

Chapman University Survey of American Fears 2017

— The Complete List of Fears, 2017 —

Sorted by Percent Afraid/Very Afraid

Complete List of Fears (2017)	% Afraid or Very Afraid
1. Corrupt Government Officials	74.5
2. American Healthcare Act/Trumpcare	55.3
3. Pollution of Oceans, Rivers and Lakes	53.1
4. Pollution of Drinking Water	50.4
5. Not having enough money for the future	50.2
6. High Medical Bills	48.4
7. The US will be involved in another World War	48.4
8. Global Warming & Climate Change	48
9. North Korea using weapons	47.5
10. Air Pollution	44.9
11. Economic/Financial collapse	44.4
12. Extinction of plant and animal species	43.5
13. Terrorist Attack	43.3
14. Identity Theft	41.9
15. Biological Warfare	41.8
16. Credit Card Fraud	40.3
17. People I love dying	39.7
18. People I love becoming seriously ill	39.1
19. Cyber-Terrorism	39.1
20. Widespread civil unrest	39.1
21. Nuclear Weapons attack	39
22. Terrorism	38.8
23. Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition	38.6
24. Government Tracking of personal data	37.4
25. Corporate Tracking of personal data	36.7
26. Oil Spills	36.2
27. The collapse of the electrical grid	35.7
28. Being hit by a drunk driver	35.5
29. The Affordable Care Act/ Obamacare	33.9
30. Pandemic or a major epidemic	32.8
31. Being unemployed	30.7
32. Nuclear accident/meltdown	30.3
33. Losing my data, photos or other important documents in a disaster	29.0
34. Heights	28.2
35. Random Mass shooting	28.1
36. Government use of drones within the US	27.2
37. Devastating drought	26.6
38. Break-ins	26.2
39. Becoming Seriously ill	25.7

40. Theft of property	25.4
41. Sharks	25.4
42. Computers replacing people in the workforce	25.3
43. Devastating tornado	24.3
44. Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)	23.6
45. Devastating earthquake	22.6
46. Devastating Hurricane	21.4
47. Racial/Hate Crime	20.9
48. Dying	20.3
49. Illegal immigration	20.3
50. Insects/Arachnids	20.3
51. Financial Fraud	20.0
52. Public Speaking	20.0
53. Devastating Flood	19.8
54. Mugging	19.5
55. Small enclosed spaces	19.8
56. Walking alone at night	19.8
57. Gang Violence	19.4
58. Sexual Assault by a stranger	19.0
59. Police Brutality	18.4
60. Murder by a stranger	18.3
61. Deep lakes and oceans	18.2
62. Abduction/kidnapping	15.5
63. Devastating blizzard/ winter storm	15.2
64. Technology I don't understand	14.9
65. Stalking	14.1
66. Sexual assault by someone you know	12.4
67. Murder by someone you know	11.6
68. Germs	11.5
69. Whites no longer being the majority in the US	10.7
70. Large volcanic eruption	10.6
71. Needles	10.4
72. Flying	9.5
73. Strangers	8.4
74. Others talking about you behind your back	7.5
75. Significant other cheating on you	7.5
76. Clowns	6.7
77. Blood	5.5
78. Zombies	5.3
79. Ghosts	4.3
80. Animals (dogs, rats, etc.)	3.7