The Chapman Survey of American Fears, Wave 8
The Complete List of Fears, 2022

The following is a complete list of all fears addressed by the Chapman University Survey of American Fears Wave 8 (2022), ranked by the percent of Americans who reported being afraid or very afraid. They have been sorted by percent, from highest to lowest.

Complete List of Fears (2022)	% of Very Afraid or Afraid
1. Corrupt government officials	62.1
2. People I love becoming seriously ill	60.2
3. Russia using nuclear weapons	59.6
4. People I love dying	58.1
5. The U.S. becoming involved in another world war	56.0
6. Pollution of drinking water	54.5
7. Not having enough money for the future	53.7
8. Economic/financial collapse	53.7
9. Pollution of oceans, rivers, and lakes	52.5
10. Biological warfare	51.5
11. North Korea using nuclear weapons	50.6
12. Cyber-terrorism	49.3
13. A terrorist attack	49.1
14. Corporate tracking of personal data	47.6
15. Global warming and climate change	47.4
16. Air pollution	47.3
17. Extinction of plant and animal species	47.2
18. Iran using nuclear weapons	47.0
19. Widespread civil unrest	45.3

20. Government tracking of personal data	45.2
21. Identity theft	45.1
22. A nuclear accident/meltdown	44.3
23. High medical bills	44.1
24. The collapse of the electrical grid	44.0
25. Being unemployed	43.9
26. Not having enough money to pay my rent or mortgage	43.4
27. Not being able to pay off college debt of myself or a family member	43.0
28. A new pandemic or a major epidemic	42.4
29. Becoming seriously ill	41.7
30. Terrorism	41.4
31. Credit card fraud	39.9
32. Random/mass shooting	39.8
33. Oil spills	39.2
34. Climate change impacting where I live	39.1
35. Being hit by a drunk driver	39.1
36. White supremacists	38.2
37. A devastating natural disaster where I live	37.5
38. Widespread voter fraud	36.3
39. Break-ins	35.9
40. Right wing extremists	35.8
41. Violent overthrow of the U.S. government	35.6
42. A devastating drought	35.1
43. Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition	35.0
44. Theft of property	34.5
45. The Proud Boys	34.0

46. Public Speaking	34.0
47. A devastating tornado	32.7
48. A devastating earthquake	31.1
49. A devastating hurricane	31.1
50. A devastating flood	31.0
51. A devastating wildfire	30.9
52. Murder by a stranger	30.9
53. Left wing extremists	30.8
54. Heights	30.6
55. Mugging	30.3
56. Abduction/Kidnapping	30.2
57. Gang violence	30.2
58. Sexual assualt by a stranger	30.0
59. Racial/hate crime	29.9
60. Sharks	29.6
61. Dying	29.0
62. Deep lakes and oceans	28.7
63. Illegal immigration	28.4
64. Police brutality	28.4
65. Computers replacing people in the workforce	27.6
66. Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)	27.2
67. Antifa	27.1
68. Government use of drones within the U.S.	26.2
69. A devastating blizzard/Winter storm	26.1
70. Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi Scheme, embezzlement, etc.)	24.3
71. Insects/arachnids (spiders, bees. etc.)	23.8

72. Walking alone at night	23.1
73. Stalking	23.0
74. Catching the coronavirus (COVID-19)	22.9
75. Sexual assualt by someone you know	22.2
76. Small, enclosed spaces	21.7
77. Murder by someone you know	21.6
78. Technology that I don't understand	18.7
79. A large volcanic eruption	17.5
80. Black Lives Matter (BLM)	16.4
81. Germs	14.5
82. Strangers	14.0
83. Catching influenza (the seasonal flu)	13.3
84. Flying	12.4
85. Needles	12.3
86. Zombies	10.6
87. Whites no longer being the majority in the U.S.	10.0
88. Ghosts	8.1
89. Muslims	6.6
90. Animals (dogs, rats, etc.)	6.5
91. Immigrants	6.5
92. Blood	5.8