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PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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Let Δ be a real number such that:

For arbitrary set $A = \{a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1, a_3, \dots, a_{2009}\}$, with $0 \le a_i \le 1$ there exists its subset A' such that the difference between the arithmetic means of A' and A - A' is not less then Δ .

Find the maximal possible value of Δ .