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Week of February 1–7, 2026

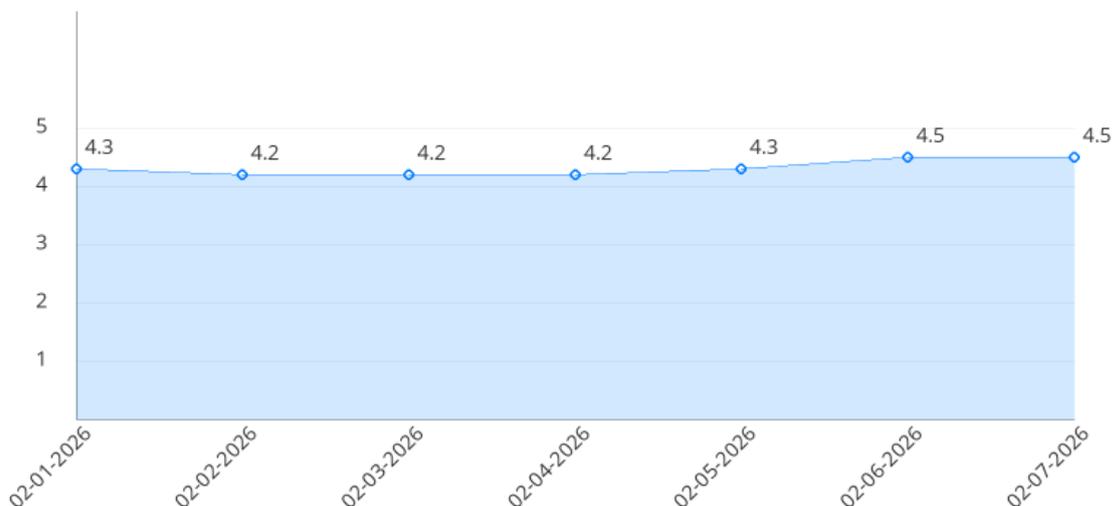
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Nuclear War

Score Trend (Week of February 1–7, 2026)



This week, the nuclear threat level has been elevated due to the expiration of key US-Russia nuclear arms control treaties, particularly the New START treaty. The lack of new agreements has sparked fears of a renewed arms race, with increased nuclear rhetoric and posturing from major powers such as Russia and potential secret nuclear tests by China. Additionally, there are concerns about nuclear proliferation in the Middle East and North Korea. The situation is exacerbated by advancements in nuclear weapons technology and the potential resumption of US nuclear testing. Overall, the geopolitical landscape is marked by heightened tensions and instability, necessitating urgent diplomatic and strategic actions to prevent escalation.



Nuclear War

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Urgently convene a summit with Russia and China to discuss the renewal or replacement of expiring nuclear arms control treaties.
- **[NGO]** Launch a global awareness campaign to educate the public on the importance of nuclear arms control and the risks of proliferation.
- **[Industry]** Invest in technologies that enhance nuclear verification and monitoring capabilities to support compliance with non-proliferation agreements.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate multilateral discussions to establish new frameworks for nuclear arms control and risk reduction.
- **[Military]** Enhance crisis communication protocols among nuclear-armed states to reduce the risk of accidental escalation.



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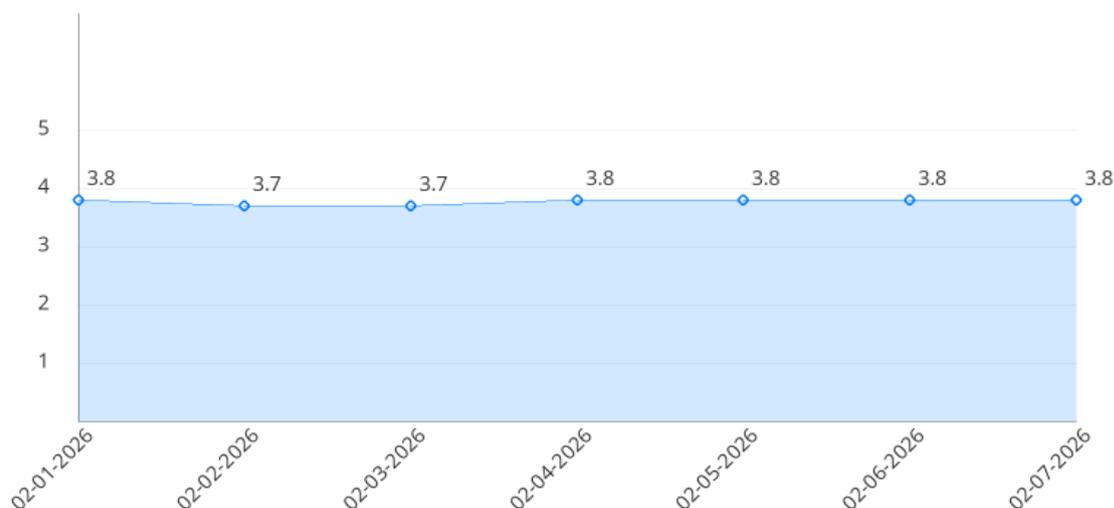
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Artificial Intelligence

