

Interviews with adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 7-8, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points

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28. As you may know, the U.S. has landed a robotic explorer on Mars that is sending back pictures and data. Do you think this is a major achievement, a minor achievement, or not an achievement at all? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 502 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 7-8 2012
Major achievement	72%
Minor achievement	18%
Not an achievement at all	9%
No opinion	*

## CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

Question Wording: As you may know, the U.S. has landed two robotic explorers on Mars that are sending back pictures and data. Do you think this is a major achievement, a minor achievement, or not an achievement at all?

			Not an	
	Major achievement	Minor achievement	achievement at all	No <u>opinion</u>
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	70	20	9	1

29. Do you think that life has ever existed on Mars? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 7-8 2012
Yes	31%
No	62%
No opinion	7%

## CNN/TIME/YANKELOVICH TRENDS

	Yes	<u>No</u>	Not sure
1996 Aug 7-8	38	43	19

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Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote		
Major achievement	72%	76%	70%	72%	72%	72%		
Minor achievement	18%	15%	20%	19%	17%	18%		
Not an achievement at all	9%	9%	10%	9%	11%	9%		
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	*		
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0 +/	-5.0	+/-8.5	+/-4.5		
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Major achievement	72%	N/A	N/A	73%	66%	73%	70%	
Minor achievement	18%	N/A	N/A	14%	18%	20%	15%	
Not an achievement at all	9%	N/A	N/A	14%	14%	6%	14%	
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	2%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No Colleg	_	e		
Major achievement	 72%	 71%	 75%	 64%				
Minor achievement	18%	19%	18%	22%				
Not an achievement at all	9%	10%	7%	14%				
No opinion	*	*	*	1%				
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.	0		
	Total	Demo- crat	endent	lica	n eral	Mod- erate	Conser vative	
Major achievement	 72%	 78%	 68%	 72			63%	
Minor achievement	18%	9%	20%	25	. ,	17%	24%	
Not an achievement at all	9%	12%	11%	2		8%	12%	
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	N/A	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.	5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Major achievement	 72%	N/A	N/A	 67%	N/A	 78%	 72%	N/A
Minor achievement	18%	N/A	N/A	17%	N/A	12%	22%	N/A
Not an achievement at all	9%	N/A	N/A	16%	N/A	10%	5%	N/A
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0		+/-7.5	+/-6.5	
	Total	Tea Pty Support	_	Tea Pty Oppose				
Major achievement	72%	69%	71%	75%				
Minor achievement	18%	27%	15%	16%				
Not an achievement at all	9%	4%	14%	8%				
No opinion								
	*	1%	*	*				

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%



Do you think that life has ever existed on Mars?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men			on-White	Reg to Vote		
Yes	31%	29%	34%	30%	N/A	32%		
No	62%	63%	61%	64%	N/A	61%		
No opinion	7%	9%	5%	6%	N/A	7%		
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			-5.0	,	+/-4.5		
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	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50	Older	
Yes	31%	N/A	N/A	26%	32%	34%	28%	
No	62%	N/A	N/A	69%	59%	59%	65%	
No opinion	7%	N/A	N/A	5%	9%	7%	7%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	,	,	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	
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	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College	2		
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No	62%	62%	63%	70%	569	Ś		
No opinion	7%	7%	6%	8%	58	š		
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.5	5		
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No	31% 62%	59%	55%	74%	N/A	57%	76%	
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No No opinion	31% 62% 7%	59% 11% +/-7.5	55% 6% +/-7.5	74% 5%	N/A	57% 10%	76% 4% +/-7.0	
No No opinion	31% 62% 7%	59% 11%	55% 6%	74% 5%	N/A	57% 10%	76% 4%	Rural
No No opinion	31% 62% 7% +/-4.5	59% 11% +/-7.5 North	55% 6% +/-7.5 Mid-	74% 5% +/-8.0	N/A N/A	57% 10% +/-7.5	76% 4% +/-7.0 Sub-	Rural
No No opinion	31% 62% 7% +/-4.5	59% 11% +/-7.5 North east	55% 6% +/-7.5 Mid- west	74% 5% +/-8.0 South	N/A N/A West	57% 10% +/-7.5 Urban	76% 4% +/-7.0 Sub- urban	
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