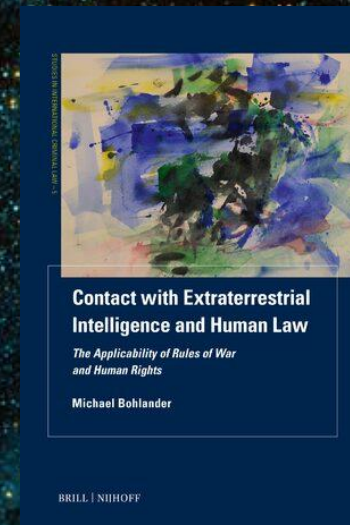
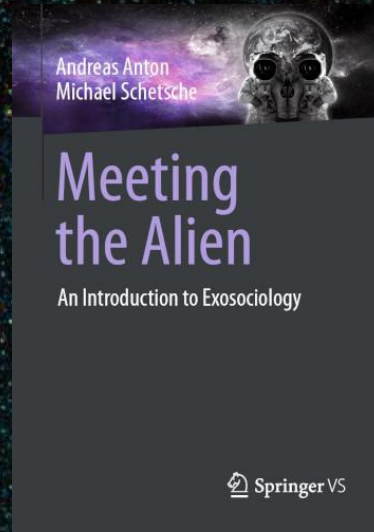


The global survey
"Contact with Extraterrestrial Intelligence – A
study of projected perceptions and reactions
among the world's societies"
- First results

Andreas Anton, Michael Bohlander & John Elliott

Background



Key Question: What would be the social impact of a real first contact with an extraterrestrial civilisation?

Goal: Obtain data from as many countries as possible on attitudes toward extraterrestrial intelligence and the consequences of first contact

Method: International exploratory questionnaire study

The Questionnaire



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Professor Michael Bohlander

Dr Andreas Anton

Dr John Elliott

Invitation to participate in the global online survey

Contact with Extraterrestrial Intelligence

A study of projected perceptions and reactions among the world's societies

- 96 items on the topics of extraterrestrial intelligence and first contact
- Four languages: English, German, Spanish, French (Additionally: Survey invitations in Arabic and Chinese)
- Time range: July to October 2024
- Limitation: NO representative sample!

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Wie würden SIE reagieren, wenn die Aliens landen?



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Comment réagiriez-vous en cas de contact avec des extraterrestres? Répondez à cette grande enquête

Thomas Huchard — 24 juillet 2024 à 7h00

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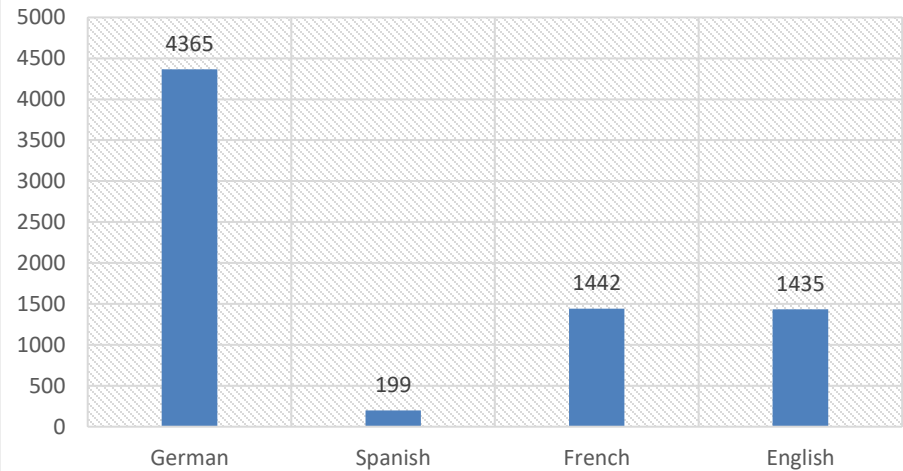


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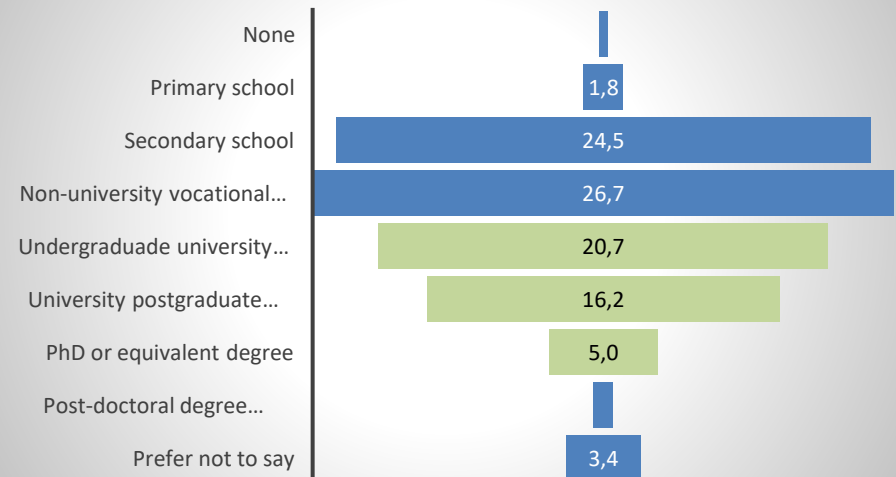
Respondents

- Total number of responses: 7441
- Without false selection questions: **6515**
- Gender identity: (75,1 % male, 22,2 % female, 1,1 % diverse)
- Average age: 47
- High level of education: 43 % with a university degree
- Do you consider yourself a religious/spiritual person? Disagree + strongly disagree = 52 %
- Countries of origin: **88**

