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Week of May 24–30, 2026

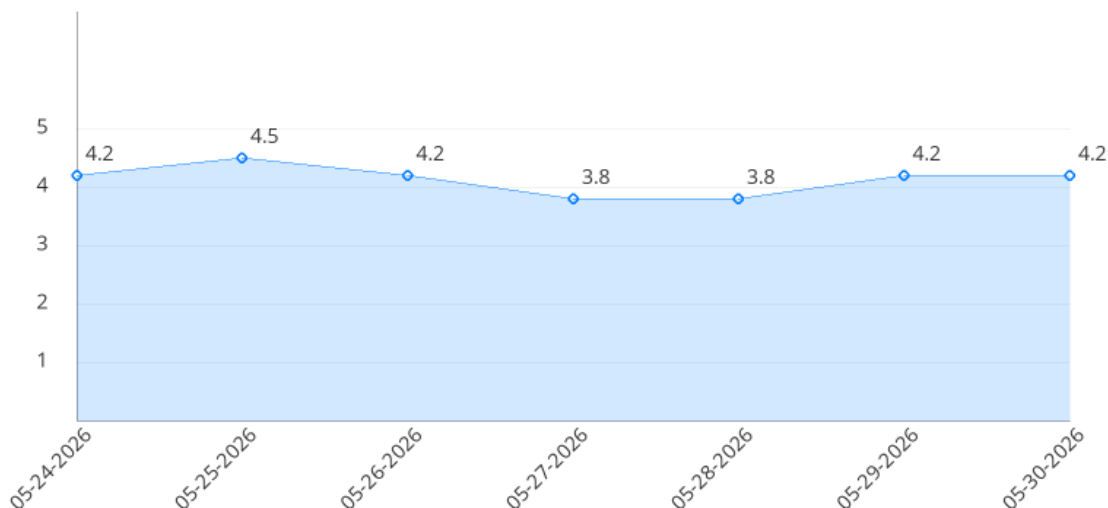
Pantrisk monitors humanity's most serious existential threats using curated news sources and AI-assisted analysis. Each day, our models evaluate key global developments, generate risk-level assessments, and propose actionable interventions. This weekly report summarizes the trends, risk shifts, and notable insights from May 24–30, 2026 across all tracked categories.

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Nuclear War

Score Trend (Week of May 24–30, 2026)



This week, the global nuclear threat level has been significantly elevated due to a series of developments. Russian nuclear weapon deployments to Belarus and extensive nuclear drills near NATO borders have increased tensions in Europe. The breakdown of nuclear nonproliferation talks and the failure of the NPT review conference to reach consensus have further exacerbated the situation. Additionally, expanding nuclear arsenals and geopolitical tensions involving countries like Iran, North Korea, and major powers such as the US, Russia, and China have contributed to the heightened risk. The ongoing geopolitical shifts and stalled arms control efforts underscore the urgent need for renewed diplomatic engagement and effective communication channels to mitigate the threat of nuclear conflict.



Nuclear War

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Re-engage in diplomatic efforts to renew and strengthen arms control treaties, focusing on transparency and verification mechanisms.
- **[UN]** Convene an emergency session of the UN Security Council to address the deployment of nuclear weapons to Belarus and seek de-escalation measures.
- **[NATO]** Enhance surveillance and intelligence-sharing among member states to monitor nuclear movements and prevent potential escalations.
- **[NGO]** Launch awareness campaigns to inform the public and policymakers about the heightened nuclear risks and advocate for disarmament initiatives.
- **[Industry]** Invest in technologies that improve nuclear detection and monitoring to provide early warning and verification capabilities.



