

Fears For The Near Future

ANXIETY OF THE OVERLIFE OR, “GRIEF LESSENS” (SIC)

The fear that improvements in healthcare technologies will extend average human lifespans so that most people’s experiences of deep and personal grief (i.e. the death of a grandparent) will come so late in their own life that they will have few or zero lesser experiences of bereavement to cushion the blow of the real biggies. Individuals experiencing *Anxiety Of The Overlife* are mostly parents who fret over their children’s emotional resilience and resent their own parents’ and grandparents’ good health, which deprives them of the opportunity to test their own resilience. They will often overcompensate by insisting – regardless of preference – that their children have hamsters, goldfish and other reliably mortal pets¹.

ATERRORPHOBIA (PRIVILEGED)

The fear that because a person lives nowhere near a major city they are less likely to be caught in a major terrorist attack. Symptoms include feelings of worthlessness based on geographical location. A perversion of the social anxiety phenomenon of fear of missing out, *Aterrorphobia*^(b) is an anomic condition derived from the idea that where a person lives is not worth attacking. [See also: *Terrorphobia (Privileged)*]