

William Woodward is a psychology professor at the University of New Hampshire and a peace activist. That is not unusual, but his 9/11 conspiracy theories are. Woodward sparked great controversy when he alleged that "government elites orchestrated 9/11."

After Woodward was quoted in the newspapers discussing the matter, a number of politicians, including both Judd Gregg and Gov. John Lynch (D), called for an investigation. Bonnie Newman, who was then acting president of UNH, **defended his activities on the grounds that they represented legitimate free inquiry** that was appropriate to an institution of higher learning. Her words at the time were: "[W]e encourage the open inquiry of ideas and respect the freedoms, rights and responsibilities of all members of our learning community."

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