

Global Events Negatively Impacting Outlook for 42% of Investors

This week's **Sentiment Survey** special question asked AAI members what impact geopolitical and international events are having on their outlook for stocks. Slightly more than two of out five respondents (42%) describe these events as having a negative impact. Many specifically point to the threat of a trade war and/or the uncertainty over the president's policies. Nearly 29% say international and geopolitical events are not impacting their outlook, while 9% describe the events as having a short-term but not a lasting impact. About 7% describe geopolitical/international events as providing buying opportunities.

Here is a sampling of the responses:

- "Instability is a scary thing. I hope for the best, but I am starting to prepare for the worst."
- "May be good for energy stocks, but it may lead to more volatility for the rest of stocks. Still, earnings and fundamentals should rule over these events."
- "Somewhat positive as I can invest even more when everyone else is getting scared."
- "Making me more concerned about the economy and the stock market."
- "I try to limit my reactions to geopolitical/international events since they often end up being less important in the long term."

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