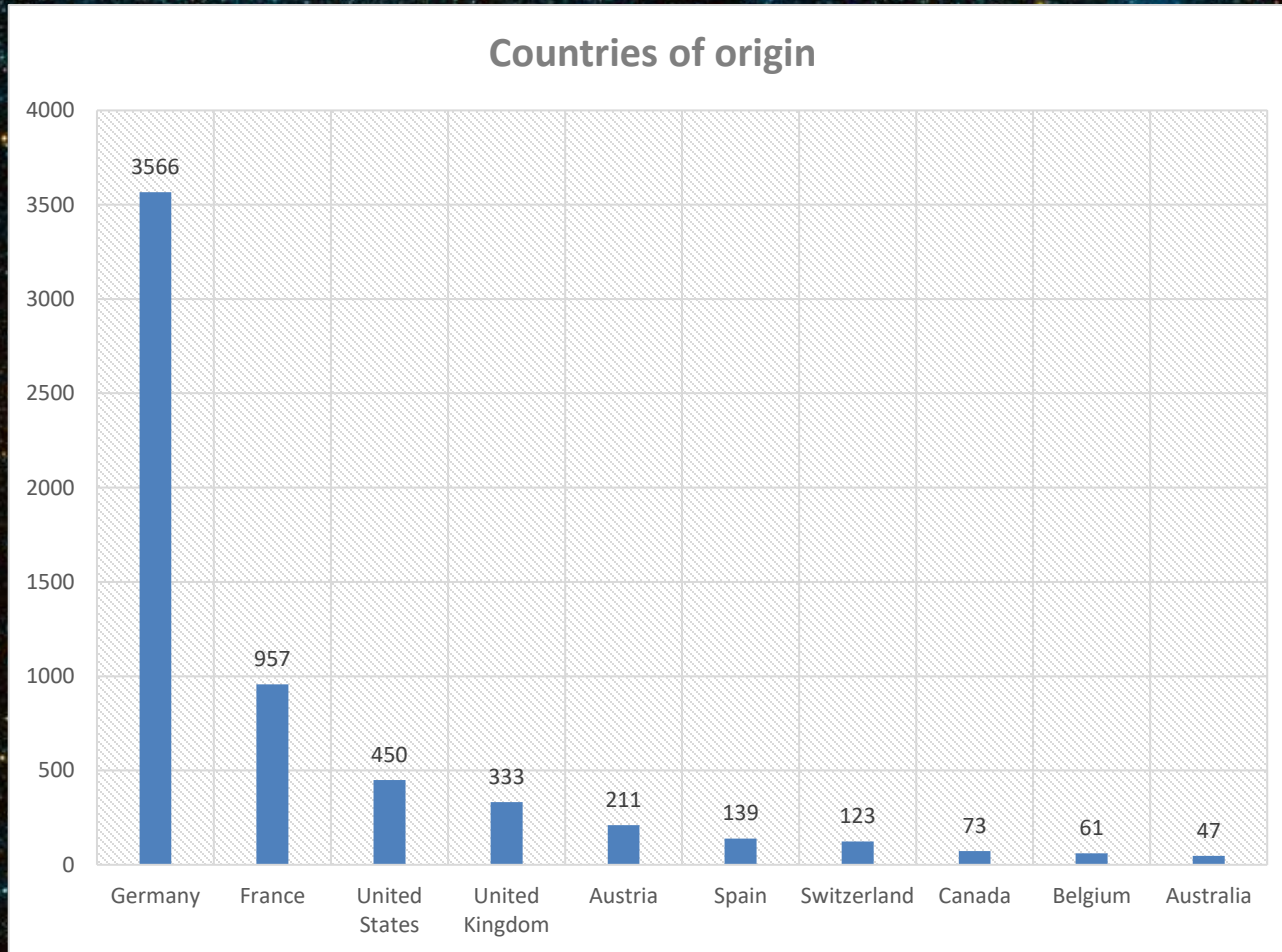
Language Versions



Level of education



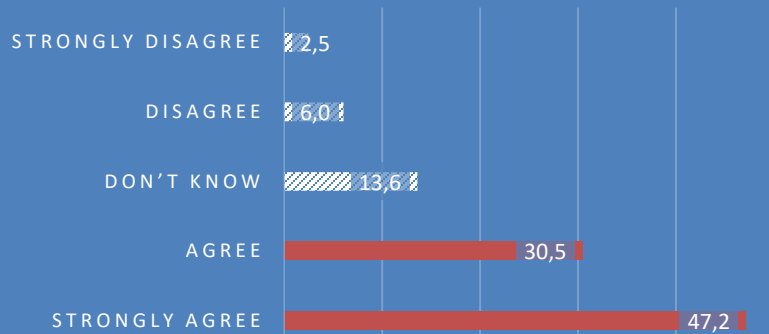
Countries of origin (Top Ten)



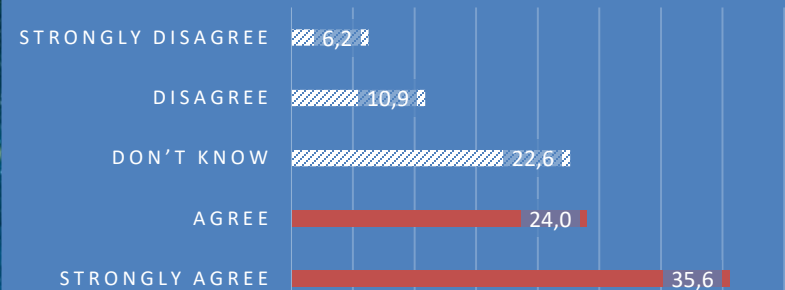
In total: 91 %

Do you believe humanity will ever make contact with an extraterrestrial civilisation, or that extraterrestrials have already visited Earth?

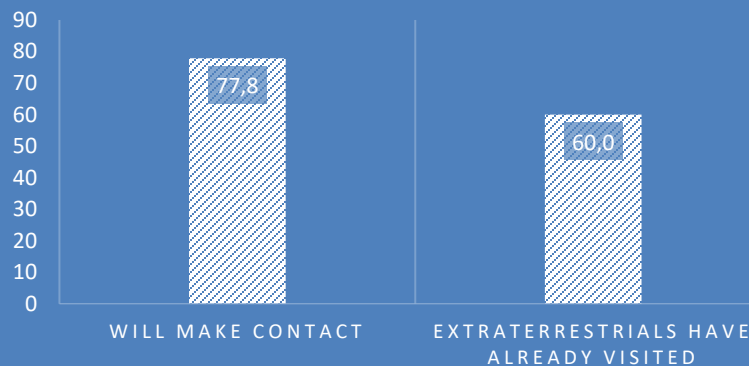
WILL MAKE CONTACT



EXTRATERRESTRIALS HAVE ALREADY VISITED

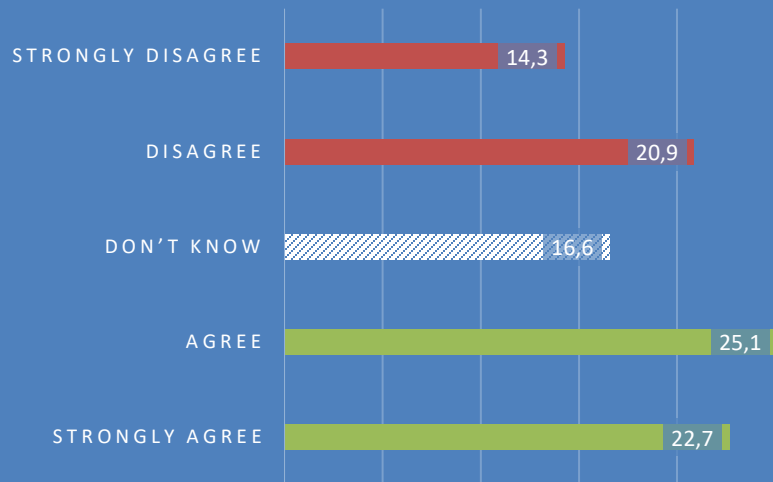


STRONGLY AGREE + AGREE

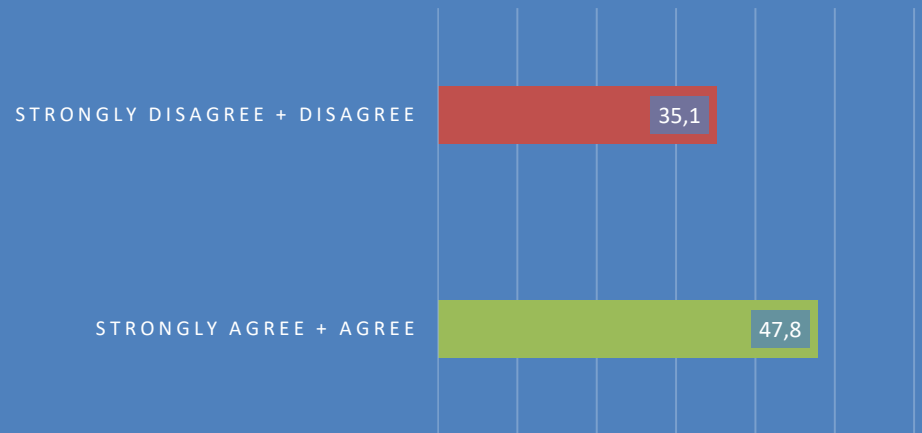


Do you agree that humans should be sending messages into space with the aim of contacting extraterrestrial civilisations, even if the messages disclose Earth's location?

SENDING MESSAGES INTO SPACE?