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This week, the risk level associated with artificial intelligence remains moderate, primarily due to continuous advancements in AI capabilities and their integration across various sectors. Concerns have been raised about alignment, control, and the concentration of power, particularly through corporate mergers and partnerships. The establishment of global panels for AI governance indicates a growing recognition of the need for regulation, although potential misuse remains a significant concern. The integration of AI into critical sectors, including military applications, further exacerbates these risks. Overall, while there are efforts towards regulation and governance, the rapid pace of AI development continues to pose challenges in ensuring safety and alignment.



Artificial Intelligence

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement comprehensive AI regulations to ensure ethical use and prevent misuse, focusing on alignment and safety.
- **[Industry]** Develop and adhere to strict AI alignment protocols to maintain control over advanced AI systems and prevent unintended consequences.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research on AI safety and alignment to address potential existential risks and inform policy-making.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for transparency and accountability in AI development and deployment to prevent power concentration and ensure equitable benefits.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation to establish unified standards and practices for AI governance and safety.



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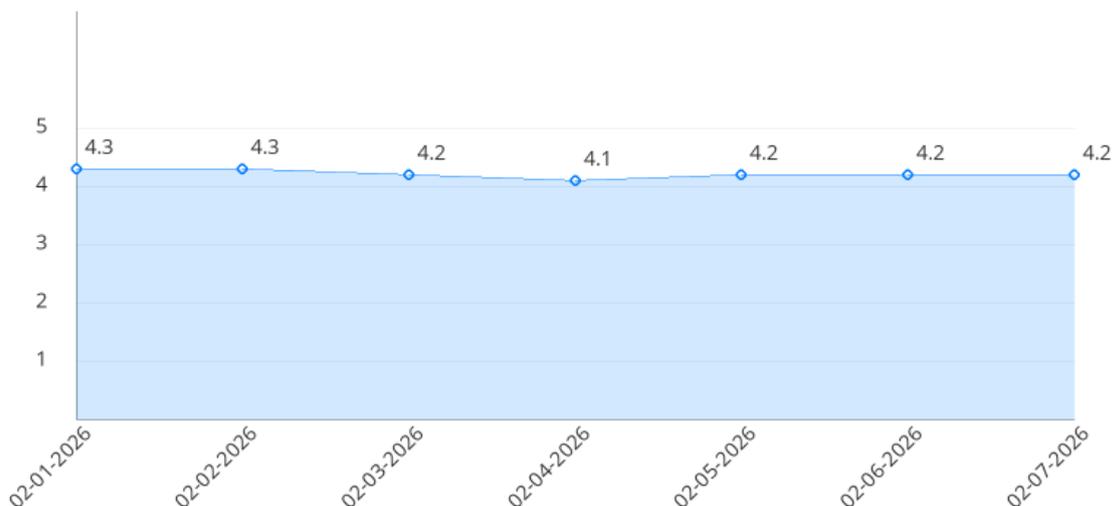
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Climate Change

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This week, the climate risk remains high due to a combination of intensifying extreme weather events, policy challenges, and the accelerating impacts of climate change on ecosystems and socio-economic systems. The critical endangerment of species and disrupted ecosystems are notable concerns, alongside the economic impacts and inadequate policy responses. There is a consistent pattern of insufficient insurance coverage in vulnerable regions, highlighting systemic challenges in addressing climate change impacts. Global climate policy and adaptation efforts are facing significant hurdles, necessitating enhanced cooperation and action to mitigate these risks.



Climate Change

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement and enforce stricter climate policies to reduce emissions and enhance resilience against extreme weather events.
- **[NGO]** Increase public awareness and education campaigns about the impacts of climate change and the importance of sustainable practices.
- **[Industry]** Invest in climate-resilient infrastructure and technologies to adapt to changing environmental conditions.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation and support for climate adaptation and mitigation efforts, especially in vulnerable regions.
- **[Insurance Industry]** Develop affordable and accessible insurance products tailored to regions most affected by climate change.



