

Life Under The Sun



Warning! – Be Quiet & Work Hard

Ecclesiastes 10:16 – 11:6

A close-up, low-key photograph of a woman's face. She is looking directly at the camera with a wide-eyed, fearful expression. Her face is partially obscured by a dark, textured curtain or fabric that hangs vertically, creating a narrow slit through which she is peering. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting her eyes and the texture of the fabric against a deep black background.

***Woman Afraid
of Something
In a Closet***

Scripture About Fear

***The wicked flee when no one is pursuing,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.***

Prov. 28:1

***A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil,
but a fool is arrogant and careless.***

Prov. 14:16

***The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, but
the naive go on, and are punished for it.***

Prov. 22:3

Quotes About Fear

“Fear is pain arising from the anticipation of evil.”

Aristotle

Quotes About Fear

“When a man is defeated by life it is always due, ultimately, to the fact that he is suffering from a spirit of fear . . . The spirit of fear is the real, ultimate cause of all failure in life, and of all happiness.”

- Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones

Domains of Fear

The Chapman University Survey of American Fears addressed 11 major domains:



IMMIGRATION/ DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

Illegal immigration,
whites no longer being
majority in US



ENVIRONMENT

Global warming,
overpopulation, pollution



RELATIONSHIPS

Significant other cheating,
others talking about you
behind your back



TECHNOLOGY

Artificial intelligence,
robots, cyber-terrorism



PERSONAL FEARS

Tight spaces, public
speaking, clowns, vaccines



CRIME

Murder, rape, theft, burglary,
fraud, identity theft



NATURAL DISASTERS

Earthquakes, droughts,
floods, hurricanes



ILLNESS AND DEATH

High medical bills,
becoming ill, dying



ECONOMIC

Not having enough money
for the future, becoming
unemployed



GOVERNMENT

Government corruption, Obamacare,
drones, gun control

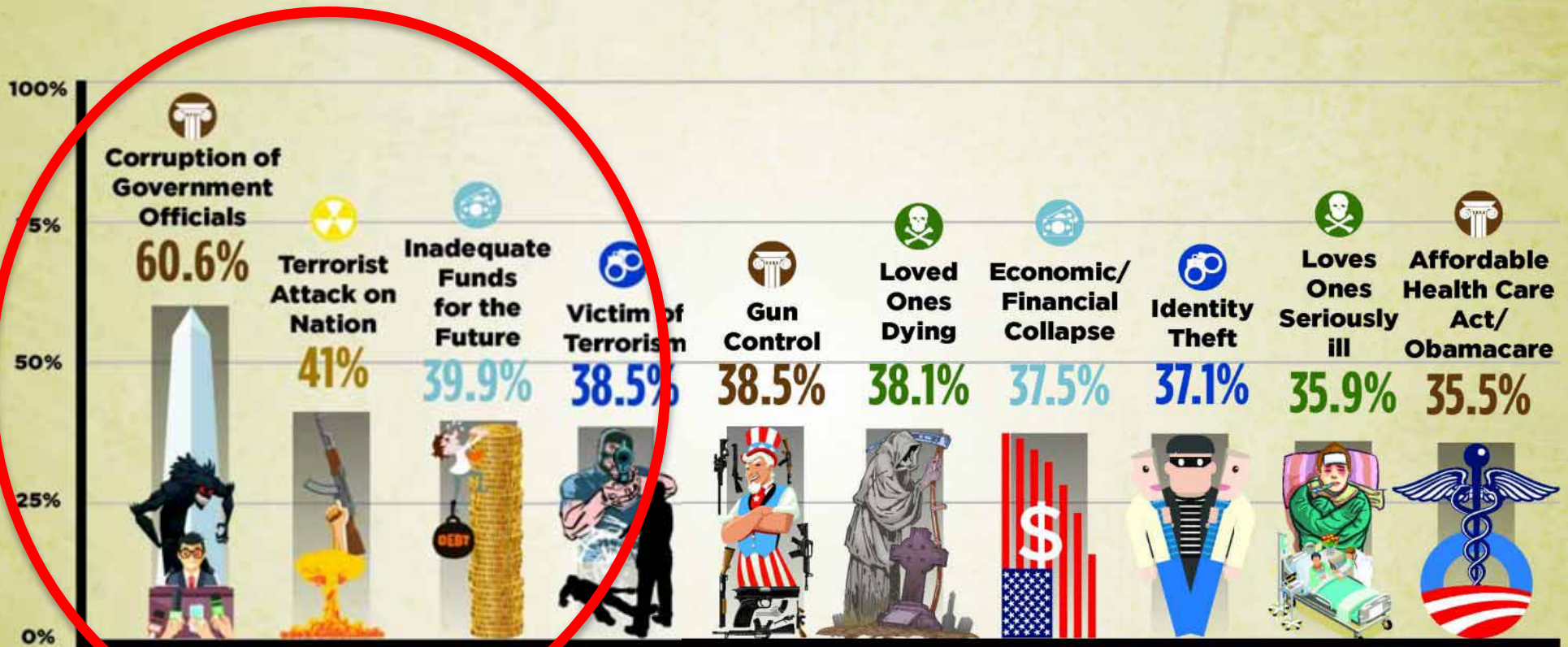


MAN-MADE DISASTERS

Bio-warfare, terrorism,
nuclear attacks



Top 10 Fears of 2016



Above are the 10 fears for which the highest percentage of Americans reported being "Afraid," or "Very Afraid."

 Government
  Illness and Death
  Man-made Disasters
  Crime
  Economic



***Life on Planet Earth Is
Full of Evil***

Fear Corrupt Government

Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

v. 16

- ***Woe!***
- ***Situation:***
 - ***Young man is king.***
 - ***Princes are feasting in the morning.***

Fear Corrupt Government

Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

v. 17

- ***Blessed!***