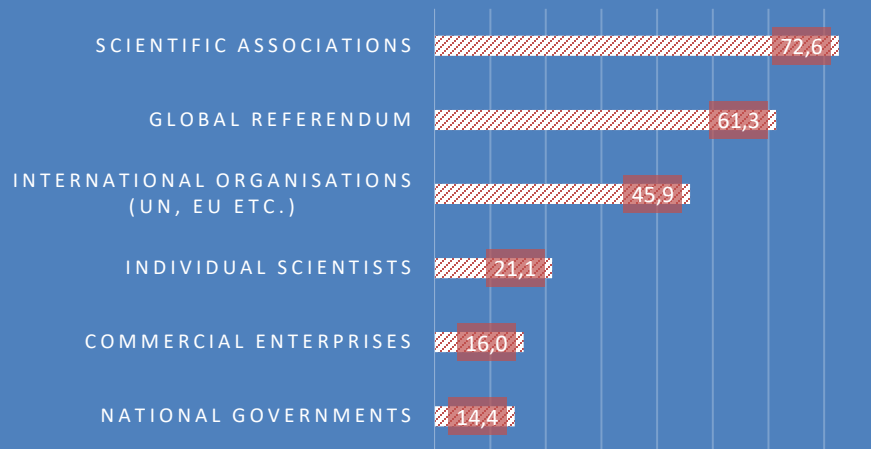
CUMULATIVE DATA (REJECTION VS. APPROVAL)



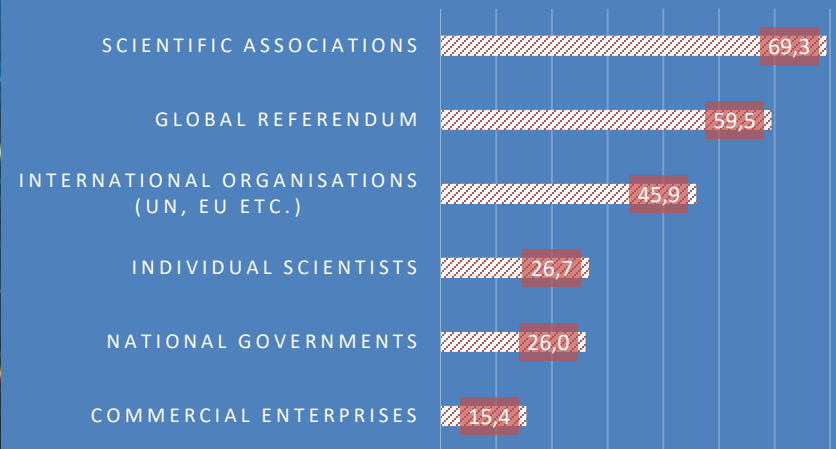
Regardless of your answer in the two previous questions, who should decide whether messages are sent into space, either in order to initiate contact or as a response after a signal from afar has been received?

Results for „strongly agree“ + „agree“

DECISION SIGNAL CONTACT

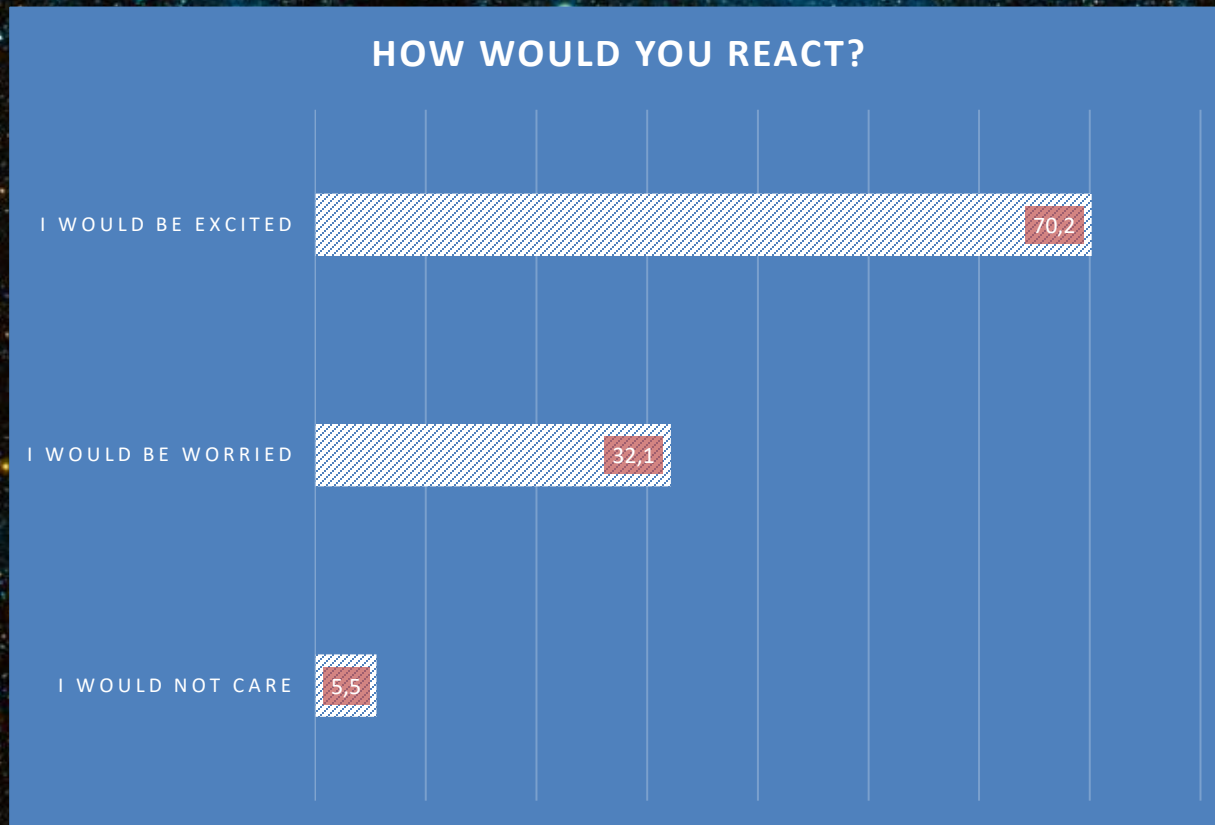


DECISION SIGNAL REACTION



If humanity were to receive an extraterrestrial radio signal one day, the message of which could, however, not be deciphered, how would you react?

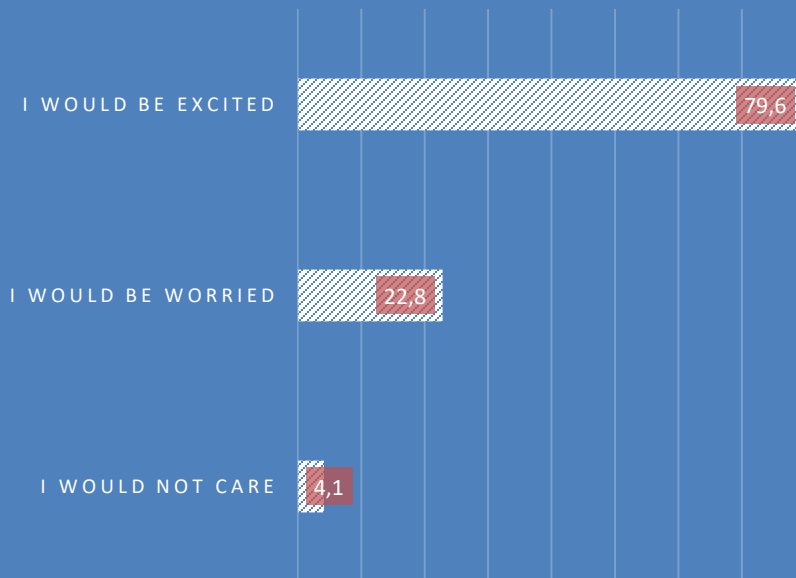
Results for „strongly agree“ + „agree“



If humans discovered an object on the moon that was extraterrestrial in origin but the purpose or function of which was unclear, how would you react?

