

YouGov Survey Results

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Do you support or oppose scientists sending out messages into deep space in the hope of them being received by intelligent alien life?

Strongly support	17	13	20	15	15	18	15	23	11	15	19	16	13	17	16	16	12	22	17	16	21	14
Somewhat support	37	38	42	44	29	41	34	41	33	40	35	39	37	38	35	37	43	30	38	33	38	39
TOTAL SUPPORT	54	51	62	59	44	59	49	64	44	55	54	55	50	55	51	53	55	52	55	49	59	53
Somewhat oppose	13	16	9	12	20	11	15	10	16	10	15	12	13	14	12	14	11	9	13	16	13	13
Strongly oppose	7	8	5	6	7	6	8	6	7	7	5	9	8	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	6	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	20	24	14	18	27	17	23	16	23	17	20	21	21	21	18	21	17	15	20	23	19	20
Don't know	27	25	25	23	28	23	28	20	34	28	27	24	29	25	30	26	29	33	25	28	22	27

When it comes to the possibility of alien / extra-terrestrial life, how likely or unlikely do you consider the following to be?

Alien life of any kind (including microscopic life) exists somewhere in the universe

Very likely	49	41	53	51	52	53	47	57	41	49	55	46	40	51	45	49	50	49	49	46	54	48
Somewhat likely	26	31	29	26	26	28	30	23	29	18	22	28	35	25	27	26	22	27	26	25	24	28
TOTAL LIKELY	75	72	82	77	78	81	77	80	70	67	77	74	75	76	72	75	72	76	75	71	78	76
Somewhat unlikely	6	8	4	4	6	6	4	4	7	9	5	5	7	5	7	6	6	4	7	7	3	6
Very unlikely	8	10	5	10	9	6	9	6	9	8	6	9	8	8	7	7	8	9	8	7	7	7
TOTAL UNLIKELY	14	18	9	14	15	12	13	10	16	17	11	14	15	13	14	13	14	13	15	14	10	13
Don't know	12	10	9	9	7	8	10	9	15	17	12	12	10	11	13	12	14	10	10	15	12	11

Intelligent alien life exists somewhere in the universe

Very likely	36	30	38	30	43	37	36	42	29	31	40	33	32	36	35	35	36	38	36	34	35	35
Somewhat likely	33	35	34	39	28	35	34	32	34	34	32	34	35	33	33	33	37	29	35	33	34	32
TOTAL LIKELY	69	65	72	69	71	72	70	74	63	65	72	67	67	69	68	68	73	67	71	67	69	67
Somewhat unlikely	8	10	9	5	8	7	7	6	9	11	7	7	8	7	8	8	3	6	8	8	6	9
Very unlikely	10	12	7	15	12	9	11	8	12	9	8	12	12	10	10	10	12	12	9	11	7	11
TOTAL UNLIKELY	18	22	16	20	20	16	18	14	21	20	15	19	20	17	18	18	15	18	17	19	13	20
Don't know	14	13	12	12	9	11	12	12	15	15	13	14	12	13	15	13	13	16	12	13	17	13

Alien life of any kind (including microscopic life) exists in our solar system

Very likely	26	25	25	24	37	25	29	27	26	24	28	26	26	27	26	26	32	26	27	26	21	27
Somewhat likely	36	40	42	35	30	37	38	36	37	35	36	37	36	35	38	37	35	33	37	34	37	37
TOTAL LIKELY	62	65	67	59	67	62	67	63	63	59	64	63	62	62	64	63	67	59	64	60	58	64
Somewhat unlikely	12	10	13	14	10	16	8	15	10	16	12	11	12	13	11	12	8	15	12	9	16	12
Very unlikely	11	14	8	14	13	11	12	11	11	9	10	12	13	11	10	11	10	12	11	13	8	11
TOTAL UNLIKELY	23	24	21	28	23	27	20	26	21	25	22	23	25	24	21	23	18	27	23	22	24	23
Don't know	14	12	12	12	10	11	13	11	17	17	14	13	14	14	14	14	14	13	12	18	17	13

