

A Coincidence

According to a poll, one in five Americans **believe in alien abductions**.

The National Institute of Mental Health **estimates** that one in five Americans experience mental disorders during any one year.

We are sure this is a coincidence.

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Coincidence?

It is presumably not purely a coincidence: both groups rounded their numbers using the same convention of what numbers to round to.

-- Elliot Temple
Now Blogging Again

by [Elliot Temple](#) on Wed, 02/15/2006 - 11:19 | [reply](#)

Aliens being abducted

Well, I believe aliens are being abducted in Iraq. Or do you mean aliens as in from other planets? Oh well, what should we care if those aliens are abducting each other, as long as we humans are left alone. It's only time to get worried when we start hearing reports of human abductions.

BTW, the existence of alien beings has been proved beyond reasonable doubt. You see, the distinguishing characteristic about aliens is that they are very good at hiding and hence completely undetectable to us primitive humanoids. Now has someone ever really seen an alien? Absolutely not. From the very fact that we have not been able to detect aliens, by way of induction it is confirmed that there are indeed undetectable aliens out there. For had they not been undetectable, surely we would have seen them. So their invisibility exactly proves the fact that invisible beings exist.

Henry Sturman

by [Henry Sturman](#) on Wed, 02/15/2006 - 14:16 | [reply](#)

Either, or

One in five experience mental disorders in any one year.

Either it's the same one in five, in which case the science of psychiatry is ineffective, or nearly ineffective.

Or it's a random one in five, in which case most of us are mentally ill for about a fifth of our lives.

Or some combination of those.

The results of the other study suggest it's always the same one in five. Therefore psychiatry is ineffective.

by a reader on Wed, 02/15/2006 - 15:45 | [reply](#)

Damnable Aliens

One in five Britons believe in alien obstruction.

The other 80% have no problem with the prospect of protological exam.

God save the Queen.

by a reader on Sat, 02/18/2006 - 23:35 | [reply](#)

Velostat instead of aluminum foil.

Stop alien abduction.

by **EW1** on Mon, 03/06/2006 - 03:29 | [reply](#)

Isn't it about 1 in 5 who bel

Isn't it about 1 in 5 who believe in Creationism and who want to outlaw abortion as well?

by Solan on Wed, 03/15/2006 - 08:44 | [reply](#)

Physicists?

Probably about 1 in 5 physicists believe that there are billions of David Deutsch's in parallel universes!

by a reader on Mon, 03/20/2006 - 22:31 | [reply](#)

Re: Physicists?

Fewer than one in ten, would be my estimate.

Of course, the other nine also believe in alien abductions, so draw your own conclusions ;)

by **David Deutsch** on Mon, 03/20/2006 - 22:57 | [reply](#)

Irony or just more dumb Americans

The statistics read that more than one in five Americans believe in God, So I'm presuming that a good many of these Christians claim to be abducted by Aliens? I guess anytime ever wouldnt be a great time to tell them that their faith is now so questionable, that it would be more logical to worship the Almighty ET, than God.

by Emma Flavell on Tue, 03/21/2006 - 00:39 | [reply](#)

Physicists Abducted in Multiverse

Single Universe physicists believe aliens abduct (shadow) photons, but not physicists.

But multiverse physicist believe aliens abduct human physicists (in certain universes) but not photons!

by M. Golding on Thu, 03/23/2006 - 19:40 | [reply](#)