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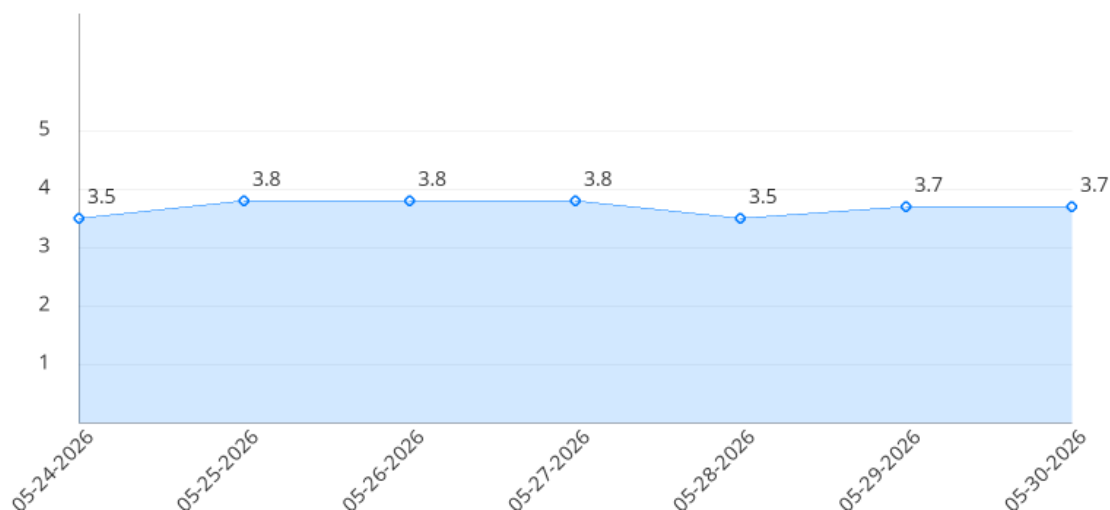
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Artificial Intelligence

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This week, the AI risk level remained moderate, with a consistent score between 3.5 and 3.8. Key concerns included the potential misuse of AI, particularly in autonomous systems, and the ethical implications of its integration into critical sectors. There was also significant attention on the challenges of regulating rapidly advancing AI technologies and ensuring their alignment with human values. Global leaders highlighted these issues, emphasizing the need for comprehensive safety and security measures. Additionally, there was a focus on the impact of AI on employment and security, as well as the importance of developing robust governance frameworks to manage these risks.



Artificial Intelligence

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement comprehensive AI regulations that address potential misuse and ensure systems align with ethical standards.
- **[Industry]** Increase transparency and accountability in AI development, including regular audits and public reporting on AI systems' impacts.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for ethical AI practices and support initiatives that promote AI safety and security.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research on AI alignment and safety to inform policy and industry practices.
- **[International Bodies]** Facilitate global cooperation on AI governance to address cross-border challenges and ensure equitable AI deployment.



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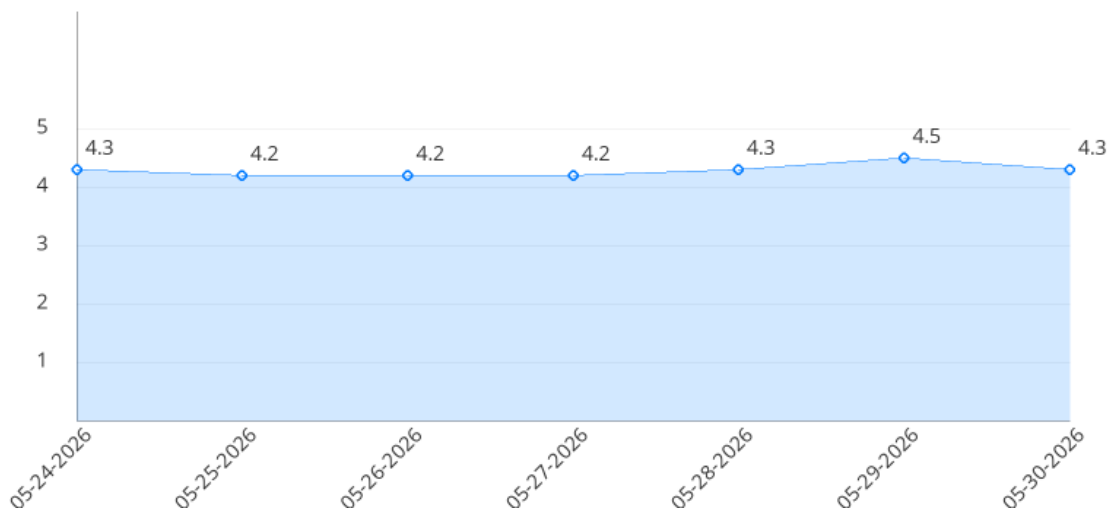
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Climate Change

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This week, climate change risks have been consistently high, driven by several factors. The potential for a strong El Niño is contributing to the likelihood of extreme weather events, including increased hurricane and typhoon activity. There are significant ecological threats, such as global lake anoxia and threats to rice crops, which could lead to the destruction of thousands of plant species by the end of the century. Additionally, the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria and record-breaking heat projections are exacerbating the situation. Policy challenges and skepticism about effective climate action further complicate efforts to address these risks.



