



## **Are Americans Poised for an Alien Invasion?**

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### **This Marist Poll Reports:**

Many Americans (68%) think there is intelligent life on other planets, up from 52% in 2005. Nearly three in four residents with that belief (74%) say those extraterrestrials are at least as intelligent as human beings. In fact, this includes a plurality (46%) who think the intelligence of extraterrestrials exceeds that of the human race. These results have changed little in more than a decade. But, are these otherworldly beings coming to get us? A majority (55%) say they will find us before we find them.

Interestingly, Americans under the age of 45 (74%), including 79% of those under 30 years old, and men (72%) are more likely than older Americans (62%) and women (64%) to assert there is life on other planets. Younger Americans (60% of those under the age of 45) are also more likely than older residents (51% of those 45 and older) to think interstellar beings will discover human beings before we find them.