

Alien Formidability Distribution (tng)

This page is concerned with the aliens of tng, of which there are many more than in the previous spread.

The sizes of the blue area and the red area respectively are at each level of formidability proportional to the cumulative significance of all aliens at that level. Peaks are seen near the higher part of the "high warp" section as the majority of aliens are at, or slightly below, the Federation who, by definition, occupy this location. The vertical location of an alien is proportional to their disposition towards the Federation: A location on the upper blue line designates a steadfast ally, while a position on the lower red line indicates an unequivocal enemy.

The Klingons of TNG end up in the center as they are interchangingly antagonists and protagonists. The vast majority of aliens are simply one or the other. The Slick of Malevolent Tar is off the scale.

Notice how the distribution changes over seasons, becoming most spread out in season 2 and most condensed in season 5. Is this perhaps reflective of something in the production process?