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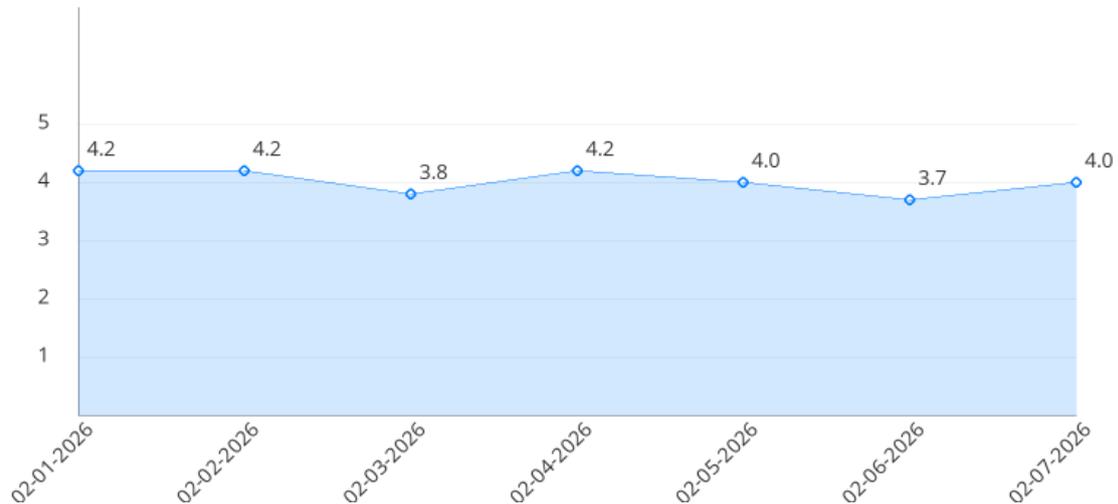
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Pandemics



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This week, the pandemic risk remains high, driven by increasing cases of flu, RSV, and measles, alongside ongoing avian flu outbreaks. Vaccine hesitancy and misinformation continue to pose significant challenges, impacting vaccination rates and public health efforts. The risk level fluctuated between moderate and high, reflecting the dynamic nature of infectious disease spread and public health responses. There is a persistent need for improved vaccine uptake and public education to combat misinformation and enhance community trust in vaccines. Additionally, emerging infectious diseases like the Nipah virus are contributing to the overall pandemic risk landscape.



Pandemics

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase funding and resources for vaccination campaigns targeting flu, measles, and RSV, especially in regions with low uptake.
- **[Public Health Organizations]** Enhance surveillance and rapid response capabilities for emerging infectious diseases, including avian flu and Nipah virus.
- **[NGO]** Develop and implement targeted communication strategies to counter misinformation and increase public trust in vaccines.
- **[Healthcare Providers]** Educate patients on the importance of timely vaccinations and address vaccine hesitancy through personalized consultations.
- **[International Bodies]** Strengthen cross-border collaboration and data sharing to monitor and respond effectively to emerging infectious diseases.



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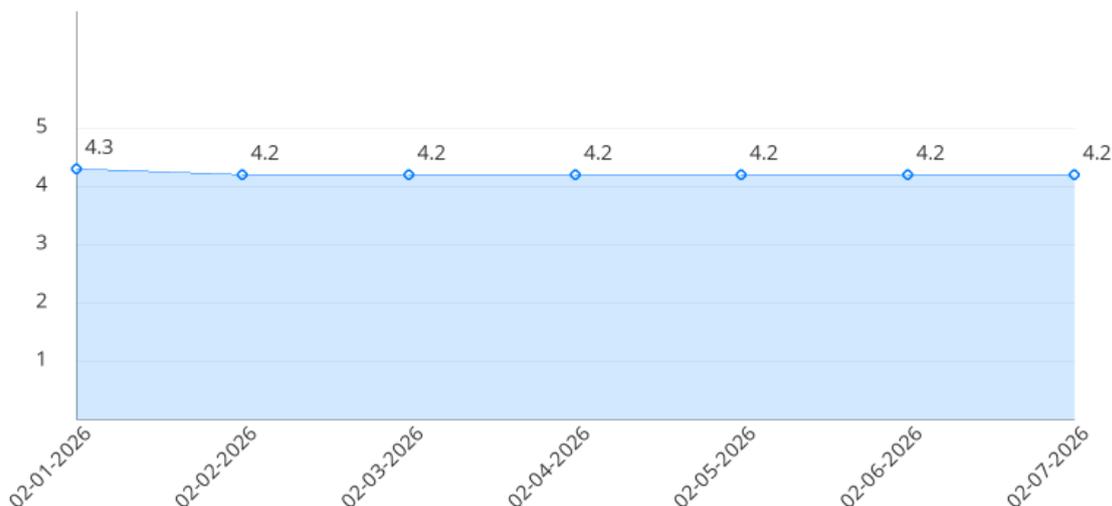
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Information Integrity

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This week, the global misinformation risk remains high, primarily driven by AI-generated content, deepfakes, and politically charged disinformation campaigns. The consistent threat level underscores the challenge of distinguishing between genuine and fabricated media, particularly as AI technologies become more sophisticated.

