

1. Intelligent life elsewhere

Do you think there is intelligent life on other planets, or not?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	50%	58%	43%	53%	55%	50%	40%	51%	51%	47%
No	19%	17%	22%	17%	15%	23%	22%	19%	19%	20%
Not sure	31%	25%	36%	29%	31%	27%	38%	30%	30%	33%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (483)	100% (515)	100% (190)	100% (266)	100% (378)	100% (164)	100% (330)	100% (447)	100% (221)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	50%	52%	34%	54%	54%	49%	58%	47%	54%	49%	47%	52%
No	19%	18%	32%	17%	17%	20%	18%	24%	18%	17%	22%	18%
Not sure	31%	30%	35%	29%	29%	31%	23%	29%	28%	34%	30%	30%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (754)	100% (113)	100% (131)	100% (402)	100% (290)	100% (47)	100% (110)	100% (180)	100% (172)	100% (380)	100% (266)

2. Possible to make contact

Do you think it would be possible for humans to make contact with intelligent life on other planets, or not?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	46%	53%	40%	55%	48%	43%	41%	47%	47%	45%
No	23%	20%	25%	16%	20%	26%	28%	21%	22%	26%
Not sure	31%	27%	35%	28%	32%	31%	32%	32%	31%	29%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (481)	100% (513)	100% (190)	100% (264)	100% (377)	100% (163)	100% (327)	100% (447)	100% (220)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	46%	47%	39%	49%	49%	48%	45%	44%	50%	54%	43%	42%
No	23%	22%	35%	17%	19%	24%	19%	31%	18%	17%	26%	26%
Not sure	31%	31%	26%	34%	31%	28%	36%	25%	32%	29%	31%	32%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (753)	100% (111)	100% (130)	100% (400)	100% (288)	100% (47)	100% (110)	100% (179)	100% (170)	100% (379)	100% (266)

3. Wisdom of trying to make contact

Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for scientists to try to make contact with intelligent life on other planets?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Good idea	37%	41%	33%	38%	40%	33%	41%	40%	38%	30%
Bad idea	27%	24%	29%	26%	23%	30%	27%	24%	27%	30%
Not sure	36%	35%	38%	36%	38%	38%	32%	35%	35%	40%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (993)	100% (481)	100% (512)	100% (187)	100% (264)	100% (379)	100% (163)	100% (327)	100% (446)	100% (220)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Good idea	37%	38%	28%	41%	34%	42%	34%	40%	39%	33%	34%	44%
Bad idea	27%	23%	41%	33%	29%	22%	24%	26%	28%	21%	30%	26%
Not sure	36%	39%	31%	26%	36%	37%	42%	33%	33%	46%	36%	30%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (993)	100% (753)	100% (110)	100% (130)	100% (401)	100% (285)	100% (47)	100% (111)	100% (178)	100% (170)	100% (378)	100% (267)

4. Why making contact is a bad idea

Which comes closest to your opinion on why it's a bad idea for scientists to try to make contact with intelligent life on other planets?

Asked of those who think trying to make contact is a bad idea

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Thinks trying to make contact is a good idea or isn't sure	73%	76%	71%	74%	77%	70%	73%	76%	73%	70%
It would be a waste of time because intelligent life is unlikely to exist	8%	9%	8%	5%	7%	10%	11%	6%	8%	13%
It would be difficult because we are unlikely to have the right technology	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
It would be dangerous because we might alert unfriendly aliens to our presence	8%	6%	10%	10%	5%	10%	8%	7%	9%	8%
It would be a waste of money even if it did work	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	3%	8%	3%	5%
Something else	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (480)	100% (512)	100% (186)	100% (264)	100% (379)	100% (163)	100% (326)	100% (446)	100% (220)

	Total	Race			Family Income				Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Thinks trying to make contact is a good idea or isn't sure	73%	77%	59%	67%	71%	78%	76%	74%	72%	79%	70%	74%
It would be a waste of time because intelligent life is unlikely to exist	8%	9%	10%	6%	7%	7%	6%	11%	6%	9%	9%	9%
It would be difficult because we are unlikely to have the right technology	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	0%
It would be dangerous because we might alert unfriendly aliens to our presence	8%	7%	8%	16%	12%	4%	13%	5%	12%	4%	9%	7%
It would be a waste of money even if it did work	5%	4%	13%	3%	5%	6%	—	7%	4%	3%	7%	4%
Something else	2%	1%	3%	7%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	6%
Not sure	1%	1%	6%	—	1%	1%	—	—	2%	1%	2%	—
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (752)	100% (110)	100% (130)	100% (401)	100% (285)	100% (47)	100% (111)	100% (177)	100% (170)	100% (378)	100% (267)