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Intelligent alien life exists in our solar system																							
Very likely	13	12	11	8	22	11	17	13	14	9	13	14	15	12	16	13	15	13	15	12	11	14	
Somewhat likely	24	26	24	25	27	22	28	21	28	24	24	22	28	22	27	25	22	24	24	24	23	26	
TOTAL LIKELY	37	38	35	33	49	33	45	34	42	33	37	36	43	34	43	38	37	37	39	36	34	40	
Somewhat unlikely	18	18	19	16	12	21	15	19	17	23	18	17	15	19	16	17	21	20	18	16	17	17	
Very unlikely	28	27	31	39	25	34	24	35	22	28	28	29	26	32	23	28	24	25	25	30	31	29	
TOTAL UNLIKELY	46	45	50	55	37	55	39	54	39	51	46	46	41	51	39	45	45	45	43	46	48	46	
Don't know	17	16	15	12	14	13	17	13	20	16	16	17	17	15	18	16	18	18	17	18	17	15	
Intelligent alien life has visited Earth at some point in history																							
Very likely	11	10	8	5	20	6	16	12	9	4	11	11	12	9	13	11	11	8	13	11	10	9	
Somewhat likely	21	21	20	17	21	19	23	19	23	20	21	21	21	19	25	21	13	24	20	20	18	24	
TOTAL LIKELY	32	31	28	22	41	25	39	31	32	24	32	32	33	28	38	32	24	32	33	31	28	33	
Somewhat unlikely	17	19	19	18	15	20	15	18	17	23	17	17	14	19	15	18	15	15	21	16	18	16	
Very unlikely	31	33	36	39	28	35	26	34	28	31	30	30	32	35	25	30	33	31	27	31	32	32	
TOTAL UNLIKELY	48	52	55	57	43	55	41	52	45	54	47	47	46	54	40	48	48	46	48	47	50	48	
Don't know	20	18	18	20	17	20	20	17	24	22	20	20	21	19	22	20	29	21	19	21	21	19	
Intelligent alien life has visited Earth within the last 100 years																							
Very likely	7	7	5	4	13	5	10	8	6	1	7	10	6	6	8	7	5	7	9	5	5	6	
Somewhat likely	15	15	14	10	22	10	20	14	16	10	16	16	14	12	20	15	17	15	17	17	11	14	
TOTAL LIKELY	22	22	19	14	35	15	30	22	22	11	23	26	20	18	28	22	22	22	26	22	16	20	
Somewhat unlikely	18	18	20	16	14	17	16	17	18	24	17	15	17	18	17	18	11	15	21	13	18	19	
Very unlikely	39	42	44	52	35	47	34	44	36	43	38	40	40	45	32	40	40	38	33	44	42	41	
TOTAL UNLIKELY	57	60	64	68	49	64	50	61	54	67	55	55	57	63	49	58	51	53	54	57	60	60	
Don't know	21	19	17	19	15	21	20	17	25	22	22	19	22	20	23	21	27	25	20	21	24	19	
Some Earth species are descended from alien life																							
Very likely	5	2	6	3	8	3	7	6	4	3	6	5	4	5	6	5	3	5	7	4	6	5	
Somewhat likely	14	11	15	5	19	11	17	15	12	10	16	14	10	11	17	13	22	13	16	12	13	12	
TOTAL LIKELY	19	13	21	8	27	14	24	21	16	13	22	19	14	16	23	18	25	18	23	16	19	17	
Somewhat unlikely	17	18	17	19	18	19	15	18	16	25	16	17	15	18	16	18	14	14	18	18	14	18	
Very unlikely	39	42	43	55	33	45	36	42	37	43	36	38	46	43	34	40	34	40	34	42	43	41	
TOTAL UNLIKELY	56	60	60	74	51	64	51	60	53	68	52	55	61	61	50	58	48	54	52	60	57	59	
Don't know	25	26	20	18	22	23	25	18	30	20	25	26	25	23	26	24	27	28	26	24	24	23	
There is intelligent alien life currently alive on Earth																							
Very likely	4	2	4	3	8	2	5	4	3	2	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	6	3	5	3	
Somewhat likely	10	9	8	5	12	7	11	10	9	7	11	10	8	7	13	10	10	8	10	10	10	10	
TOTAL LIKELY	14	11	12	8	20	9	16	14	12	9	15	15	12	11	17	14	14	11	16	13	15	13	
Somewhat unlikely	18	18	18	16	19	16	20	19	18	24	18	16	18	18	19	19	13	19	22	19	15	18	
Very unlikely	48	53	54	62	40	57	42	50	46	48	46	49	49	53	41	48	48	48	44	49	51	49	
TOTAL UNLIKELY	66	71	72	78	59	73	62	69	64	72	64	65	67	71	60	67	61	67	66	68	66	67	
Don't know	20	18	16	15	21	17	22	16	23	19	20	19	21	17	24	19	25	22	19	19	19	20	

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Intelligent alien life contributed to early human civilisations

Very likely	6	5	5	3	12	4	8	7	5	0	6	7	7	5	7	6	6	4	9	4	5	5
Somewhat likely	15	17	13	8	21	10	21	15	15	10	15	14	18	12	19	15	9	14	14	20	13	15
TOTAL LIKELY	21	22	18	11	33	14	29	22	20	10	21	21	25	17	26	21	15	18	23	24	18	20
Somewhat unlikely	16	17	16	18	17	18	15	16	17	21	16	17	14	17	16	17	19	12	19	16	14	17
Very unlikely	39	39	44	51	29	47	31	43	35	46	39	38	36	44	32	39	35	42	33	41	42	40
TOTAL UNLIKELY	55	56	60	69	46	65	46	59	52	67	55	55	50	61	48	56	54	54	52	57	56	57
Don't know	24	22	22	21	21	21	25	19	29	23	24	24	25	22	27	23	31	29	25	20	26	23

The 'Fermi Paradox' is the contradiction between what some scientists see as the incredibly high chance that there is other intelligent life in the universe and the lack of evidence so far of any intelligent life existing.