Disinformation efforts are notably targeting geopolitical events and high-profile figures, exacerbating the spread of manipulated narratives. The persistence of these threats highlights the need for enhanced detection mechanisms and public education to mitigate the impact of false information. Overall, the situation calls for coordinated efforts across sectors to address the growing complexity of misinformation dynamics.



Information Integrity

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and penalties for the creation and distribution of AI-generated disinformation.
- **[Industry]** Develop and deploy advanced AI detection tools to identify and label deepfake content on their platforms.
- **[NGO]** Increase efforts in public education campaigns to raise awareness about the existence and risks of deepfakes and misinformation.
- **[Education]** Collaborate with educational institutions to integrate media literacy programs that focus on identifying misinformation.
- **[International]** Collaborate internationally to develop strategies for countering geopolitical disinformation campaigns.



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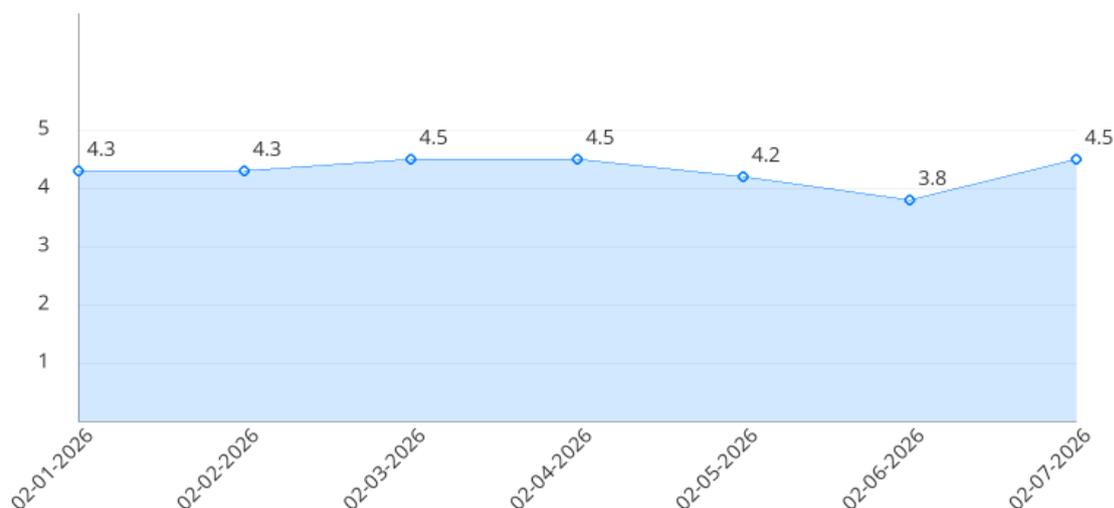
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Unknown / Black Swan

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This week, the main trend in existential risks is the potential for a catastrophic event that could cause all of Earth's satellites to crash within days, posing a significant Black Swan risk. This scenario, which has been consistently highlighted, underscores the potential for unprecedented global disruption, particularly affecting communications and navigation systems. The repeated emphasis on this risk highlights the urgent need for contingency planning and resilience-building in satellite infrastructure. Additionally, the Black Swan Summit in India has brought attention to the unpredictable impacts of AI and FinTech on global economies, suggesting potential existential threats to traditional industries. Overall, the focus is on understanding and mitigating these unpredictable, high-impact risks to safeguard critical global systems.



Unknown / Black Swan

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Develop and implement comprehensive contingency plans for satellite failure scenarios to ensure continuity of critical services.
- **[Industry]** Invest in alternative communication and navigation technologies to reduce reliance on satellite infrastructure.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct research into the causes and prevention of catastrophic satellite failures to enhance resilience.
- **[International Organizations]** Foster global collaboration to share satellite data and resources in the event of widespread satellite outages.
- **[Public Awareness Groups]** Educate the public on the potential impacts of satellite failures and promote preparedness measures.



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Week in Review: February 1–7, 2026



This week, existential risk trends across various domains reflect a complex interplay of technological, geopolitical, and environmental factors. In the nuclear domain, the expiration of key arms control treaties has heightened tensions, with concerns about a potential arms race and nuclear proliferation. Artificial intelligence risks remain moderate, with ongoing advancements and integration into critical sectors prompting calls for improved governance and regulation. Climate change risks are high, driven by extreme weather events and inadequate policy responses, while pandemic risks fluctuate due to rising infectious disease cases and vaccine hesitancy. Information integrity challenges persist, exacerbated by sophisticated AI-generated content and disinformation campaigns. Finally, the potential for a catastrophic satellite failure scenario underscores the unpredictable nature of Black Swan risks, emphasizing the need for resilience and contingency planning across global systems.



Closing Notes

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