## From Wikipedia/In Administrators’ Noticeboard/IncidentArchive107 (June 7, 2007) I have an entry in the Wikipedia (Al Seckel) and am an internationally known author and authority on cognitive neuroscience and its relationship to perception, and have authored many books on the subject, and have lectured on this subject at many of the world's most prestigious institutions. (A google search under my name: Al Seckel will verify this. Also a visit at my home page at Caltech (http://neuro.caltech.edu/~seckel) server now down, so you have to view the cached version). In a previous incarnation, I was the founder of a group out of Caltech, which debunked pseudoscientific claims, and had my own columns in both the Los Angeles Times and Santa Monica News. There is a very mentally disturbed person Tom McIver, who has been consistently re-editing my profile based on his hatred of me for combatting creationism as science in the public schools and speaking against UFOs. On the discussion board he has made unsubstantiated and negative comments about my academic history, affiliations, medical history, and has stated that I have embezzled money from not only my organization, but also from individuals, the list goes on and on. Nothing substantiated. In the discussion board, I can show quite readily through Wikipedia's own guidelines that his personal diatribes, which have no documentation other from what he himself published in the non-peer reviewed self published magazine "Saucer Smear" state. This journal rallies against anyone who speaks out against scientists and others who dismiss the accounts of extraterrestrial visits, psychics, and goes on against atheists, etc. I, on the other hand, can rebuttals to him from Nature, Science, Discover, Skeptical Inquirer, NY Times, Los Angeles Times, etc., which are peer reviewed. The point of this, is that the discussion board contains statements about me (from this one individual) who is clearly posting material that is not only libelous, but threatens my credibility and financial status, as I am involved in many business affairs, and someone reading this sort of thing could pull away from business deals. This could cause serious legal ramifications not only for Wikipedia, but for McIver. I am already starting to take legal action against McIver for slander and libel. It is quite easy to go to reliable sources (Wikipedia approved) to verify that his information is not only negative, but false. It is important for the credibility of Wikipedia to remove this discussion (and its history) entirely because it will cause irreputable harm not only to myself, but also to the credibility of Wikipedia. Although, Wikipedia is excellent as an "open source" document, it can not survive as a credible document in the world of scholarship, if it freely allows people to add information (or delete information) that is untrue for purposes of disparagment.  It is obvious from reading the discussion board, that the editor (who now seems to have caught on and refered me to you), has stated that in my original posting on the , that no incorrect information from me was stated, and that McIver was adding material that was not stated by me in order to disparage and discredit me. Nevertheless, the disparaging information can be found on the discussion page and its history. I respectfully ask that the entire history of McIver's comments (as well as my rebuttles be removed). Yours sincerely, [Al Seckel](http://datab.us/i/Al%20Seckel)[+](http://datab.us/Search/Al%20Seckel)—The preceding [unsigned](http://datab.us/i/Wikipedia:Sign%20your%20posts%20on%20talk%20pages)[+](http://datab.us/Search/Wikipedia:Sign%20your%20posts%20on%20talk%20pages) comment was added by [66.215.109.78](http://datab.us/i/User:66.215.109.78)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:66.215.109.78) ([talk](http://datab.us/i/User%20talk:66.215.109.78)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User%20talk:66.215.109.78) • [contribs](http://datab.us/i/Special:Contributions/66.215.109.78)[+](http://datab.us/Search/Special:Contributions/66.215.109.78)) 15:21, 7 June 2006. :This is reminding me of a [similiar sounding case](http://datab.us/i/John_Seigenthaler_Sr.)[+](http://datab.us/Search/John_Seigenthaler_Sr.). [Netscott](http://datab.us/i/User:Netscott)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Netscott) 15:26, 7 June 2006 (UTC) ::Both Mr. Seckel and Mr. McIver have made, shall we say, questionable personal comments about one another. I advised Mr. Seckel to contact the Foundation about having them deleted from the history. If any admin would like to review them now, I have compiled a list of diffs of those that seem problematic at [User:Thatcher131/temp](http://datab.us/i/User:Thatcher131/temp)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Thatcher131/temp). [Thatcher131](http://datab.us/i/User:Thatcher131)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Thatcher131) 16:33, 7 June 2006 (UTC) :\*'''Comment''' I took a look at this article, as well as some of the opposing material that McIver has elsewhere on the web, after McIver's failed attempt to have the Seckel article deleted. While I have no idea whether there is substance to McIver's allegations, he is right on one thing: this article makes a great example in favor of [WP:AUTO](http://datab.us/i/WP:AUTO)[+](http://datab.us/Search/WP:AUTO). Although it's very well-written in an encyclopedic style, I have to suspect that, in tone and content, it is totally different from what would have been written by a disinterested third party. [Fan1967](http://datab.us/i/User:Fan-1967)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Fan-1967) 19:28, 7 June 2006 (UTC) ::\*I would also like to note above how often Seckel refers to "my entry", "my profile", "my article". Quite frankly, that bothers me. [Fan1967](http://datab.us/i/User:Fan-1967)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Fan-1967) 20:22, 7 June 2006 (UTC) ::::Feel free to remind him about [WP:OWN](http://datab.us/i/WP:OWN)[+](http://datab.us/Search/WP:OWN) if you want. He uses a stable IP address and also has a user account although he rarely uses it. It might help if both involved parties knew there were many eyes on the article, not just mine. [Thatcher131](http://datab.us/i/User:Thatcher131)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Thatcher131) 20:52, 7 June 2006 (UTC) :::::And gee, do you think it's possible that he uses the anon IP instead of his ID so that the edit history doesn't show that the article has been written almost exclusively by him? [Fan1967](http://datab.us/i/User:Fan-1967)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Fan-1967) 22:20, 7 June 2006 (UTC) ::::::No, he was very open about signing the talk page "Al" even when not logged in. [Thatcher131](http://datab.us/i/User:Thatcher131)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Thatcher131) 22:30, 7 June 2006 (UTC) Even if this guy is notable enough for an article, I must say the current version doesn't seem very encyclopedic. It seems to impossibly overstate his importance, if I was actually immodest enough to write an article about myself, I think I would at least try to write from a npov. This guy has really thrown that out the window. I thought this level of pretention was actually fatal. Although I have never heard of this guy, nor edited "his" article, and if I had to take a position I would probably support the so called "skeptical one", but I must say this situation kinda upsets me.- [Moshe Constantine Hassan Al-Silverburg](http://datab.us/i/User:Moshe%20Constantine%20Hassan%20Al-Silverburg)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User:Moshe%20Constantine%20Hassan%20Al-Silverburg) | [Talk](http://datab.us/i/User%20talk:Moshe%20Constantine%20Hassan%20Al-Silverburg)[+](http://datab.us/Search/User%20talk:Moshe%20Constantine%20Hassan%20Al-Silverburg) 22:13, 7 June 2006 (UTC)