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# Chris Spivey – Beyond The Lunatic Fringe



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If you haven't heard the name Chris Spivey, there are some people who wish they hadn't. Spivey claims to have **an IQ of 127**, which may be true, but it's one thing to have a high IQ, it's another thing entirely to use it.

Last month, Spivey was convicted of harassing the family of Lee Rigby. This month he was given a **non-custodial sentence**, although a hospital order might have been more appropriate because, you see, Spivey believes Lee Rigby never existed. Perhaps he is confusing the unfortunate soldier with **Eleanor Rigby**?

Spivey runs his own website, which appears to be a family affair – his daughter is nearly as barmy as him. He and his ilk are often alluded to as conspiracy theorists; the reality is they are men and women who have no idea how to research much less theorise. The bottom line is that if the Government says it, it can't be true; if the Government denies it, it must be.

For the most part, people like Spivey are ignored, but when they crawl out from behind their cyber-rocks and make life unpleasant for people in the real world, the authorities clamp down on them. With Spivey they were heavy-handed, which can have the appearance of using a sledgehammer to crack a nut, nut being the operative word. As might be suspected, he has rather a large following on Twitter – a shade over 2,000; David Icke has over 130,000, but he has been making a fool of himself for considerably longer.



*David Icke (image credits: Stefano Maffei)*

You will find all manner of people like Spivey on especially YouTube, peddling the suppressed truth about 9/11, AIDS, mythical paedophile rings, and all manner of other things. This is not to say there is not sometimes a grain of truth in even their most outrageous pronouncements; there are cover-ups in the media, sometimes false allegations are suppressed to protect the innocent, as in the **Hampstead Satanic abuse hoax**; other times, things are covered up to hide blunders, as in the Hillsborough stadium disaster. Oftentimes the cover-up is worse than the crime; Hillsborough is a classic example of this; if the police had fessed up, they would have received some criticism, most of which would have been wisdom in hindsight. Instead, they went to extraordinary lengths to protect their reputation, and ended up damaging it irreparably.

Whenever people like Spivey, Icke and the rest of the lunatic fringe are abroad clamouring about this conspiracy or that, look for the prosaic explanation first, there usually is one, but most of the time it never crosses their tiny minds.

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