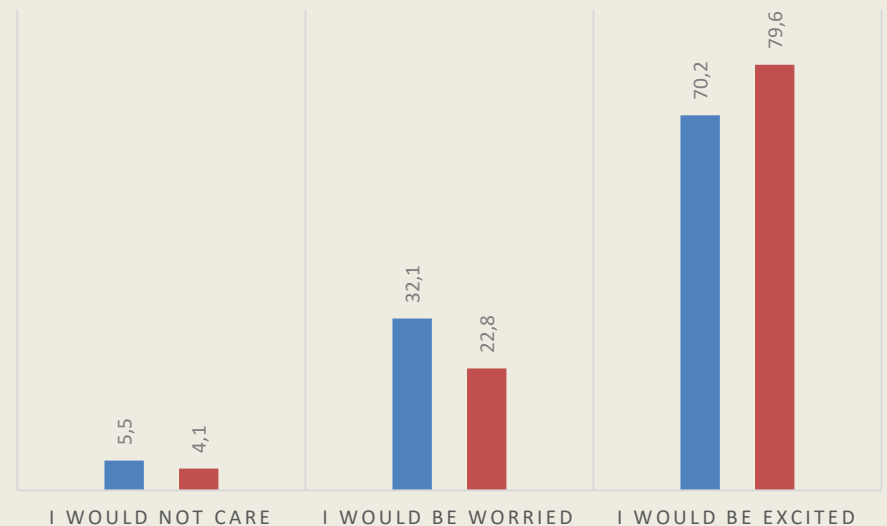
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DISCOVERY OF AN OBJECT



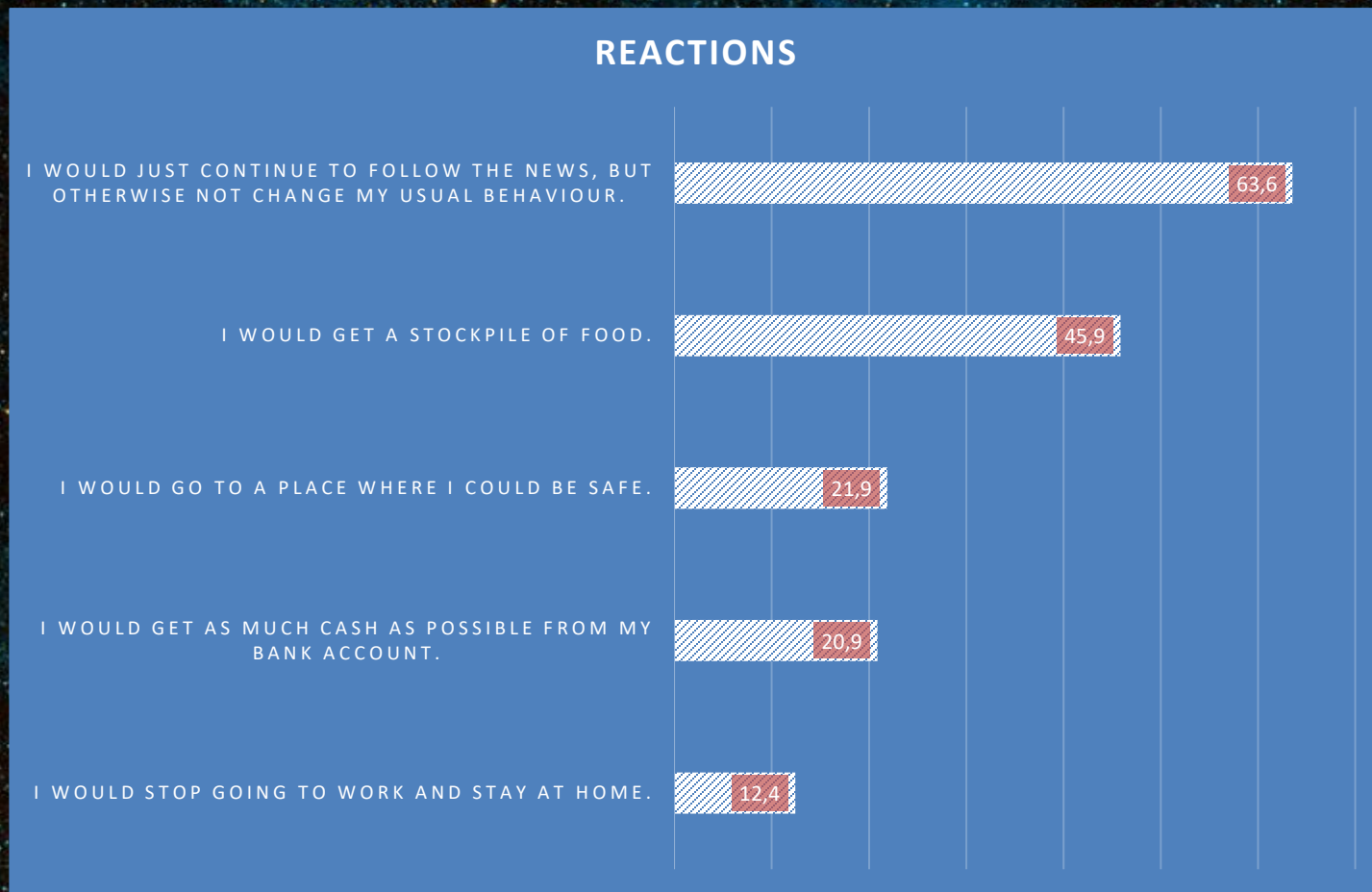
SIGNAL VS. OBJECT

■ Signal ■ Object



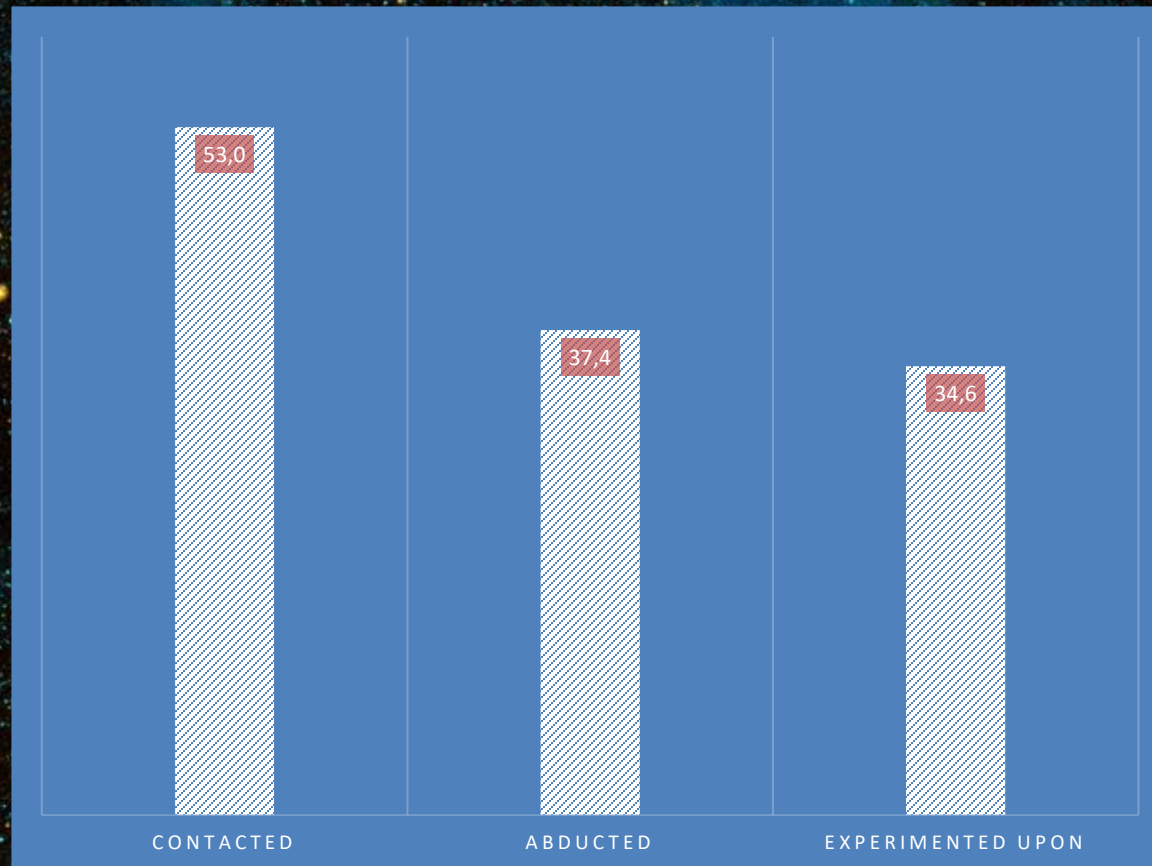
If an alien spacecraft entered Earth's orbit without making any contact with Earth, how would you react?

