

### Chapman Survey of American Fears 2022 and 2023 Compared

| 2022 Fears                                  | % Afraid or Very Afraid | 2023 Fears                                              | % Afraid or Very Afraid | % Difference |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Abduction/Kidnapping                        | 30.2                    | Abduction/kidnapping                                    | 21.5                    | -8.7         |
| Air pollution                               | 47.3                    | Air pollution                                           | 40.9                    | -6.4         |
| Animals (dogs, rats, etc.)                  | 6.5                     | Animals (dogs, rats, etc.)                              | 6                       | -0.5         |
| Antifa                                      | 27.1                    | Antifa                                                  | 20.3                    | -6.8         |
| Becoming seriously ill                      | 41.7                    | Becoming seriously ill                                  | 35                      | -6.7         |
| Being hit by a drunk driver                 | 39.1                    | Being hit by a drunk driver                             | 36.8                    | -2.3         |
| Being unemployed                            | 43.9                    | Being unemployed                                        | 24.9                    | -19          |
| Biological warfare                          | 51.5                    | Biological warfare                                      | 49.5                    | -2.0         |
| Black Lives Matter (BLM)                    | 16.4                    | Black Lives Matter (BLM)                                | 13.4                    | -3.0         |
| Blood                                       | 5.8                     | Blood                                                   | 7.7                     | +1.9         |
| Break-ins                                   | 35.9                    | Break-ins                                               | 30.4                    | -5.5         |
| Catching influenza (the seasonal flu)       | 13.3                    | Catching influenza (the seasonal fluid)                 | 12.1                    | -1.2         |
| Catching the coronavirus (COVID-19)         | 22.9                    | Catching the coronavirus (COVID-19)                     | 16.5                    | -6.4         |
|                                             |                         | China spying on the US                                  | 45.7                    |              |
|                                             |                         | China stealing US technology                            | 44.1                    |              |
|                                             |                         | China's economy overtaking the US economy               | 40                      |              |
|                                             |                         | China's influence abroad reducing US power in the world | 40.7                    |              |
| Climate change impacting where I live       | 39.1                    | Climate change impacting where I live                   | 32.8                    | -6.3         |
| Computers replacing people in the workforce | 27.6                    | Computers replacing people in the workforce             | 31.6                    | +4.0         |
| Corporate tracking of personal data         | 47.6                    | Corporate tracking of personal data                     | 45.1                    | -2.5         |
| Corrupt government officials                | 62.1                    | Corrupt government officials                            | 60.1                    | -2.0         |

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| Credit card fraud                                            | 39.9 | Credit card fraud                                            | 35   | -4.9 |
| Cyber-terrorism                                              | 49.3 | Cyber-terrorism                                              | 49.3 | 0    |
| Deep lakes and oceans                                        | 28.7 | Deep lakes and oceans                                        | 26.6 | -2.1 |
| Devastating blizzard/Winter storm                            | 26.1 | Devastating blizzard/Winter storm                            | 25.6 | -0.5 |
| Devastating drought                                          | 35.1 | Devastating drought                                          | 32.8 | -2.3 |
| Devastating earthquake                                       | 31.1 | Devastating earthquaking                                     | 27.9 | -3.2 |
| Devastating flood                                            | 31.0 | Devastating flood                                            | 27.3 | -3.7 |
| Devastating hurricane                                        | 31.1 | Devastating hurricane                                        | 26.5 | -4.6 |
| Devastating natural disaster where I live                    | 37.5 | Devastating natural disaster where I live                    | 32.3 | -5.2 |
| Devastating tornado                                          | 32.7 | Devastating tornado                                          | 30.1 | -2.6 |
| Devastating wildfire                                         | 30.9 | Devastating wildfire                                         | 28.2 | -2.7 |
| Dying                                                        | 29.0 | Dying                                                        | 26.2 | -2.8 |
| Economic/financial collapse                                  | 53.7 | Economic/financial collapse                                  | 54.7 | +1.0 |
| Extinction of plant and animal species                       | 47.2 | Extinction of plant and animal species                       | 43.3 | -3.9 |
| Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi Scheme, embezzlement, etc.) | 24.3 | Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi scheme, embezzlement, etc.) | 24.9 | +0.6 |
| Flying                                                       | 12.4 | Flying                                                       | 16.2 | +3.8 |
| Gang violence                                                | 30.2 | Gang violence                                                | 26.5 | -3.7 |
| Germes                                                       | 14.5 | Germes                                                       | 15.1 | +0.6 |
| Ghosts                                                       | 8.1  | Ghosts                                                       | 10.3 | +2.2 |
| Global warming and climate change                            | 47.4 | Global warming and climate change                            | 43.6 | -3.8 |
| Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition           | 35.0 | Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition           | 33.5 | -1.5 |
| Government tracking of personal data                         | 45.2 | Government tracking of personal data                         | 43.6 | -1.6 |
| Government use of drones within the U.S.                     | 26.2 | Government use of drones within the U.S.                     | 27.1 | +0.9 |
| Heights                                                      | 30.6 | Heights                                                      | 33.2 | +2.6 |
| High medical bills                                           | 44.1 | High medical bills                                           | 42.2 | -1.9 |
| Identity theft                                               | 45.1 | Identity theft                                               | 38.9 | -6.2 |
| Illegal immigration                                          | 28.4 | Illegal immigration                                          | 30.1 | +1.7 |
| Immigrants                                                   | 6.5  | Immigrants                                                   | 8.9  | +2.4 |

