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Kids' top fear: global warming

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All the talk about global warming has scared kids more than stories of terrorism, car crashes or cancer, a National Earth Day survey shows.

The survey of more than 1,000 middle school students found that nearly 60% of those surveyed said they feared global warming and its associated environmental disasters like hurricanes, tornados and flooding.

This compares to 22.3% who feared terrorism most, 14.6% who feared cancer, and a mere 5.9% who feared car crashes, according to the survey by BrainPop.com, a Web-based company that produces educational animated short films.

Recent polls show that adults are most concerned about the war in Iraq, terrorism and health care, BrainPop said.

The survey found that while a substantial majority of kids think more needs to be done to address the problem, one-quarter of children surveyed believe President Bush and other public officials can do nothing to solve it.