

WARTO
ZAPAMIĘTAĆ!shortage
deficyt, brak

You probably wouldn't hear them talking about it in the street, but a growing number of people are calling themselves 'preppers'. These people believe a major cataclysmic event is likely to happen in the near future, and they want to be ready for it. This means they're stockpiling resources and learning survival techniques; most have even made detailed plans of escape for when 'the event' happens.

Why Haven't I Heard of Them Before?

There are a number of reasons preppers don't go around advertising themselves. The thought of mass extinction is so farfetched for the majority of society, that preppers fear they would be subject to ridicule if they tried to warn others – the crazy guy often depicted in movies, standing in the street, shouting at passersby, and holding a sign saying 'the end is nigh' is not the look preppers are going for! Add to that the belief that personal resources must be safeguarded in secrecy – imagine you're the only one in your neighbourhood who has food during a global shortage...would you want every hungry neighbour to know about it? Then there's the fact that some preppers really do hold extreme fringe views on what the rest of society consider as nothing more than

conspiracy theories – everyday preppers don't want to be tarred with the same brush as these extremists.

What Makes Someone a Prepper?

There are certain levels to preparedness. Do you have a few tins of food in the cupboard 'just in case'? Or a carton of long-life milk hidden away somewhere in case you run out of fresh milk but want a white coffee? If you do, it doesn't make you a prepper, but the principle

mass extinction | masowa

zagłada

farfetched | zbyt daleko idący,

naciągany

majority of sth | większość

czegoś

subject to sth | narażony na coś

ridicule | pośmiewisko

to warn sb | ostrzegać, ostrzec

kogoś

depicted | przedstawiany

passerby | przechodzień

the end is nigh | koniec jest

bliski

to go for sth | tu: lubić coś;

próbować coś zdobyć

safeguarded | zabezpieczony,

o/chroniony

neighbourhood | sąsiedztwo

shortage | deficyt, brak

fringe | skrajny, poza głównym

nurtem

view on sth | pogląd na coś

to consider sth as sth | uważać

coś za coś

2 to tar sb with the same brush

as sb | szufladkować kogoś jako

kogoś

preparedness | przygotowanie,

gotowość

a few | kilka

just in case | na wszelki

wypadek

hidden away | ukryty

to run out of sth | skończyć się

(o czymś)

principle | zasada

1 to be likely | być

prawdopodobnym

to stockpile sth | robić zapasy

czegoś, gromadzić coś

to advertise oneself |

promować się, reklamować się,

anonsować się