Results for „strongly agree“ + „agree“



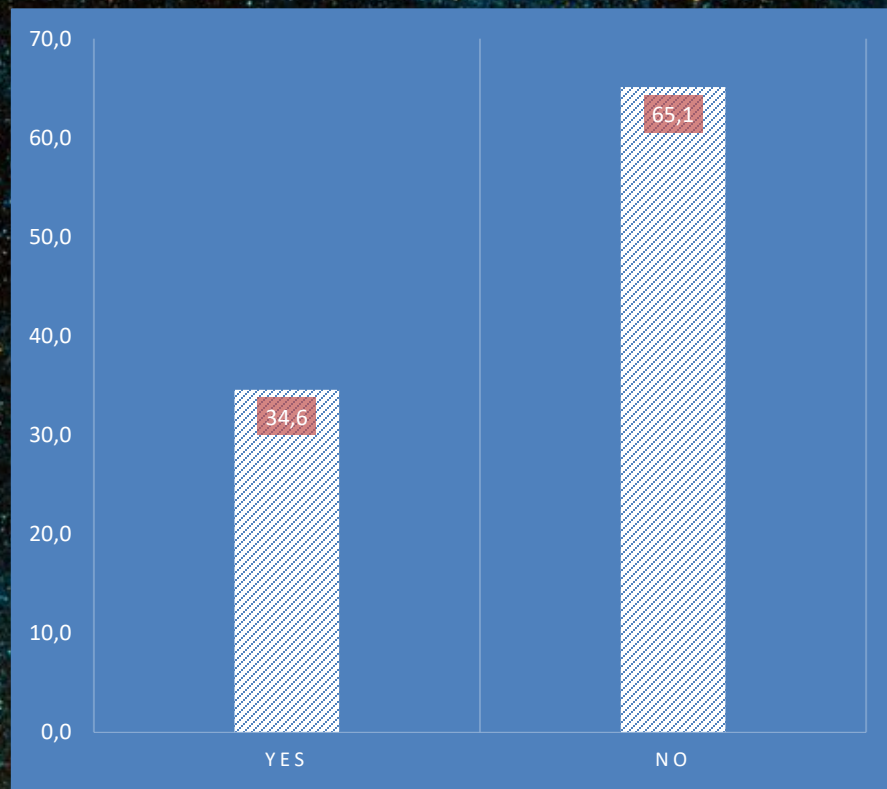
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Results for „strongly agree“ + „agree“

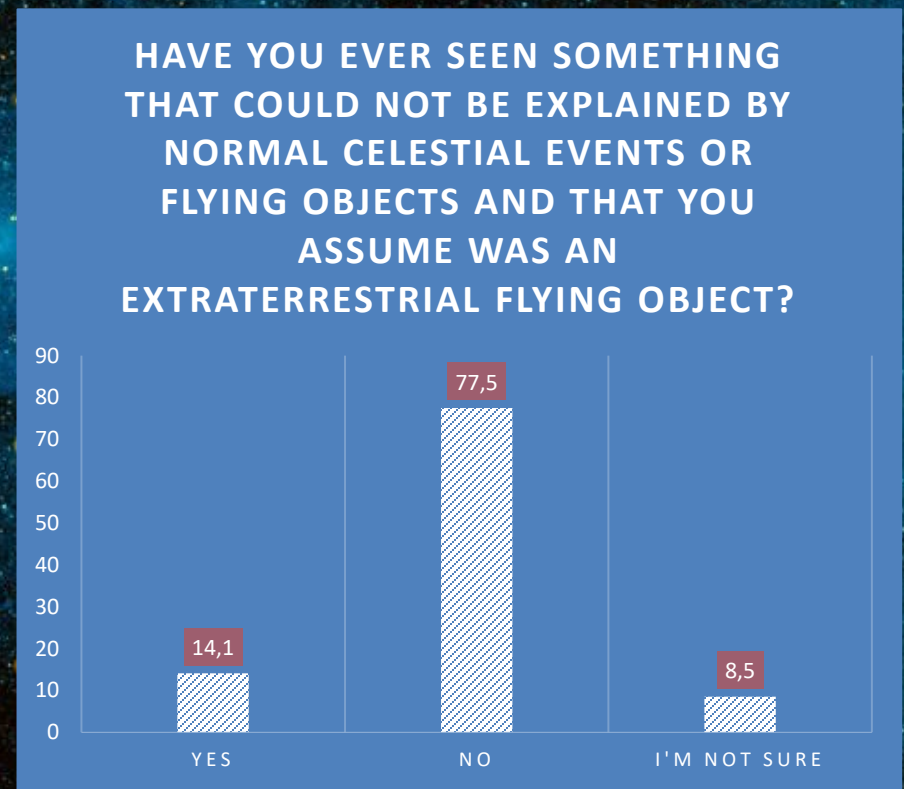


Have you yourself ever seen what you thought was a UFO?

