

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1751 GB adults
Fieldwork: 13th - 14th September 2015

	Vote in 2015					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					Do you believe in extra-terrestrial intelligent life?			
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	Yes	No	Don't know	
Weighted Sample	1751	595	490	123	210	849	902	208	443	599	501	998	753	224	569	375	431	152	915	493	343	
Unweighted Sample	1751	568	470	125	222	836	915	166	312	705	568	1132	619	212	600	364	413	162	907	495	349	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Extra-terrestrial intelligent life are living creatures who have the ability to communicate and do not come from Earth. Instead they come from outer space, somewhere in the universe. Taking everything into account, do you believe that there is extra-terrestrial intelligent life or not?

Yes, I believe there is extra-terrestrial intelligent life	52	51	51	56	58	61	44	59	54	55	45	51	54	52	52	51	52	59	100	0	0
No, I do not believe there is extra-terrestrial intelligent life	28	29	29	22	25	23	33	23	27	27	33	29	27	26	28	31	27	27	0	100	0
Don't know	20	20	19	22	17	16	23	18	20	18	21	20	19	22	21	18	21	14	0	0	100

Sample Size: 1751 GB adults
Fieldwork: 13th - 14th September 2015

	Vote in 2015					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					Do you believe in extra-terrestrial intelligent life?			
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	Yes	No	Don't know	
Weighted Sample	1751	595	490	123	210	849	902	208	443	599	501	998	753	224	569	375	431	152	915	493	343	
Unweighted Sample	1751	568	470	125	222	836	915	166	312	705	568	1132	619	212	600	364	413	162	907	495	349	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

In the previous question you said that you believe there is extra-terrestrial intelligent life. The “Fermi Paradox” is the contradiction between 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)

[Asked to respondents who believe in extra-terrestrial intelligent life; n=907]

Extra-terrestrial intelligent life is too far away to contact us	58	60	57	70	46	64	49	64	57	56	57	65	49	52	59	60	57	55	58	0	0
Human technology is not advanced enough for us to communicate with extra-terrestrial intelligent life	57	61	55	65	52	55	59	60	50	55	64	57	56	52	60	58	57	50	57	0	0
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life exists and knows we exist, but chooses not to contact Earth	24	26	23	21	29	24	25	20	20	25	31	21	28	25	26	18	26	26	24	0	0
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life's technology is not advanced enough for us to communicate with	19	18	16	32	17	21	16	25	21	17	17	20	17	16	22	19	17	19	19	0	0
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life has contacted or visited Earth, but long before the development of human civilisation	19	18	18	14	26	19	19	15	14	19	27	17	21	20	20	13	20	25	19	0	0
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life has already contacted us but the government has covered it up	17	14	18	8	24	12	25	19	13	22	14	12	24	16	14	19	18	23	17	0	0
Extra-terrestrial intelligent life ultimately destroys itself before living long enough to develop the technology to communicate with humans	6	7	4	3	6	7	4	7	12	3	4	7	4	6	5	4	8	9	6	0	0
Other [Full answers on Tab1]	3	2	4	1	4	4	2	6	2	2	4	3	3	5	1	5	2	4	3	0	0
Don't know	5	3	8	1	6	5	6	7	5	6	3	4	6	3	3	6	6	8	5	0	0

Sample Size: 1751 GB adults
Fieldwork: 13th - 14th September 2015

	Vote in 2015					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					Do you believe in extra-terrestrial intelligent life?			
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	Yes	No	Don't know	
Weighted Sample	1751	595	490	123	210	849	902	208	443	599	501	998	753	224	569	375	431	152	915	493	343	
Unweighted Sample	1751	568	470	125	222	836	915	166	312	705	568	1132	619	212	600	364	413	162	907	495	349	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

In the previous question you said that you do not believe there is extra-terrestrial intelligent life. Which of the following, if any, do you think is the most likely reason for this?

[Asked to respondents who didn't believe in extra-terrestrial intelligent life; n=495]

Humans were created by a God or another higher being	18	24	10	19	15	14	21	17	19	15	21	16	21	24	26	10	12	19	0	18	0
The Earth is unique – it is the only place capable of sustaining intelligent life	54	49	58	60	61	61	49	32	62	59	49	56	50	52	43	65	61	44	0	54	0
Other [Full answers on Tab2]	10	11	6	8	10	13	7	28	6	5	11	10	10	3	10	10	10	15	0	10	0
Don't know	19	15	25	13	15	12	23	23	12	20	20	18	19	21	20	15	17	23	0	19	0

UK scientists have submitted their entry to the 'breakthrough project', which aims to send a digital message describing life on earth to other intelligent civilisations in space. Scientists are now unsure on whether they should contact extra-terrestrial intelligent life. On balance, do you think the digital message should be sent?

Yes, the digital message should be sent	46	46	46	59	44	54	40	54	52	41	45	49	44	44	47	45	47	50	63	30	27
No, the digital message should not be sent	33	36	32	24	37	31	34	27	28	35	37	33	33	38	33	34	30	29	25	53	23
Don't know	21	18	22	17	19	15	26	19	20	23	19	19	23	19	20	20	23	21	12	17	50