Climate Change

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter emissions regulations to mitigate the impact of El Niño and reduce the frequency of extreme weather events.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for and support climate adaptation projects in regions vulnerable to extreme weather and ecological threats.
- **[Industry]** Innovate and adopt sustainable farming practices to protect crops like rice from climate impacts and reduce emissions.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct studies on the impact of climate change on biodiversity and agriculture to inform policy and conservation efforts.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation to enhance climate resilience and adaptation strategies, focusing on vulnerable regions.



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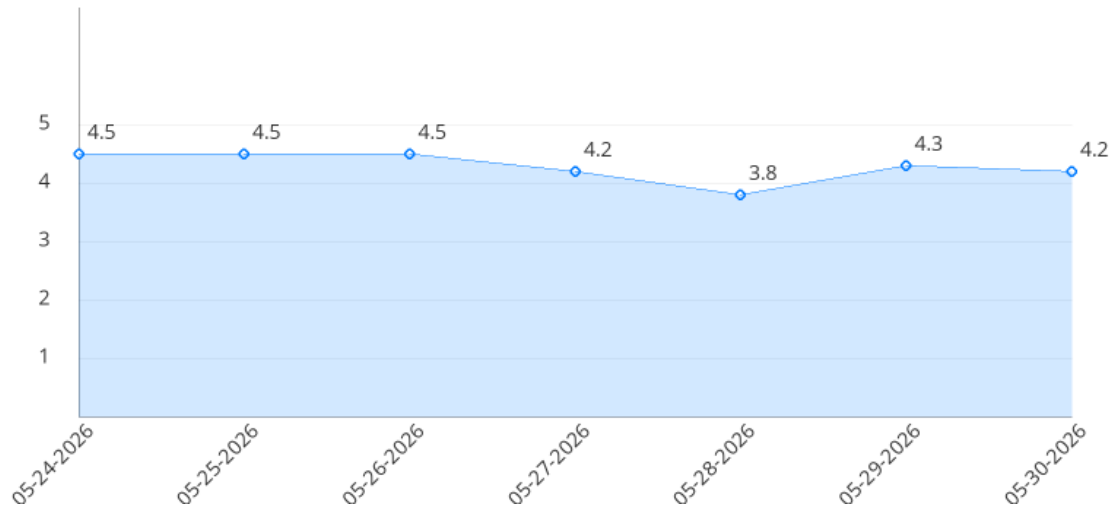
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Pandemics



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This week, the pandemic risk remains high primarily due to the escalating Ebola outbreak in Central Africa, particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. The rapid spread of Ebola is outpacing containment efforts, raising significant global health concerns. Additionally, ongoing challenges with COVID-19, avian flu, and widespread misinformation are contributing to the heightened risk. Despite some improvement in containment measures, the situation is compounded by resource constraints and vaccine hesitancy. The pandemic risk score fluctuated slightly but remained high, indicating a persistent threat from these infectious diseases.



Pandemics

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase international coordination and resource allocation to support containment and treatment efforts in affected regions.
- **[Healthcare Organizations]** Provide on-ground support to local healthcare facilities to improve outbreak management and public health education.
- **[Media]** Disseminate accurate information to counter misinformation and raise awareness about the outbreak and preventive measures.
- **[Research Institutions]** Accelerate research and development of vaccines and treatments for Ebola and other emerging infectious diseases.
- **[NGO]** Mobilize resources and personnel to support frontline health workers in affected regions.