Scientists have unsuccessfully attempted to contact extra-terrestrial intelligent life for many years, what would you say are the most likely reasons for this? (Please choose up to three)

Human technology is not advanced enough for us to communicate with extra-terrestrial intelligent life	39	37	43	36	35	44	36	40	37	44	40	35	40	43	34	39	34	36	42	36	43	38
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life is too far away to contact us	38	30	44	48	34	47	32	44	32	45	42	35	33	42	33	38	40	38	34	37	40	41
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life exists and knows we exist, but chooses not to contact Earth	16	15	15	12	19	14	19	16	16	11	18	14	16	16	17	16	16	15	17	14	17	16
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life's technology is not advanced enough for us to communicate with	14	8	18	15	12	16	11	17	11	23	17	9	10	16	11	14	20	16	14	8	18	14
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life has already contacted us but the government has covered it up	10	8	7	6	15	5	13	10	9	6	10	11	9	8	11	10	12	7	11	9	9	9
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life has contacted or visited Earth, but long before the development of human civilisation	9	7	8	5	13	6	10	11	7	11	8	7	10	7	10	9	10	7	10	8	7	8
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life ultimately destroys itself before living long enough to develop the technology to communicate with humans	6	4	8	10	5	8	4	8	4	12	7	4	4	7	5	6	3	5	5	6	8	6
Other [See Tab 1]	6	7	6	11	5	7	6	6	7	2	7	8	5	8	4	6	8	8	6	6	5	6
Don't know	28	32	25	26	30	23	29	23	33	32	26	29	31	25	33	29	29	27	28	31	28	28

Do you know anyone personally who believes they've seen a UFO? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	6	6	4	5	9	3	8	7	4	0	5	8	7	3	8	6	4	7	7	6	5	5
Yes, a family member	5	4	4	4	8	3	7	4	5	1	4	6	5	3	6	5	7	2	5	5	2	5
Yes, a friend	4	3	3	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	2	3	4	4	2	3	4	3	3	3
Yes, someone else	4	3	4	3	6	3	4	4	3	3	4	5	2	4	4	4	5	4	5	3	5	3
No	79	83	81	83	71	83	77	76	82	75	81	76	81	81	76	79	80	81	77	79	78	79
Don't know	7	5	6	4	9	6	6	8	5	13	6	7	5	7	7	7	5	5	5	8	7	8
Prefer not to say	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1

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If humans found proof that aliens exist, do you think we should...?

Try to draw their attention to us and make contact	25	24	29	29	27	23	27	34	17	23	22	30	27	26	25	25	25	27	28	23	27	24
Keep a low profile and try to remain undiscovered	37	41	37	33	38	35	40	36	38	40	41	33	34	37	37	38	34	31	39	40	37	36
Don't know	38	34	35	38	34	42	33	30	44	36	37	38	39	37	39	37	41	42	33	36	36	40

Would you feel happy or unhappy if humans found proof that aliens exist?

Very happy	14	10	15	15	19	12	14	20	9	11	16	16	10	13	15	14	12	12	13	15	14	15
Fairly happy	37	15	22	15	16	20	16	22	14	27	20	15	14	18	18	18	25	17	18	14	25	17
TOTAL HAPPY	32	25	37	30	35	32	30	42	23	38	36	31	24	31	33	32	37	29	31	29	39	32
Neither happy nor unhappy	47	50	45	49	52	47	51	43	50	38	43	51	53	47	47	47	39	48	47	49	45	48
Fairly unhappy	4	8	4	4	3	4	4	3	6	5	4	2	6	5	4	5	4	1	6	4	2	5
Very unhappy	3	4	3	7	1	4	2	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	2	1	3
TOTAL UNHAPPY	7	12	7	11	4	8	6	6	10	8	8	5	9	8	7	8	6	5	10	6	3	8
Don't know	13	13	12	10	9	13	12	9	17	16	13	13	13	13	13	13	18	18	11	15	13	12

If humans found proof that aliens exist, do you think that would or would not disprove the existence of god?

It would disprove the existence of god	17	15	19	15	19	17	19	21	13	16	18	18	15	17	17	17	19	15	19	16	12	17
It would not disprove the existence of god	42	44	43	43	42	45	41	43	41	38	44	40	43	45	39	42	39	45	42	41	50	40
Don't know	41	41	39	43	40	37	41	36	45	46	38	42	42	38	44	41	42	39	38	43	38	43

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*