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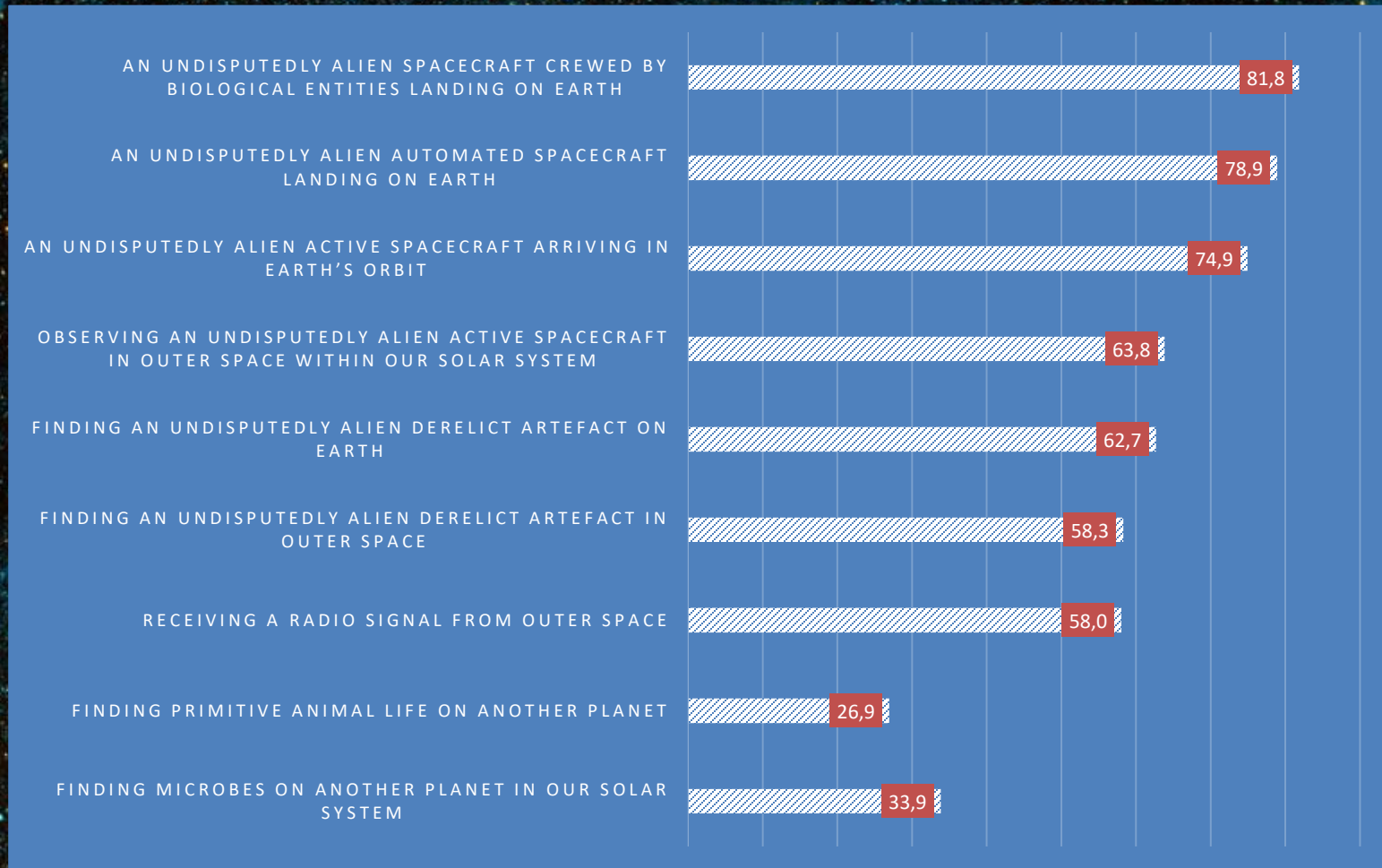


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What level of impact on human society across the globe do you think the following scenarios would have?

Results for „existential“ + „severe“



What level of impact on human society across the globe do you think the following scenarios would have? II

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Scenario	Signal scenario	artifact scenario	Encounter scenario	UAP scenario
Public	O	Δ	Δ —	Δ —
Science	+	++	++	++
Politics	O	—	— —	— —
Economy	O	+	Δ —	Δ —
Religion/Spirituality	O	Δ	Δ Δ	Δ Δ
Overall evaluation	Minor impact	Various, usually minor effects	Severe, ambivalent to negative effects	Severe, ambivalent to negative effects

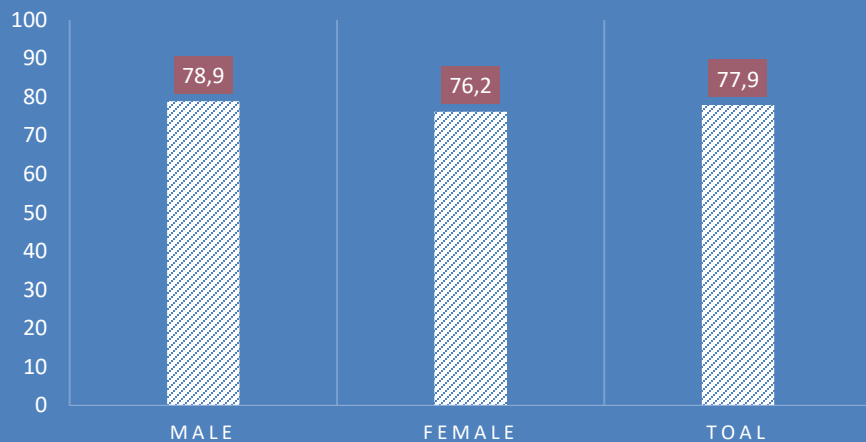
Explanation

- + slight positive effects
- ++ strong positive effects
- slight negative effects
- — strong negative effects.
- Δ mild ambivalent effects
- Δ Δ strong ambivalent effects
- O no or only minor effects
- Δ — ambivalent to negative effects

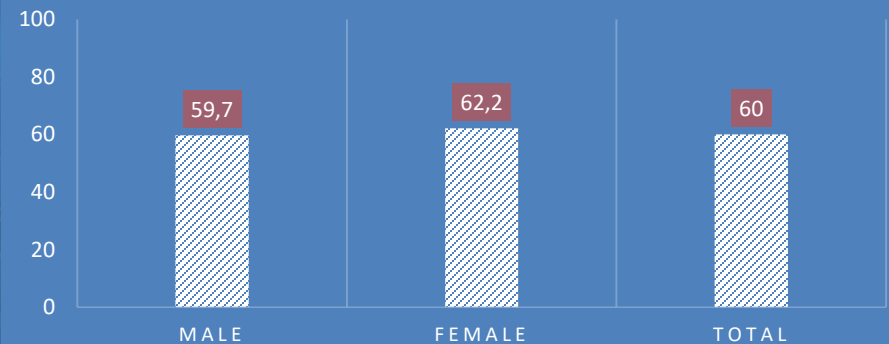
Do you believe humanity will ever make contact with an extraterrestrial civilisation, or that extraterrestrials have already visited Earth? – male/female

Results for „strongly agree“ + „agree“

WILL MAKE CONTACT



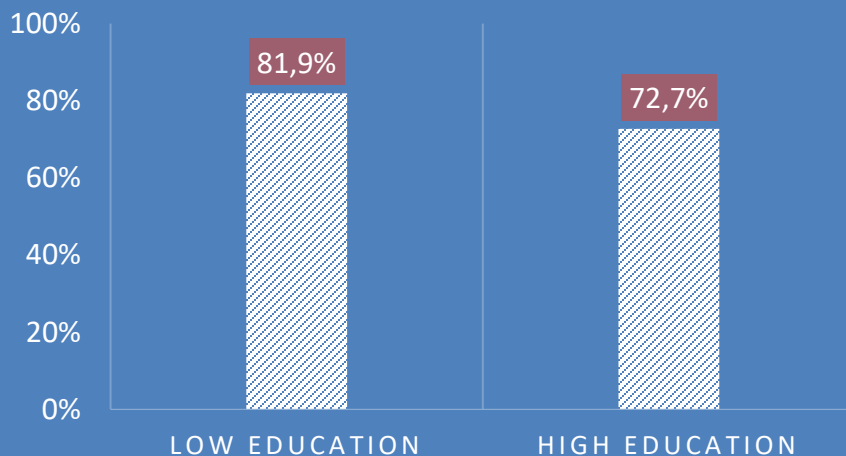
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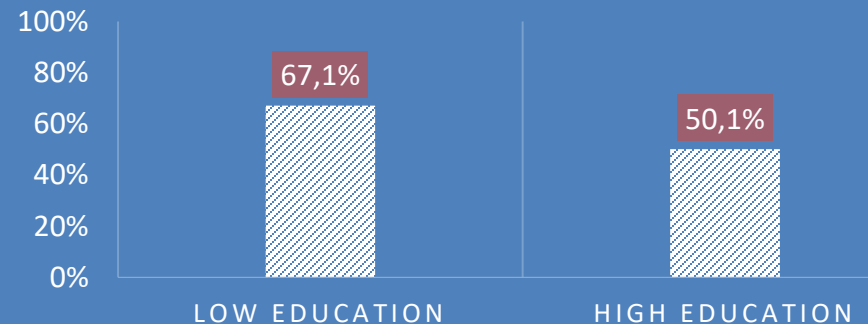
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Results for „strongly agree“ + „agree“

