out of concern for this drone activity.

Background

These drone incursions have blown up the social media space in the last few weeks, but it's a much older issue that the government has been fighting with for years.

- In 2019, there was a flood of drone activity over Colorado that to this day remains unexplained, though the investigation did confirm the veracity of many of the sightings, some of which threatened flight safety. The military denied any involvement or testing of their own systems.
- In 2023, similar incidents happened in Langley over sensitive military facilities. These incursions occurred over 17 days in December of 2023, and were confirmed by the

Pentagon to be over restricted airspace, including one near miss with an F-22

- In November of 2024, similar incursions occurred in the UK over US-run, but UK owned airbases, like RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall, and RAF Faltwell. The number of drones appeared to fluctuate, as did their sizes and configurations. The UK and US dispatched significant military resources in response, including fighters and ground troops, and implemented flight restrictions over their airspace, as per *The Aviationist* article linked above. Of note, these incursions began after the US allegedly returned nuclear weapons to RAF Lakenheath as part of their response to the increasing global stability issues (Russia).
- While the UK drone incursions were still heating up, the United States once again started seeing drone incursions over sensitive areas, this time in New Jersey. Before long, drones started popping up in other places – New York, Oregon, and more. This has been ongoing for weeks and is generating significant media attention – even dramatically changing the opinions of the professionals who see them.
- Statements by Officials have been baffling. The DOD says they don't know what they are, but they aren't ours, and they aren't from an adversarial nation. That doesn't leave many potential culprits, does it? They also claim they know they are not a threat. New Jersey Fire Officials are being told not to approach any downed drones for fear of radiation and being warned that the drones might interfere with radio communications. The FBI, in a congressional hearing, identified that it did not know what these things were or where they were coming from, even though there are records of these drones tailing a coast guard ship and numerous reports of them coming from the ocean, prompting at least one elected official to assertively claim there is an Iranian mothership of the coast of the USA launching these drones (A claim the DOD has denied).
- It's not getting calmer. In the last few days, there have been reports of the same things happening in Argentina and Germany. And now this issue is shutting down airports in New York. There's no doubt a major issue going on, and mainstream news stations are picking up on that too – the next section will tell you why you should care.

Why Does This Matter

- 1) **We are supposed to be able to secure our airspace:** Remember 9/11? We all woke up that morning shocked by the terrorist activity that collapsed the WTC towers and destroyed a portion of the Pentagon, and what followed was trillions of dollars in security, defense, and war spending over the next 20 years, all under the motto of "Never Again". And yet, these car-sized drones are flying over secured air space with apparent impunity. To have the US Government claim they do not know what these objects are is highly concerning, because it means they either know and are not saying, which means they are lying to the American people and their elected representatives, or they genuinely don't know which means our investments over the last 23 years may not be paying dividends.

We are also aware that the US Government has access to some incredible anti-drone technology – from jamming rifles to net guns, there are countless ways to take down a

drone. Some of them – like the signal jammers – actually trigger a “safe landing” function in commercially available drones, so that they land gently when they lose signal from their operator, so that eliminates the on-the-ground risk of taking a drone down. Alternatively, according to the US Coast Guard and other sources, these objects are originating from the oceans. A takedown of a drone over the water would eliminate any risk to on-the-ground citizens and infrastructure, and there’s no obvious reason why the US Government has not chosen to take action against these drones – the drones whose owners are a mystery, as is their intent or capabilities, that are hovering over our most sensitive military facilities. Why did they make this choice to not take them down?

Finally, this seems to be happening a lot. In February of 2023, the United States and Canada shot down several objects that were in North American airspace – for the first time in history. We still don’t have the whole story of what exactly happened there, but that was 11 months ago, and it appears we can do less now about incursions than we could back then.

- 2) Mixed Messaging suggesting a deeper problem:** The US Government representatives have been issuing many confusing statements that do not make sense on this matter. The DOD has, as mentioned, stated they do not know who is responsible for these drones or what their intentions are. But they have also stated that they know they are not a threat. For them to make such an assessment, they must either know about *capability* and *intent* of these objects, or they are not being truthful. The Government claims to have no imaging of these objects and only limited information – how can they possibly know their capability? And if they do not know who sent them or who is operating the drones, how do they know the intention of the operators?

Further, as mentioned, one elected representative claims to have been told these were Iranian drones, but the DOD says they are definitively not Iranian. How do they know if they don’t know whose they are? In fact, the DOD has stated that these are definitively not American drones. They’ve also stated they have not attributed them to an adversary. So who’s are they?

Finally, there have been a number of concerning messages from various agencies representing the federal government, like the FBI and DHS and even the White House, that have clearly indicated that the US Government does not have a handle on this crisis.

The lack of clarity on the communication from government officials – who are most definitely supposed to know what’s going on with more confidence during a protracted crisis like this – suggests a deeper issue. At a minimum, this already demonstrates a massive failure of the US Governments intelligence apparatus, that mirrors the siloed nature of affairs that lead to 9/11; State reps are looking to the Feds who they think have more information, and the Feds are telling everyone it’s not their problem and they don’t have data. Meanwhile, citizens are seeing and photographing the concerning objects and these are being shared widely on social media – the question dodging and buck-passing is creating a situation of extreme mistrust and low confidence in the government response.

- 3) The UAP Issue:** This “Drone Flap” is taking place in the backdrop of a multi-year process that appears to have shifted the US Governments long-standing position on the topic of UFOs, now called UAP. What used to be regarded as a fringe topic unworthy of

attention is now being recognized by the US Government (and governments around the world) as a phenomena of real, physical craft of unknown origin in our airspace. There have been multiple congressional hearings on this issue, and credible allegations of a multi-decade scandal involving misappropriated funds, unelected interests making decisions while keeping elected leadership in the dark, and a potentially existentially shifting reality about non-human intelligence. This topic has been the subject of a great deal of attention, and is one of the most followed topics on social media.

Some of the drones are being shown to resemble UAP. For example, several instances are showing orb-shaped objects. These objects are allegedly able to avoid detection on infrared cameras that would normally show any heat being put off by engines or turbines; a common thing with UAP is that they tend to show no visible signs of propulsion. There have also been incidents of electronics interference caused by the objects in New Jersey – allegedly, operators are losing control of human-made observation drones when they get close, and clocks in cars being changed by the presence of the objects. People are reporting a bunch of incredibly strange things with regards to these “Drones”, and many are speculating that they are not drones at all.

The US Government’s unprofessional and somewhat baffling response to this issue, in the context of this increasingly credibly alleged UFO coverup, does not serve to bringing calm to this highly disruptive topic. The vast majority of Americans believe that the government is covering up something about UFOs (check out our briefing note on this broader issue for more), and when they take weeks of unidentified flying object activity over our most sensitive military bases and respond with “It’s not ours, and it’s not an adversary, and we don’t know whose they are”, it naturally leaves the citizenry with some big important questions.

Conclusion

The current issue with the unidentified flying objects – being referred to as “Drones” – flying over some of our most sensitive locations is a mystery. Nobody seems to know who owns these drones or what they are doing here. And the people in charge – the ones we send a lot of tax dollars to specifically so they *can* know what’s going on and respond to issues like this seem more confused than anyone.

In what world is it OK to allow a potential adversary to recon (or worse) our sensitive military sites via drone without a response?

It is critical for journalists and other leaders in society to dig into this issue and ask our elected and unelected leaders alike targeted questions about this issue. The longer this goes without answers, the more disruptive this issue will be. And as always, Authentik is standing by to help you make this disruption a transformation instead.

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