- ***Situation:***
 - ***King is dignified and educated.***
 - ***Princes are feasting for strength at the right time.***

Fear Corrupt Government

Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

v. 18

- ***Rafters are sagging due to laziness.***
- ***Roof leaks due to incompetence.***
- ***This indirectly describes the national leadership.***

Fear Corrupt Government

Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

v. 19

- ***Leaders are feasting.***
- ***Leaders think money is the answer to everything.***

Fear Corrupt Government

Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

v. 20

- *Do not curse the king in your head.*
- *Do not curse the rich out loud.*
- *Corrupt government and the rich punish critics.*

This is fear . . .

***He warns us . . .
be quiet!***

Fear About Money

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

v. 1

- ***“Cast”***
 - ***Hebrew word *sallah* = “send”***
- ***Verse is about selling bread abroad***
- ***You will receive a profit **sometime!*****

Fear About Money

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

v. 2

- *We are urged to invest wisely.*
- *Diversify your investments.*
- *Misfortune may hit **sometime!***

Fear About Money

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

v. 3

- *If clouds contain water, they will rain **sometime!***
- *If a tree falls, it falls **somewhere!***

Fear About Money

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

v. 4

- *If you delay sowing **until the correct time**, you will never sow.*
- *If you delay to reap **until the weather is right**, you will not reap.*

Fear About Money

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

v. 5 ***You do not know God's activity . . .***

Fear About Money

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

v. 5 ***You do not know God's activity . . .***

v. 6 ***Therefore, work very hard!***

This is fear . . .

***He warns us . . .
be quiet & work hard!***

King Solomon is wrong . . .

***We should not fear
but trust God.***

Christians Walk By Faith

Psalm 27:1; Romans 1:17

- ***God is in control of government***
– ***Rom. 13:1-2***
- ***God will meet our needs***
– ***Matt. 6:25-34***
- ***Phrase "do not fear" occurs 40 times in scripture.***

**He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our
God;**

**Many will see and fear
And will trust in the Lord.**

**How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his
trust,**

**And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who
lapse into falsehood.**

**Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which
You have done,**

And Your thoughts toward us;

There is none to compare with You.

If I would declare and speak of them,

They would be too numerous to count.

Psa. 40:3-5