1. No compelling evidence exists that Earth or anywhere else in our solar system has ever been visited by intelligent beings from elsewhere. Currently, we "listen" with radio telescopes for a message, signal or indication of other intelligence, but nothing! It's 50+ years and counting. Why the complete silence?

Consider the attached compilation of David Brin (astrophysicist and science fiction writer) with his 23 possible explanations for the "Great Silence". (The entire article is under “SETI” on the class website.)

From material covered in Earth 351, *Forming a Habitable Planet*, give your opinion on the primary reason(s) for the "Great Silence", using Brin's numbering scheme to rank in your description. (By email, send a distillation of your choices for compilation on the class website.)

2. Alternatively, in view of the thousands of exoplanets discovered in the intervening decades, can you independently craft another explanation for the “Great Silence”? 