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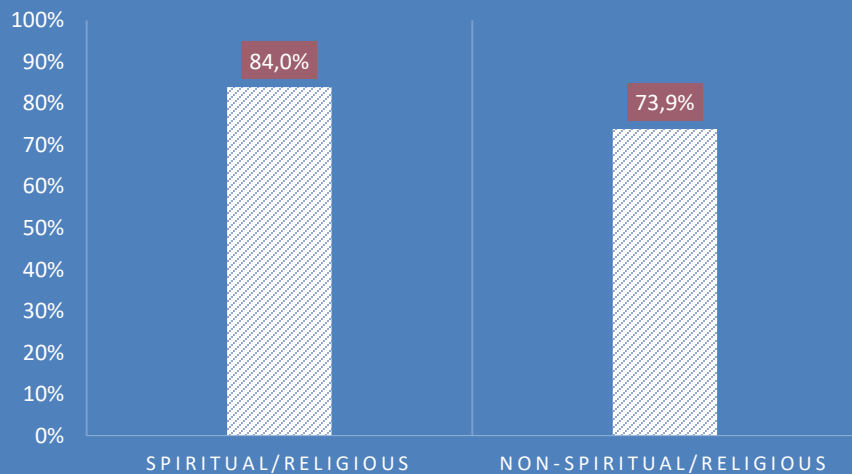
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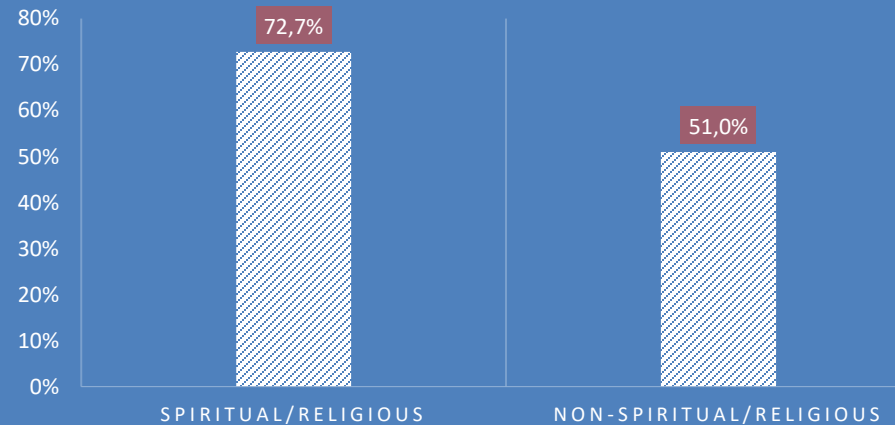
Do you believe humanity will ever make contact with an extraterrestrial civilisation, or that extraterrestrials have already visited Earth?– religious/spiritual vs. non-religious/spiritual

Results for „strongly agree“ + „agree“

WILL MAKE CONTACT

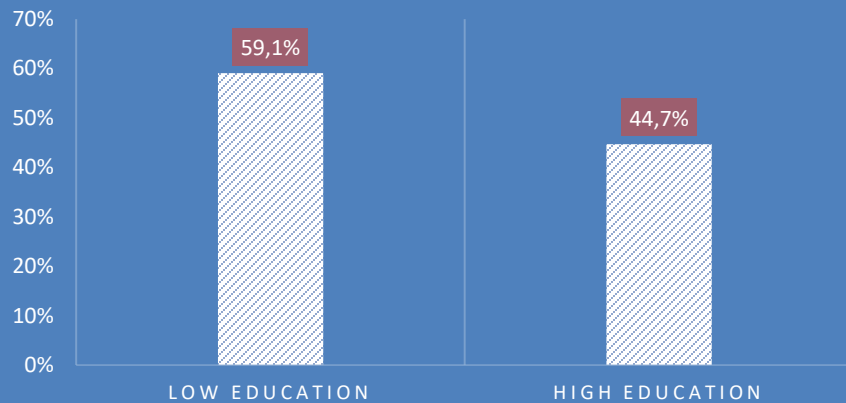


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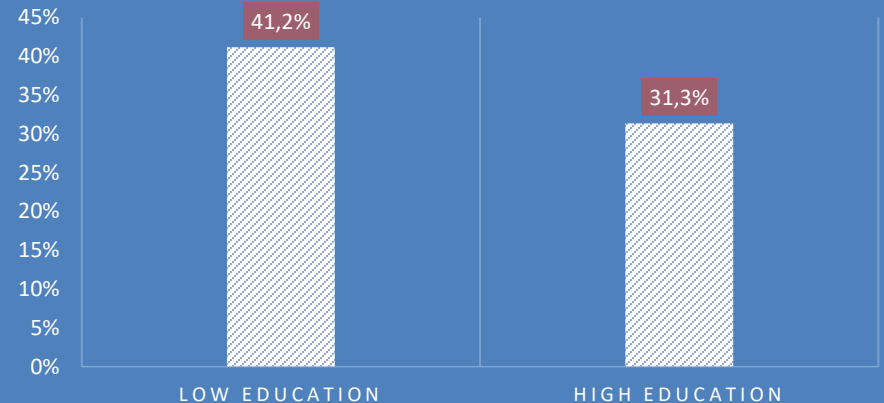


