

**Chapman Survey of American Fears 2020/21 and 2022  
Compared**

<b>20/21 Fears</b>	<b>% Afraid or Very Afraid</b>	<b>21/22 Fears</b>	<b>% Afraid or Very Afraid</b>	<b>% Difference</b>
Abduction/Kidnapping	25.5	Abduction/Kidnapping	30.2	+4.7
Air Pollution	41.3	Air Pollution	47.3	+6
Animals (dogs, rats, etc.)	4.6			
Antifa	28.2	Antifa	27.1	-1.1
Becoming seriously ill	38.3	Becoming seriously ill	41.7	+3.4
Being caught in an embarrassing moment on Zoom or video conference	14.3			
Being hit by a drunk driver	36.5	Being hit by a drunk driver	39.1	+2.6
Being unemployed	39.7	Being unemployed	43.9	+4.2
Biological warfare	49.3	Biological warfare	51.5	+2.2
Black Lives Matter (BLM)	15.0	Black Lives Matter (BLM)	16.4	+1.4
Blood	8.1	Blood	5.8	-2.3
Break-ins	31.0	Break-ins	35.9	+4.9
Catching influenza (the seasonal flu)	16.8	Catching influenza (the seasonal flu)	13.3	-3.5
Catching the coronavirus (COVID-19)	38.0	Catching the coronavirus (COVID-19)	22.9	-15.1
Clowns	5.6			
		Climate change impacting where I live	39.1	
Computers replacing people in the workforce	27.5	Computers replacing people in the workforce	27.6	+0.1

Contracting the Coronavirus (COVID-19)	41.0			
Corporate tracking of personal data	44.9	Corporate tracking of personal data	47.6	+2.7
Corrupt government officials	79.6	Corrupt government officials	62.1	-17.5
Credit card fraud	38.5	Credit card fraud	39.9	+1.4
Cyber terrorism	51.0	Cyber terrorism	49.3	-1.7
Deep lakes and oceans	24.7	Deep lakes and oceans	28.7	+4
Devastating blizzard/Winter storm	25.3	Devastating blizzard/Winter storm	26.1	+0.8
Devastating drought	32.8	Devastating drought	35.1	+2.3
Devastating earthquake	32.0	Devastating earthquake	31.1	-0.9
Devastating flood	28.3	Devastating flood	31.0	+2.7
Devastating hurricane	31.3	Devastating hurricane	31.1	+0.2
		Devastating natural disaster where I live	37.5	
Devastating tornado	31.0	Devastating tornado	32.7	+1.7
Devastating wildfire	34.2	Devastating wildfire	30.9	+3.3
Dying	29.2	Dying	29.0	+0.2
Economic/financial collapse	54.8	Economic/financial collapse	53.2	-1.6
Extinction of plant and animal species	44.4	Extinction of plant and animal species	47.2	+2.8
Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi Scheme, embezzlement, etc.)	26.3	Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi Scheme, embezzlement, etc.)	24.3	-2
Flying	11.5	Flying	12.4	+0.9
Gang violence	28.3	Gang violence	30.2	+1.9
Germs	21.7	Germs	14.5	-7.2
Ghosts	9.4	Ghosts	8.1	-1.3

Global warming and climate change	48.7	Global warming and climate change	47.4	-1.3
Government interference with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine approval	44.1			
Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition	49.0	Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition	35.0	-14
Government tracking of personal data	45.6	Government tracking of personal data	45.2	-0.4
Government use of drones within the U.S.	42.7	Government use of drones within the U.S.	26.2	-16.5
Heights	31.2	Heights	30.6	-0.6
High medical bills	42.8	High medical bills	44.1	+1.3
Identity theft	43.8	Identity theft	45.1	+1.3
Illegal immigration	21.4	Illegal immigration	28.4	+7
Immigrants	5.9	Immigrants	6.5	+0.6
Insects/arachnids (spiders, bees, etc.)	22.8	Insects/arachnids (spiders, bees, etc.)	23.8	+1
Iran using nuclear weapons	43.3	Iran using nuclear weapons	47.0	+3.7
Large volcanic eruption	19.0	Large volcanic eruption	17.5	-1.5
Left wing extremists	33.8	Left wing extremists	30.8	-3
Losing your job due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic	26.3			
Loved one contracting the coronavirus (COVID-19)	57.9			
Mugging	27.4	Mugging	30.3	+2.9
Murder by a stranger	28.9	Murder by a stranger	30.9	+2
Murder by someone you know	21.7	Murder by someone you know	21.6	-0.1

Murder Hornets	10.1			
Muslims	6.9	Muslims	6.6	-0.3
Needles	11.9	Needles	12.3	+0.4
		New pandemic or major epidemic	42.4	
North Korea using nuclear weapons	42.5	North Korea using nuclear weapons	50.6	+8.1
Not being able to pay off college debt of myself or a family member	40.4	Not being able to pay off college debt of myself or a family member	43.0	+2.6
Not having enough money for the future	48.6	Not having enough money for the future	53.7	+5.1
Not having enough money to pay my rent or mortgage	35.2	Not having enough money to pay my rent or mortgage	43.4	+8.2
Nuclear accident/meltdown	38.6	Nuclear accident/meltdown	44.3	+5.7
Nuclear weapons attack	42.2			
Oil spills	32.7	Oil spills	39.2	+6.5
Pandemic or a major epidemic	55.8			
People I love becoming seriously ill	57.3	People I love becoming seriously ill	60.2	+2.9
People I love dying	58.6	People I love dying	58.1	-0.5
Police brutality	30.1	Police brutality	28.4	-1.7
Pollution of drinking water	44.5	Pollution of drinking water	54.5	+10
Pollution of oceans, rivers, and lakes	50.2	Pollution of oceans, rivers, and lakes	52.5	+2.3
Public Speaking	29.0	Public Speaking	34.0	+5
Racial/hate crime	31.6	Racial/hate crime	29.9	-1.7
Random/mass shooting	36.7	Random/mass shooting	39.8	+3.1

Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)	24.7	Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)	27.2	+2.5
Right wing extremists	43.4	Right wing extremists	35.8	-7.6
		Russia using nuclear weapons	59.6	
Sexual assault by a stranger	27.6	Sexual assault by a stranger	30.0	+2.4
Sexual assault by someone you know	22.4	Sexual assault by someone you know	22.2	-0.2
Sharks	29.5	Sharks	29.6	+0.1
Small, enclosed spaces	16.2	Small, enclosed spaces	21.7	+5.5
Stalking	23.4	Stalking	23.0	-0.4
Strangers	11.4	Strangers	14.0	+2.6
Technology that I don't understand	15.9	Technology that I don't understand	18.7	+2.8
Terrorism	38.7	Terrorism	41.4	+2.7
Terrorist attack	48.8	Terrorist attack	49.1	-0.3
The collapse of the electrical grid	36.1	The collapse of the electrical grid	44.0	-7.9
Theft of property	29.4	Theft of property	34.5	+5.1
The Proud Boys	41.9	The Proud Boys	34.0	-7.9
The U.S. becoming involved in another world war	48.3	The U.S. becoming involved in another world war	56.0	+7.7
		Violent overthrow of the U.S. government	35.6	
Walking alone at night	22.1	Walking alone at night	23.1	+1
Whites no longer being the majority in the U.S.	8.7	Whites no longer being the majority in the U.S.	10.0	+1.3
White supremacists	44.8	White supremacists	38.2	-6.6
Widespread civil unrest	56.6	Widespread civil unrest	45.3	-11.3

		Widespread voter fraud	36.3	
Zombies	9.3	Zombies	10.6	+1.3