

Chapman Survey of American Fears, Waves 9 and 10 Compared

Wave 9	Afraid or Very Afraid	Wave 10	Afraid or Very Afraid	Total Difference
Abduction / Kidnapping	21.5	Abduction / Kidnapping	27.3	+5.8
Air Pollution	40.9	Air Pollution	47	+6.1
Becoming Seriously Ill	35	Becoming Seriously Ill	42	+7
Being Unemployed	24.9	Being Unemployed	30.1	+5.2
Biological Warfare	49.5	Biological Warfare	52.5	+3
Blood	7.7	Blood	9.3	+1.6
Break-Ins	30.4	Break-Ins	36.4	+6
Catching Coronavirus (COVID-19)	16.5	Catching Coronavirus (COVID-19)	20.5	+4
Catching Influenza (the seasonal flu)	12.1	Catching Influenza (the seasonal flu)	16.8	+4.7
Climate Change Impacting Where I Live	32.8	Climate Change Impacting Where I Live	38.4	+5.6
Corporate Tracking of Personal Data	45.1	Corporate Tracking of Personal Data	48.8	+3.7
Corrupt Government Officials	60.1	Corrupt Government Officials	65.2	+5.1
Credit Card Fraud	35	Credit Card Fraud	42.4	+7.4
Cyberterrorism	49.3	Cyberterrorism	58.3	+9
Deep Lakes and Oceans	26.6	Deep Lakes and Oceans	27.9	+1.3
Devastating Blizzard / Winter Storm	25.6	Devastating Blizzard / Winter Storm	25.4	-0.2
Devastating Drought	32.8	Devastating Drought	34.5	+1.7
Devastating Earthquake	27.9	Devastating Earthquake	30.3	+2.4
Devastating Flood	27.3	Devastating Flood	31.7	+4.4
Devastating Hurricane	26.5	Devastating Hurricane	29.8	+3.3
Devastating Natural Disaster Where I Live	32.3	Devastating Natural Disaster Where I Live	36.3	+4
Devastating Tornado	30.1	Devastating Tornado	34.7	+4.6

Devastating Wildfire	28.2	Devastating Wildfire	33.1	+4.9
Dying	26.2	Dying	31.6	+5.4
Economic/Financial Collapse	54.7	Economic/Financial Collapse	51.4	-3.3
Extinction of Plant and Animal Species	43.3	Extinction of Plant and Animal Species	45.6	+2.3
Financial Fraud	24.9	Financial Fraud	30.1	+5.2
Flying	16.2	Flying	15.0	-1.2
Gang Violence	26.5	Gang Violence	32.6	+6.1
Germs	15.1	Germs	17.6	+2.5
Ghosts	10.3	Ghosts	10.6	+0.3
Global Warming and Climate Change	43.6	Global Warming and Climate Change	47.7	+4.1
Government Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition	33.5	Government Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition	38.3	+4.8
Government Tracking of Personal Data	43.6	Government Tracking of Personal Data	47.9	+4.3
Government Use of Drones in the US	27.1	Government Use of Drones in the US	27.4	+0.3
Heights	33.2	Heights	34.7	+1.5
High Medical Bills	42.2	High Medical Bills	48.4	+6.2
Identity Theft	38.9	Identity Theft	47.3	+8.4
Illegal Immigration	30.1	Illegal Immigration	38.7	+8.6
Immigrants	8.9	Immigrants	12.2	+3.3
Insects/Arachnids	25.3	Insects/Arachnids	26.3	+1
Iran Using Nuclear Weapons	45.3	Iran Using Nuclear Weapons	52.3	+7
Large Volcanic Eruption	15.7	Large Volcanic Eruption	19.2	+3.5
Mugging	25.1	Mugging	31.3	+6.2
Murder by a Stranger	25.8	Murder by a Stranger	33.3	+7.5
Murder by Someone You Know	17.9	Murder by Someone You Know	22.2	+4.3
Muslims	7.5	Muslims	8.7	+1.2
Needles	12.7	Needles	14.1	+1.4
New Pandemic or Epidemic	33.1	New Pandemic or Epidemic	41.2	+7.1
North Korea Using Nuclear Weapons	47.6	North Korea Using Nuclear Weapons	55.0	+7.4

Not Being Able to Pay off the College Debt of Myself or a Family Member	15.8	Not Being Able to Pay off the College Debt of Myself or a Family Member	22.2	+6.4
Not Having Enough Money for the Future	48	Not Having Enough Money for the Future	55.7	+7.7
Not Having Enough Money to Pay My Rent or Mortgage	33.6	Not Having Enough Money to Pay My Rent or Mortgage	37.8	+4.2
Nuclear Accident/Meltdown	40	Nuclear Accident/Meltdown	42.7	+2.7
Oil Spills	35.7	Oil Spills	36.4	+0.7
People I Love Becoming Seriously Ill	50.6	People I Love Becoming Seriously Ill	58.4	+7.8
People I Love Dying	50.4	People I Love Dying	57.8	+7.4
Police Brutality	28.1	Police Brutality	28.7	+0.6
Pollution of Drinking Water	50	Pollution of Drinking Water	52.4	+2.4
Pollution of Oceans, Rivers, and Lakes	47.8	Pollution of Oceans, Rivers, and Lakes	52.2	+4.4
Public Speaking	28.7	Public Speaking	29.0	+0.3
Racial / Hate Crime	27.2	Racial / Hate Crime	30.9	+3.7
Random / Mass Shooting	42.9	Random / Mass Shooting	45.9	+3
Reptiles	25.9	Reptiles	25.2	-0.7
Russia Using Nuclear Weapons	52.5	Russia Using Nuclear Weapons	55.8	+3.3
Sexual Assault by a Stranger	26	Sexual Assault by a Stranger	29.5	+3.5
Sexual Assault by Someone You Know	19.8	Sexual Assault by Someone You Know	21.4	+1.6
Sharks	30.1	Sharks	34.6	+3.5
Small Enclosed Spaces	20.8	Small Enclosed Spaces	21.8	+1
Stalking	20.2	Stalking	24.2	+4
Strangers	13.6	Strangers	16.6	+3
Technology That I Don't Understand	16.5	Technology That I Don't Understand	22.2	5.7
Terrorism	36.6	Terrorism	43.3	+6.7
Terrorist Attack	45.2	Terrorist Attack	52.7	+7.5

The Outcome of Next Presidential Election	43.1	The Outcome of Next Presidential Election	51.7	+8.6
Theft of Property	28.5	Theft of Property	36.3	+7.8
US Becoming Involved in Another World War	52.3	US Becoming Involved in Another World War	55.0	+2.7
Violent Overthrow of US Government	31.9	Violent Overthrow of US Government	39.8	+7.9
Walking Alone at Night	25.4	Walking Alone at Night	25.9	+0.5
Whites No Longer Being the Majority in the US	12.1	Whites No Longer Being the Majority in the US	16.2	+4.1
Widespread Civil Unrest	40.6	Widespread Civil Unrest	49.2	+8.6
Widespread Voter Fraud	30.3	Widespread Voter Fraud	40.8	+10.5