ANXIETY ODDS - ANSWERS

Please rank the following 10 events in order from

1 the MOST PROBABLE to 10 the least possible.

Then make a rough guess on how likely they are to happen on average

(for example, 1 in 30, 2 in 10,000 or 3 in a million, etc.).

RANK EVENT ODDS OF IT HAPPENING

1 Being audited by the IRS 1 in 119 (0.084%)

2 Being hit by lightning 1 in 12,000

3 Being hit by an asteroid 1 in 200,000

4 Being killed by a bear 1 in 2,100,000

5 Being killed in an elevator crash 1 in 10,440,000

6 Being in an airplane crash 1 in 11,000,000

7 Being the victim of a shark attack 1 in 11,500,000

8 Being killed by a dog 1 in 17,000,000

9 Being a US citizen victim of a terrorist attack 1 in 20,000,000

10 Dying from a venomous snake bite 1 in 96,000,000

**Next please make a guess on how likely these things are to happen**

EVENT ODDS OF IT HAPPENING

Winning a powerball lottery 1 in 292,000,000 (.0000000003%)

Being hit by lightning TWICE 1 in 9,000,000 (5th above)

Being killed by your furniture 1 in 20,000,000 (tie with terrorism)

Eating a ton of food in a year 99.9% (1996# is the average)

(10# chocolate, 31#cheese)

2 people in this room having the same birthday about 75%

(24 =50%; 75=99.9%)

**Now please make a guess on how likely these things are:**

EVENT ODDS OF IT HAPPENING

Going into poverty in old age  ***65+ = 10.5%; 85+ = 15%***

Getting cancer & surviving cancer – men ***get: 42%; survive: 77.4%***

Getting cancer & surviving cancer – women ***get: 37.6%; survive: 81%***

Dying from a medical error ***21 in 140, or 1.5%***

Having Alzheimer’s – ages 65 and older ***1 in 20; 5%***

Having Alzheimer’s – ages 85 and older ***1 in 2; 50%***



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