

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY SURVEY OF AMERICAN FEARS 2018

Chapman University's Survey of American Fears, now in its fifth year, provides an in-depth examination into what Americans fear most. Based on a nationally representative sample of 1,190 adults from across the United States.

MORE AMERICANS ARE AFRAID THAN EVER BEFORE

TOP FEARS OF 2018

For the first time on our survey (2018) a majority of Americans are afraid of each of the top 10 items.

● Government ● Environment ● Economic ● Illness and Death



CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
74%



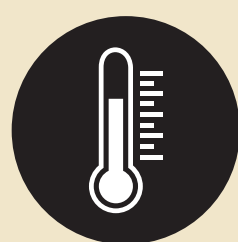
POLLUTION OF OCEANS, RIVERS AND LAKES
62%



POLLUTION OF DRINKING WATER
61%



NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE FUTURE
57%



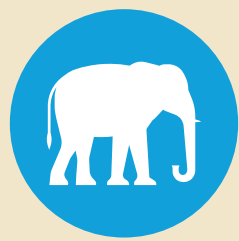
PEOPLE I LOVE BECOMING SERIOUSLY ILL
57%



PEOPLE I LOVE DYING
56%



AIR POLLUTION
55%



EXTINCTION OF PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES
54%



GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE
53%



HIGH MEDICAL BILLS
53%

Five of the top 10 fears are related to the environment.

WHY AMERICANS DON'T EVACUATE

One in five Americans report they or their families have had to flee their homes due to disaster. Evacuations save lives, but many choose not to leave. Why?



PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

Belief in the paranormal is widespread.



Visit chapman.edu/fearsurvey for more survey information.



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