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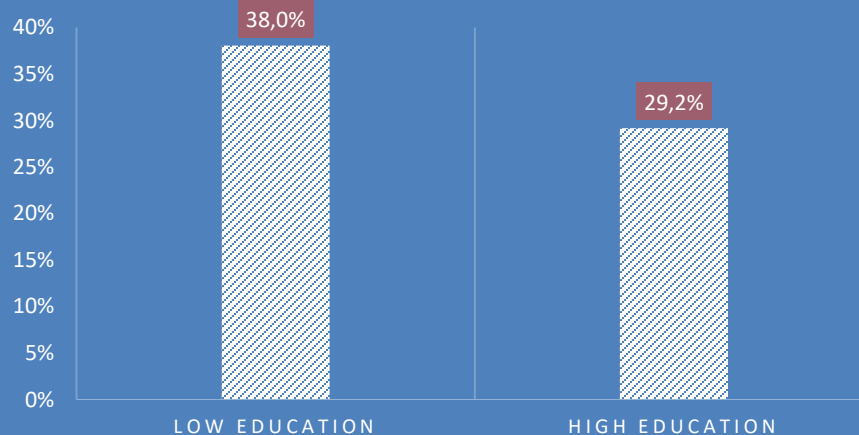
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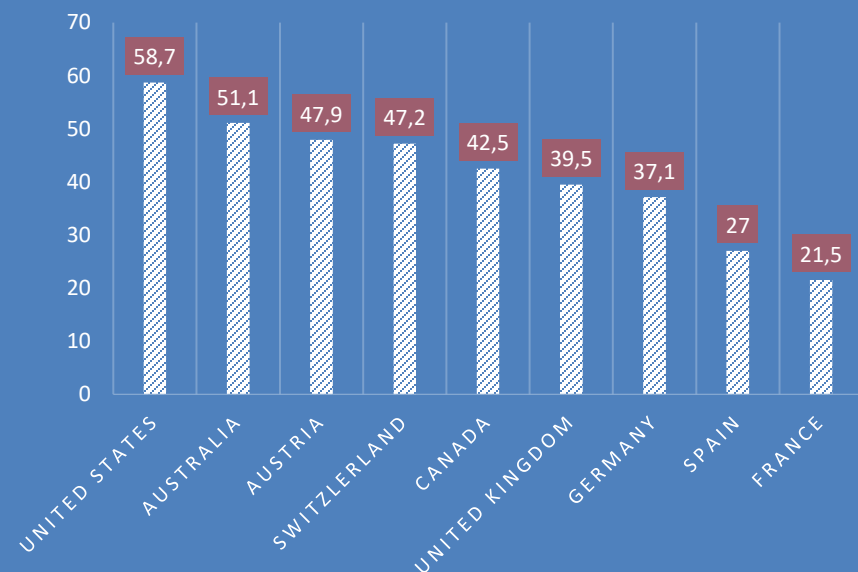
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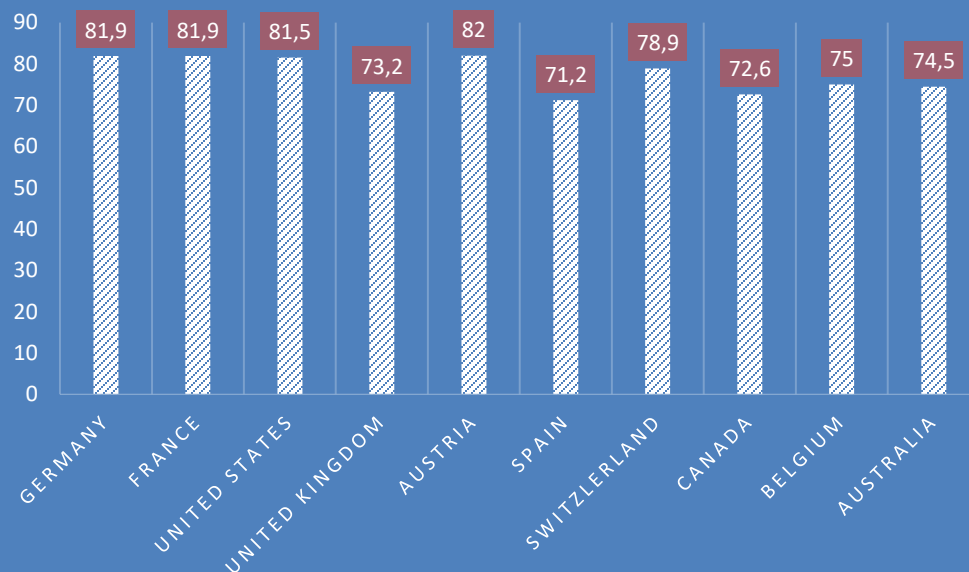
Do you believe that some humans have been abducted by aliens in the past? / Do you believe humanity will ever make contact with an extraterrestrial civilisation? – Countries of origin

Results for „strongly agree“ + „agree“

ABDUCTED

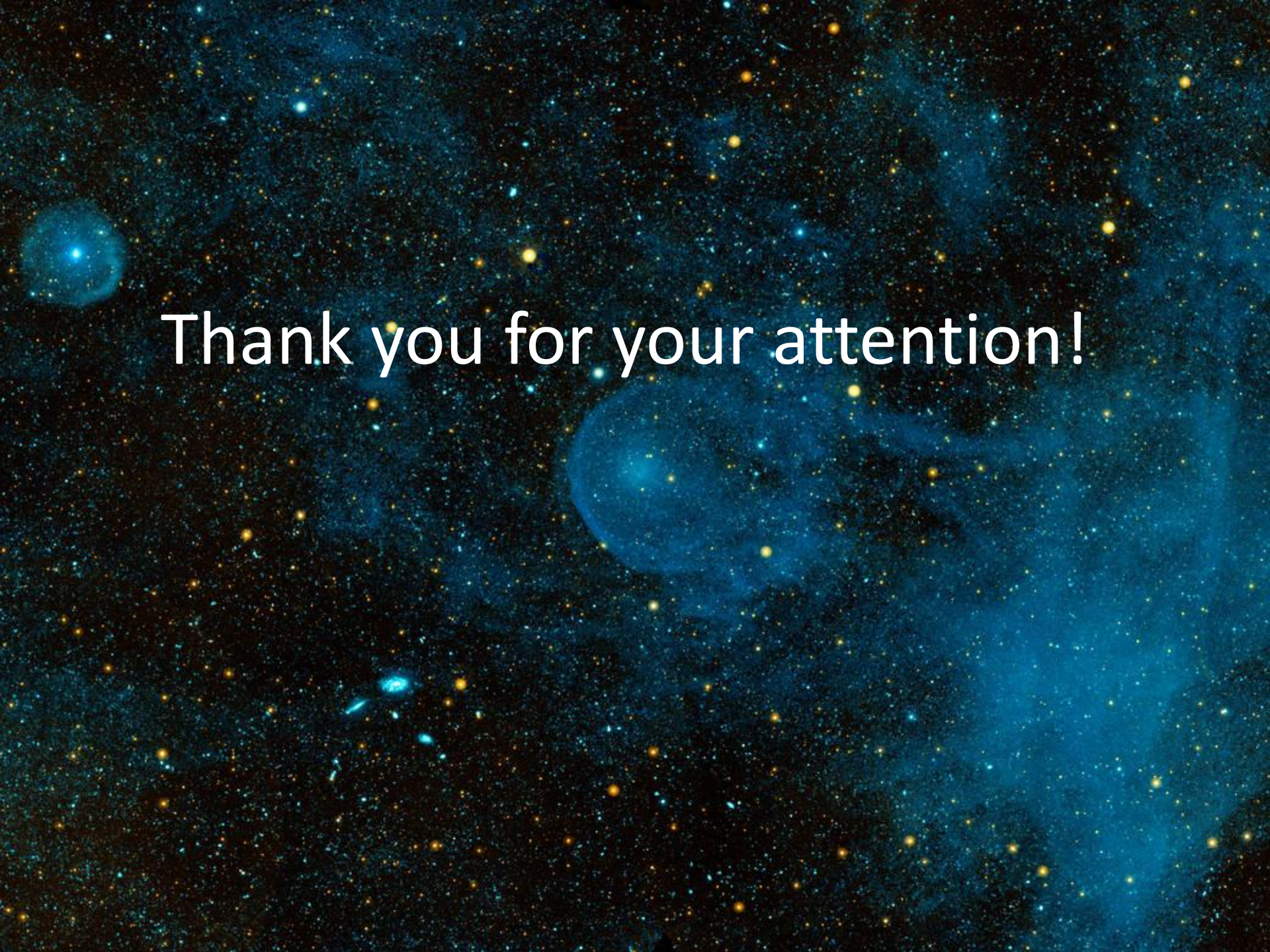


WILL MAKE CONTACT



Conclusions

- Ambivalence
- Perceptions of extraterrestrial intelligence appear to depend very little on factors such as place of residence or gender. The factors spirituality/religion and level of education, on the other hand, seem to have an influence.
- The expected consequences of first contact are all the more dramatic the closer the aliens get to us. Furthermore, the expected consequences obviously depend on whether we are dealing with extraterrestrial technology or extraterrestrial biological beings.
- Overall, the data shows that respondents assume that a first contact with an extraterrestrial intelligence could have far-reaching, dramatic consequences for humanity - positive or negative.

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Thank you for your attention!