



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.)

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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?

	Major achievement	Minor achievement	Not an achievement at all	No opinion
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.)

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Yes	31%
No	62%
No opinion	7%

CNN/TIME/YANKELOVICH TRENDS

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

Question 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?

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 College	Attended College			
Major achievement	72%	71%	75%	64%	77%			
Minor achievement	18%	19%	18%	22%	16%			
Not an achievement at all	9%	10%	7%	14%	7%			
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Major achievement	72%	78%	68%	72%	N/A	76%	63%	
Minor achievement	18%	9%	20%	25%	N/A	17%	24%	
Not an achievement at all	9%	12%	11%	2%	N/A	8%	12%	
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	N/A	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5		+/-7.0	+/-7.0	
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- 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 Neutral	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%	*	*				
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.5				

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 29

Do you think that life has ever existed on Mars?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-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	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0		+/-4.5		
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and 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	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Yes	31%	31%	31%	22%	39%			
No	62%	62%	63%	70%	56%			
No opinion	7%	7%	6%	8%	5%			
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.5			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Yes	31%	30%	39%	21%	N/A	33%	20%	
No	62%	59%	55%	74%	N/A	57%	76%	
No opinion	7%	11%	6%	5%	N/A	10%	4%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.5	+/-7.0	
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Yes	31%	N/A	N/A	25%	N/A	37%	28%	N/A
No	62%	N/A	N/A	69%	N/A	58%	63%	N/A
No opinion	7%	N/A	N/A	7%	N/A	6%	9%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-7.5	+/-6.5	
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Yes	31%	19%	31%	44%				
No	62%	77%	64%	46%				
No opinion	7%	4%	5%	10%				
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.0				

* percentage less than 1%