# **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.

**Environment** 



**CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS** 



Government

**POLLUTION OF OCEANS, RIVERS AND LAKES** 



**Economic** 

**POLLUTION OF DRINKING WATER** 



**Illness and Death** 

**NOT HAVING ENOUGH** MONEY FOR THE FUTURE



PEOPLE I LOVE BECOMING **SERIOUSLY ILL** 



56%



**AIR POLLUTION** 55%



**EXTINCTION OF PLANT** AND ANIMAL SPECIES



**GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE** 

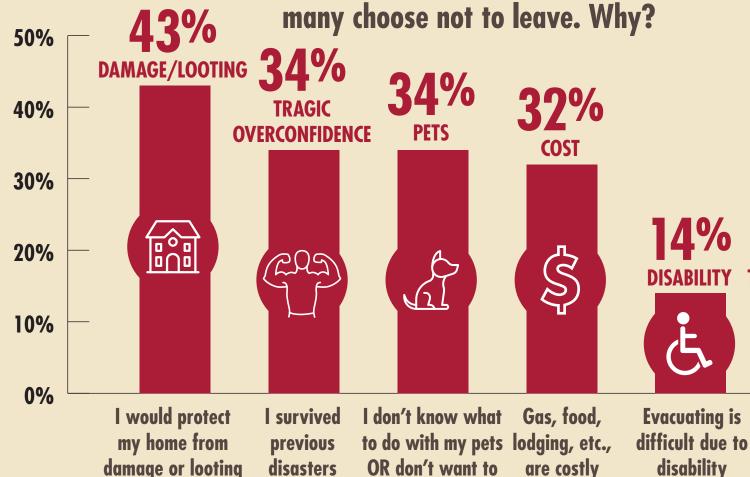


**HIGH MEDICAL BILLS** 

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



disasters OR don't want to leave them behind

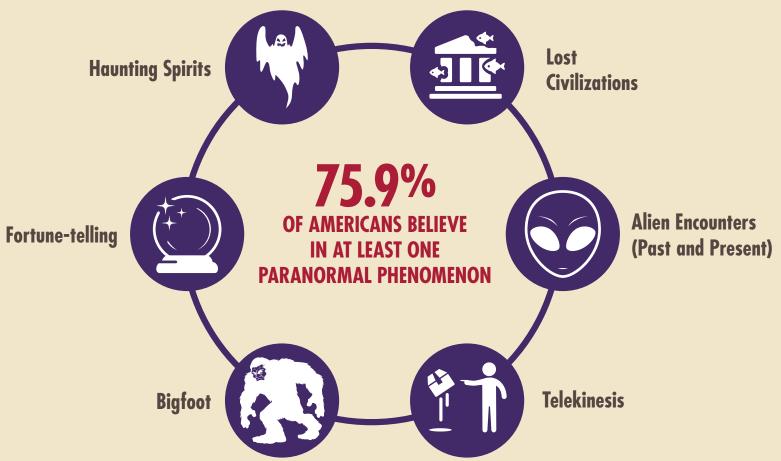
**Evacuating is** I don't have

14%

transportation

### PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

Belief in the paranormal is widespread.



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