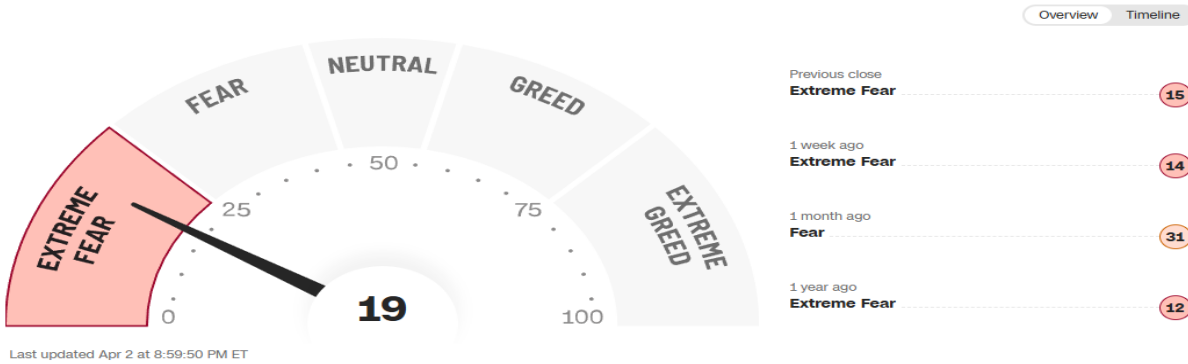


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DEADLINE ARRIVED, BUT LITTLE WAS SOLVED

Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?
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The market is sitting in Extreme Fear at a reading of 19 on the Fear and Greed Index and for once the fear makes sense.

Symbol	Change %	Perf % 1W	Perf % 1M
500 SPX S&P 500	+0.11%	+0.41%	-3.20%
IXIC US Composite Index	+0.18%	+0.86%	-1.85%
30 DJI Dow Jones Industrial Averag...	-0.13%	+0.35%	-4.10%
VIX CBOE Volatility Index ^D	-2.73%	-9.89%	-2.85%
TSX S&P/TSX Composite index ^D	+0.46%	+2.95%	-3.04%
100 UKX UK 100 INDEX	+0.69%	+3.26%	-3.19%
DAX DAX Index ^D	-0.56%	+1.88%	-4.29%
40 PX1 CAC 40 Index ^D	-0.24%	+2.14%	-3.98%

Two separate shocks arrived on the same day, April 3, and the combination has been very difficult for investors to absorb. The Strait of Hormuz remains closed to most commercial shipping, pushing WTI crude toward \$111 per barrel. On that same day, the Trump administration announced sweeping tariffs on virtually every US trading partner, raising the risk of a recession serious enough to

offset the oil supply shock from the Hormuz blockade. However, the global indexed showed mixed signals on that day. Both pressures are still active heading into April 6 and neither has been resolved.

The April 6 deadline is the most important date on every investor's calendar right now. Trump has given Iran until 8 PM Eastern Time on Monday to reopen the Strait or face strikes on Iranian energy facilities. Iran has rejected the US 15-point proposal and countered with its own demand, international recognition of Iranian sovereignty over the Strait, which is essentially a non-starter for Washington. Trump's position is equally firm, insisting the Strait must reopen before any ceasefire can be discussed. Four intermediaries are still active, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Turkey, but direct talks have not started. The chance of a negotiated deal by the deadline remains at 60 percent and nothing in the past 48 hours has changed that picture.

Investors should watch one simple thing through the weekend. Count how many large tankers of 200,000 tons or above pass through the Hormuz Strait each day. If that number starts rising, even slightly, the market will read it as de-escalation and a sharp rebound is likely. If the Strait is still fully blocked when markets open on Monday, oil will push higher and the three major indexes will face another test of the 250-day moving average, which is currently the key line between a normal correction and something more damaging.

While all of this plays out in the Persian Gulf, the Artemis II mission is quietly on track. The four-member crew completed their translunar injection burn on April 2, locking in their path around the Moon. The lunar flyby is scheduled for April 6, the same day as the Hormuz deadline. It is a coincidence that sums up the two timelines investors need to manage at once. One is measured in hours. The other is measured in decades. Artemis does not get cancelled by tariffs or wars. Space economy stocks such as Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Rocket Lab, and ETFs like UFO and ARKX remain solid long-term positions regardless of what happens on Monday evening.

The same thinking applies to quantum computing. Google shortened its internal security migration timeline to 2029 in late March, confirming that Q-Day is no longer a distant concern. It is a present investment question. IonQ posted 2025 revenue growth of 202 percent and is guiding for up to \$245 million in 2026. Rigetti is deploying a 108-qubit system this year with nearly \$590 million in cash available. The current market pullback is bringing entry prices down on stocks that have real long-term demand, completely independent of what happens in the Middle East.

The message for retail investors is simple. Fear at 19 has historically been one of the best times to buy for a 12-month horizon. The Hormuz deadline creates short-term volatility, not long-term damage. Keep watching the tanker count, keep watching the 250-day moving average, and do not abandon positions built when the index was at 15. The golden pit of 2026 may already be taking shape beneath all the noise.



The S&P 500 rebounded just above the 10% correction level.



NASDAQ index show resilience with closing above SMA-250 and test resistance.

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