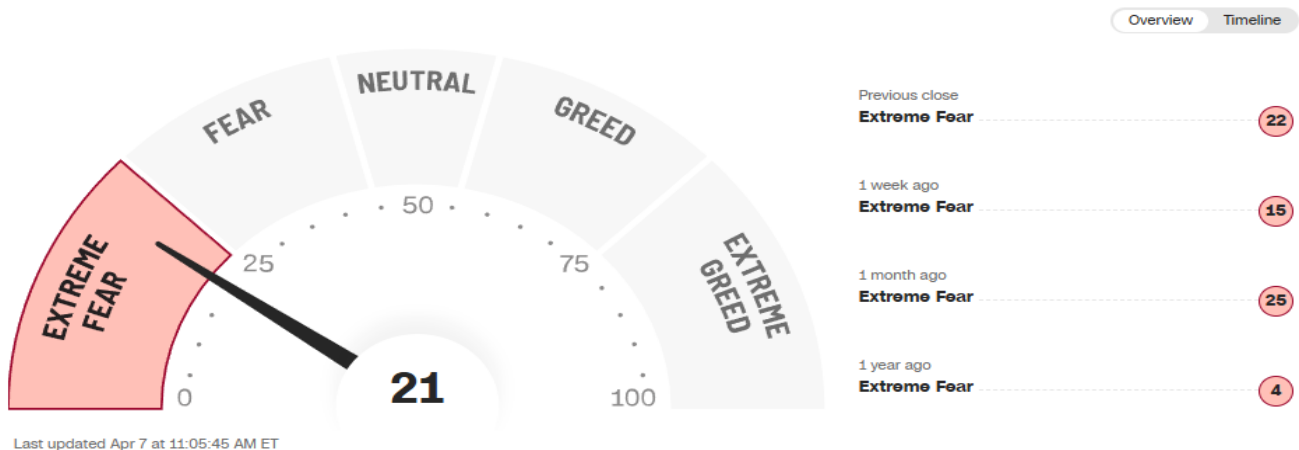


Kharg Island of Iran sits on the Doroud oil and gas field, which holds an estimated 7.6 billion barrels of oil.

## Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?  
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## NEWS (North, East, West and South)

Russia negotiating oil supplies to alternative consumers. Dmitry Peskov said there is a huge number of requests to purchase Russia's energy resources.

South Korea envoy to visit Kazakhstan, Oman, Saudi Arabia to secure oil supplies. South Korea is also working with international partners to ensure the safe passage of 26 South Korean-flagged vessels currently waiting inside the Strait of Hormuz, the envoy said.

The energy shock unleashed by the Iran war is worse than all other oil crises combined, the head of the International Energy Agency (IEA) has warned. Fatih Birol said the current oil and gas supply squeeze caused by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz was “more serious than the ones in 1973, 1979 and 2002 together”.

Injured US airman in Iran used Boeing device to signal rescuers. The devices, which resemble a walkie talkie, can continuously send encrypted coordinates to rescuers via military satellites and can function as a radio when rescuers come within range.



Crude and the S&P 500 move inversely in this cycle, except for April 2nd, where both rose together, a sign of stocks' resilience.

World ObservationAnother deadline,  
or bear more cost

With US President Donald Trump, it often feels like another day, another deadline. It is no wonder, because his decisions are the hardest that influence a great number of people.

President Trump revealed earlier that the lost airman was found with the Boeing's walkie talkie; but Russian Think Tank estimated the total operational cost was US\$500,000,000. Is the life of a single man worth half a billion Dollars? Or public image is above all? Or it is calculated move to raise fighting spirit before the final blow?

It is all of the above. Both sides not only need to take measures before acting, but must act with the courage of the people behind them, so that both sides can win, and no side is seen to lose. Investors just hope the conflict will end soon. At the meantime, not only stay up to date, but update by the hour and by the minute.

The author always returns to the economic side of the question. As a financial writer and asset manager, the priority is positioning ahead of the move. Large capital requires time to be placed. The higher the liquidity involved, the longer the runway needed before action.

That is the context for what we are seeing now. Funds are shuttling capital up and down, oscillating around a mean that is slowly revealing itself as a reasonable entry level for those with patience. Do not be distracted by the outcome of the conflict. We have no practical influence over it. What we can control is our response to the market, with accurate and deliberate positioning.

The S&P 500 is unusually sensitive to WTI in this cycle, while gold and equities move in the same direction, both running inverse to crude. The heightened volatility on Tuesday reflected funds adjusting rapidly to an anticipated shift in policy, or the absence of one. That is the definition of disagreement about asset value. Today that disagreement can be observed across every asset class, from stocks to commodities to metals to foreign exchange.

If you entered when the CNN Fear and Greed Index touched 15, hold your position. If you missed that entry, the S&P pullback to the 250-SMA offers another clean opportunity, provided no new deadline resets the clock.

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