

Chapman Survey of American Fears Wave 10 (2024) and Wave 11 (2025) Compared

Wave 10	% Afraid or Very Afraid	Wave 11	% Afraid or Very Afraid	Total Difference
Air Pollution	47	Air Pollution	48.3	1.3
		Artificial Intelligence (AI) Replacing People in the Workforce	49.2	N/A
		Becoming Disabled	42.9	N/A
Becoming Seriously Ill	42	Becoming Seriously Ill	41.2	-0.8
Being Unemployed	30.1	Being Unemployed	44.6	14.5
Biological Warfare	52.5	Biological Warfare	52.3	-0.2
Catching Influenza (the seasonal flu)	16.8	Catching Influenza (the Seasonal Flu)	19.3	2.5
Climate Change Impacting Where I Live	38.4	Climate Change Impacting Where I Live	41.5	3.1
		Collapse of the Electrical Grid	47.1	N/A
Corporate Tracking of Personal Data	48.8	Corporate Tracking of Personal Data	50.7	1.9
Corrupt Government Officials	65.2	Corrupt Government Officials	69.1	3.9
Credit Card Fraud	42.4	Credit Card Fraud	48.8	6.4
Cyberterrorism	58.3	Cyber-Terrorism	55.9	-2.4
Devastating Blizzard / Winter Storm	25.4	Devastating Blizzard/Winter Storm	28	2.6
Devastating Drought	34.5	Devastating Drought	39	4.5

Devastating Earthquake	30.3	Devastating Earthquake	33	2.7
Devastating Flood	31.7	Devastating Flood	35.6	3.9
Devastating Hurricane	29.8	Devastating Hurricane	34.1	4.3
Devastating Tornado	34.7	Devastating Tornado	38.5	3.8
Devastating Wildfire	33.1	Devastating Wildfire	40.5	7.4
Dying	31.6	Dying	28.6	-3
Economic/Financial Collapse	51.4	Economic/Financial Collapse	58.2	6.8
Extinction of Plant and Animal Species	45.6	Extinction of Plant and Animal Species	43.5	-2.1
Flying	15	Flying	17.7	2.7
Global Warming and Climate Change	47.7	Global Warming and Climate Change	48.8	1.1
Government Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition	38.3	Government Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition	31.7	-6.6
Government Tracking of Personal Data	47.9	Government Tracking of Personal Data	52.7	4.8
Government Use of Drones in the US	27.4	Government Use of Drones Within the U.S.	31.2	3.8
Heights	34.7	Heights	34.3	-0.4
High Medical Bills	48.4	High Medical Bills	46.2	-2.2
		Homeless People	11.9	N/A
		Homeless Tent Encampment	18.3	N/A
Identity Theft	47.3	Identity Theft	50.7	3.4
Illegal Immigration	38.7	Illegal Immigration	28.2	-10.5

Iran Using Nuclear Weapons	52.3	Iran Using Nuclear Weapons	48	-4.3
Murder by a Stranger	33.3	Murder by a Stranger	33.5	0.2
Murder by Someone You Know	22.2	Murder by Someone You Know	25	2.8
Needles	14.1	Needles	18.6	4.5
New Pandemic or Epidemic	41.2	New Pandemic or a Major Epidemic	45.2	4
North Korea Using Nuclear Weapons	55	North Korea Using Nuclear Weapons	49.8	-5.2
Not Being Able to Pay off the College Debt of Myself or a Family Member	22.2	Not Being Able to Pay Off College Debt of Myself or a Family Member	43.1	20.9
Not Having Enough Money for the Future	55.7	Not Having Enough Money for the Future	52.4	-3.3
Not Having Enough Money to Pay My Rent or Mortgage	37.8	Not Having Enough Money to Pay My Rent or Mortgage	44.9	7.1
Nuclear Accident/Melt down	42.7	Nuclear Accident/Melt down	43.4	0.7
Oil Spills	36.4	Oil Spills	38.4	2
People I Love Becoming Seriously Ill	58.4	People I Love Becoming Seriously Ill	58.9	0.5
People I Love Dying	57.8	People I Love Dying	55.3	-2.5
Pollution of Drinking Water	52.4	Pollution of Drinking Water	54.5	2.1
Pollution of Oceans,	52.2	Pollution of Oceans,	53.5	1.3

Rivers, and Lakes		Rivers, and Lakes		
Public Speaking	29	Public Speaking	33.7	4.7
Racial / Hate Crime	30.9	Racial/Hate Crime	31.3	0.4
Random / Mass Shooting	45.9	Random/Mass Shooting	44.3	-1.6
Russia Using Nuclear Weapons	55.8	Russia Using Nuclear Weapons	53.7	-2.1
Sexual Assault by a Stranger	29.5	Sexual Assault by a Stranger	31.2	1.7
Sexual Assault by Someone You Know	21.4	Sexual Assault by Someone You Know	22.4	1
Sharks	34.6	Sharks	35.2	0.6
Small, Enclosed Spaces	21.8	Small, Enclosed Spaces	25.4	3.6
Strangers	16.6	Strangers	14.6	-2
Technology That I Don't Understand	22.2	Technology That I Don't Understand	25.9	3.7
Terrorism	43.3	Terrorism	42	-1.3
Terrorist Attack	52.7	Terrorist Attack	49.9	-2.8
Theft of Property	36.3	Theft of Property	37.5	1.2
U.S. Becoming Involved in Another World War	55	U.S. Becoming Involved in Another World War	55.3	0.3
Violent Overthrow of US Government	39.8	Violent Overthrow of the U.S. Government	36.1	-3.7
Walking Alone at Night	25.9	Walking Alone at Night	27.5	1.6
Whites No Longer Being	16.2	Whites No Longer Being	13	-3.2

the Majority in the US		the Majority in the U.S.		
Widespread Civil Unrest	49.2	Widespread Civil Unrest	45.3	-3.9

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