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| Insects/arachnids (spiders, bees. etc.)                             | 23.8 | Insects/arachnids (spiders, bees, etc.)                                 | 25.3 | +1.5  |
| Iran using nuclear weapons                                          | 47.0 | Iran using nuclear weapons                                              | 45.3 | -1.7  |
| Large volcanic eruption                                             | 17.5 | Large volcanic eruption                                                 | 15.7 | -1.8  |
| Left wing extremists                                                | 30.8 | Left wing extremists                                                    | 27.6 | -3.2  |
|                                                                     |      | Military conflict between the United States and China                   | 45.3 |       |
| Mugging                                                             | 30.3 | Mugging                                                                 | 25.1 | -5.2  |
| Murder by a stranger                                                | 30.9 | Murder by a stranger                                                    | 25.8 | -5.1  |
| Murder by someone you know                                          | 21.6 | Murder by someone you know                                              | 17.9 | -3.7  |
| Muslims                                                             | 6.6  | Muslims                                                                 | 7.5  | +0.9  |
| Needles                                                             | 12.3 | Needles                                                                 | 12.7 | +0.4  |
| New pandemic or a major epidemic                                    | 42.4 | New pandemic or a major epidemic                                        | 33.1 | -9.3  |
| North Korea using nuclear weapons                                   | 50.6 | North Korea using nuclear weapons                                       | 47.6 | -3.0  |
| Not being able to pay off college debt of myself or a family member | 43.0 | Not being able to pay off the college debt of myself or a family member | 15.8 | -27.2 |
| Not having enough money for the future                              | 53.7 | Not having enough money for the future                                  | 48   | -5.7  |
| Not having enough money to pay my rent or mortgage                  | 43.4 | Not having enough money to pay my rent or mortgage                      | 33.6 | -9.8  |
| Nuclear accident/meltdown                                           | 44.3 | Nuclear accident/meltdown                                               | 40   | -4.3  |
| Oil spills                                                          | 39.2 | Oil spills                                                              | 35.7 | -3.5  |
| People I love becoming seriously ill                                | 60.2 | People I love becoming seriously ill                                    | 50.6 | -9.6  |
| People I love dying                                                 | 58.1 | People I love dying                                                     | 50.4 | -7.7  |
| Police brutality                                                    | 28.4 | Police brutality                                                        | 28.1 | -0.3  |
| Pollution of drinking water                                         | 54.5 | Pollution of drinking water                                             | 50   | -4.5  |
| Pollution of oceans, rivers, and lakes                              | 52.5 | Pollution of oceans, rivers, and lakes                                  | 47.8 | -4.7  |
| Public Speaking                                                     | 34.0 | Public Speaking                                                         | 28.7 | -5.3  |
| Racial/hate crime                                                   | 29.9 | Racial/hate crime                                                       | 27.2 | -2.7  |

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| Random/mass shooting                            | 39.8 | Random/mass shooting                          | 42.9 | +3.1 |
| Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)                | 27.2 | Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)              | 25.9 | -1.3 |
| Right wing extremists                           | 35.8 | Right wing extremists                         | 31.6 | -4.2 |
| Russia using nuclear weapons                    | 59.6 | Russia using nuclear weapons                  | 52.5 | -7.1 |
| Sexual assault by a stranger                    | 30.0 | Sexual assault by a stranger                  | 26   | -4.0 |
| Sexual assault by someone you know              | 22.2 | Sexual assault by someone you know            | 19.8 | -2.4 |
| Sharks                                          | 29.6 | Sharks                                        | 30.1 | +0.5 |
| Small, enclosed spaces                          | 21.7 | Small, enclosed spaces                        | 20.8 | -0.9 |
| Stalking                                        | 23.0 | Stalking                                      | 20.2 | -2.8 |
| Strangers                                       | 14.0 | Strangers                                     | 13.6 | -0.4 |
| Technology that I don't understand              | 18.7 | Technology that I don't understand            | 16.5 | -2.2 |
| Terrorism                                       | 41.4 | Terrorism                                     | 36.6 | -4.8 |
| Terrorist attack                                | 49.1 | Terrorist attack                              | 45.2 | -3.9 |
| The collapse of the electrical grid             | 44.0 | The collapse of the electric grid             | 44.1 | +0.1 |
| Theft of property                               | 34.5 | Theft of property                             | 28.5 | -6.0 |
|                                                 |      | The outcome of the next presidential election | 43.1 |      |
| The Proud Boys                                  | 34.0 | The Proud Boys                                | 27.1 | -6.9 |
| The U.S. becoming involved in another world war | 56.0 | The US becoming involved in another world war | 52.3 | -3.7 |
| Violent overthrow of the U.S. government        | 35.6 | Violent overthrow of the U.S. government      | 31.9 | -3.7 |
| Walking alone at night                          | 23.1 | Walking alone at night                        | 25.4 | +2.3 |
| Whites no longer being the majority in the U.S. | 10.0 | Whites no longer being the majority in the US | 12.1 | +2.1 |
| White supremacists                              | 38.2 | White supremacists                            | 36.5 | -1.7 |
| Widespread civil unrest                         | 45.3 | Widespread civil unrest                       | 40.6 | -4.7 |
| Widespread voter fraud                          | 36.3 | Widespread voter fraud                        | 30.3 | -6.0 |
| Zombies                                         | 10.6 |                                               |      |      |

