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"Survivalism" to me covers many different related and unrelated groups of

people.

A. Monetary disaster type - people that have read lots of Gary North,

Ludvig Von Mises, Franz Pick, Ayn Rand and understand how evil the Federal

Reserve system is. Current hero Ron Paul. Newsletter any of several hard asset

gold and silver boulion coin oriented investments. Preparing for paper money to

become worthless, have a good burglar alarm system, enough food and supplies to

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last the couple months or perhaps a year until a new monetary system (formal or

informal) is re-established.

B. Natural disaster type, brief - people that live in a tornado, hurricane,

earthquake, heavy snow fall area and like the idea of not dying or continuing

present life style. Heavy investment in tools for rebuilding or temporary

shelter, perhaps have a below ground hiwind shelter, food, water, medicine, etc

enough to get buy till contact with the rest of the world resumes.

C. Natural disaster type, longterm - people that are concerned

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with long

term weather cycles in terms of the 2-10 year unusually cold or warm periods

that have happened on and off over the last thousand years. Might stock

several tons of food per family member and have a heavy duty greenhouse with

packed in nitrogen non-hybrid seeds.

D. Medical emergency type - takes paramedic courses. Has very complete

medical pack in house and car, donates blood, active in Red Cross, has taken

CPR, Multi-Media course, vital signs, stocks medicines, etc.

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E. General social decline type - concerned about growing cultural immorality - very into anti-crime measures, both passive (alarms) and active (neighborhood watch). Probably involved in MADD, Rape prevention groups, Project IDENT, etc.

F. Political decline type - concerned about the slow destruction of the constitution and the bill of rights. Involved in CCRKBA, CATO, CRC and other groups that advocate personal freedoms.

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G. Nuclear war preparedness - is aware that if you avoid the heavy blast

region of a nuclear bomb (1-6 miles depending on type and whethered sheltered

or not, or even ground zero if in elaborate shelter) and keep away from the

fallout which reduces in activity by 90% in 7 hours, by 99% in 2 days, by 99.9%

in 2 weeks, by 99.99% in 14 weeks and decays even faster after 14 weeks, that

there is no reason to allow yourself to be killed. Many survivalist prepare

for nuclear war as an exercise in that if you are prepared for nuke war, your

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are prepared for all of the above.

H. Religious type - Christ is going to return VERY soon, the final battle

with the devil will occur in their lifetime, the rapture is eminent. Very wide

range of beliefs and attitudes in this group. Pacifist to armed-camp, no food

(leave that to God) to decades for food, etc.

I. Wacko nuts - very small percentage of the survivalist movement, though

they get 99% of all the mass media publicity. Morally the equivalent of

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canibals. Few in this group would survive anything long term. Lots of guns,

not enough medical supplies or food. These types are despised by main stream

survivalists due to 1. their lack of morals which are the source of man-made

disasters 2. they get all of the free publicity which the main stream people

wish that they could get 3. they fear them for the same reason that everybody

else should fear them. Many of the Wacko Nuts types are rejects from the

Religious types since the ability to put trust in faith rather than logic and

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rationality are essential to both. Both groups usually follow one very

charismatic leader typically.

My impression is that the vast majority are interested in the economic,

short term natural disaster and nuclear aspects. This is based on 6 years of

reading, 5 years of being active in the movement by joining the world's oldest

and largest survivalist organization, attending survivalist meetings in

Missouri, Indiana, Alabama, and North Carolina, reading all of the posts in the

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National SURVIVE! Echonet BBS link, running a survivalist BBS since 1986, and

being a survival lecturer.

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