Pandemics

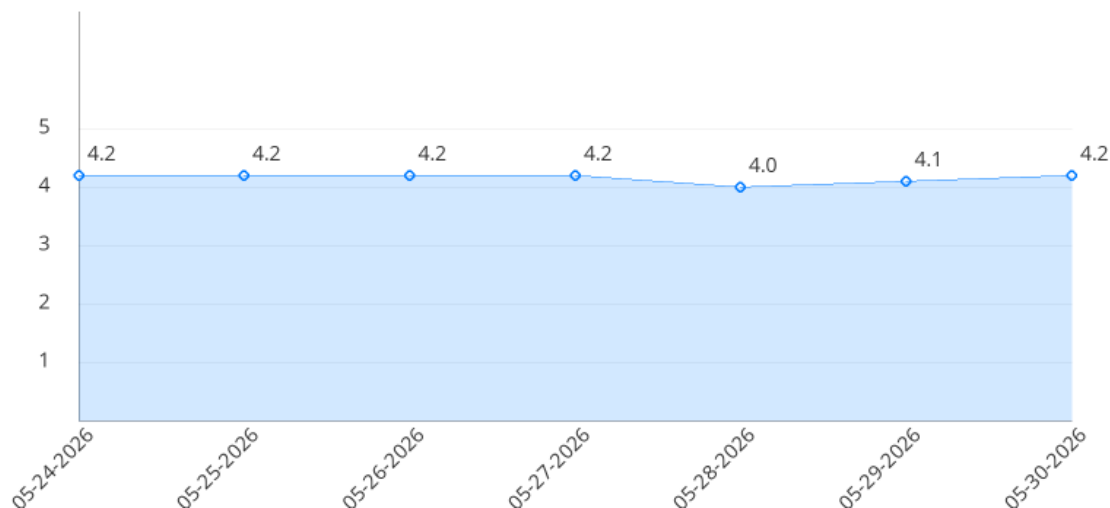
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Information Integrity

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This week, the global threat level from misinformation and disinformation remains high, consistently scoring around 4.2. The primary drivers include political disinformation, health-related falsehoods, and the proliferation of AI-generated content. These factors are exacerbating societal divisions and undermining public trust, particularly during election periods and health crises. Coordinated disinformation campaigns and scams are also contributing to geopolitical instability. Despite ongoing efforts, the persistent nature of these threats highlights the need for enhanced strategies to combat misinformation effectively.



Information Integrity

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and penalties for platforms that fail to curb the spread of misinformation, particularly during critical events like elections.
- **[Industry]** Enhance AI and machine learning algorithms to better detect and flag AI-generated and misleading content across social media platforms.
- **[NGO]** Launch public awareness campaigns to educate citizens on identifying and avoiding misinformation, with a focus on political and health-related falsehoods.
- **[Education]** Integrate media literacy programs into curricula to equip students with skills to critically evaluate information sources.
- **[International Organizations]** Foster cross-border collaborations to tackle disinformation campaigns that have global impacts, ensuring coordinated responses to misinformation threats.



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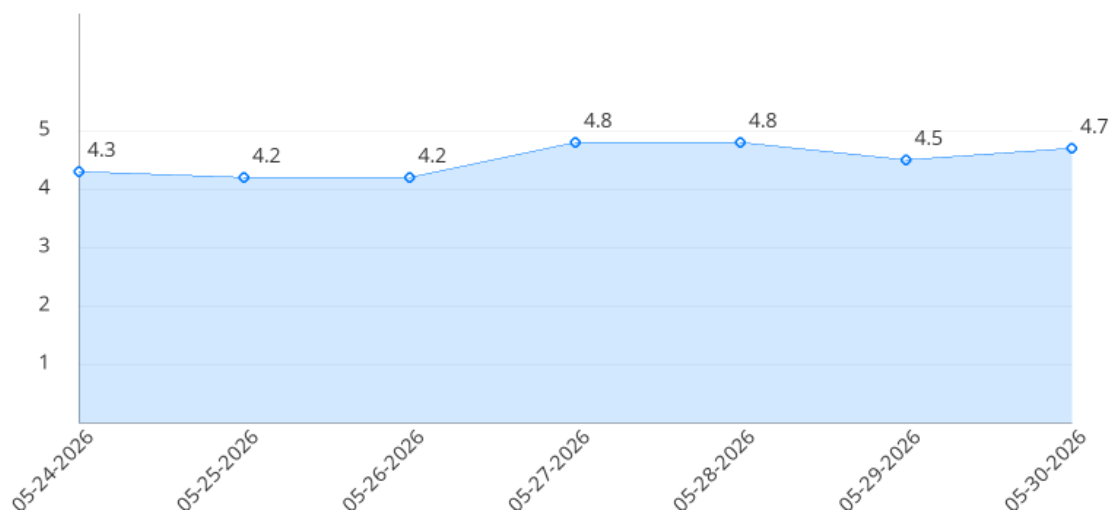
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Unknown / Black Swan

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This week, the primary focus has been on the escalating risk of a 'Black Swan' event stemming from threats to cut submarine internet cables in strategic maritime chokepoints. Such actions could severely disrupt global financial systems and communication networks, potentially leading to a financial crisis. The situation is compounded by heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, particularly involving Iran, which could further exacerbate the risk of regional conflict and global instability. The potential for unforeseen geological events, such as the recent eruption in the Bismarck Sea, adds another layer of complexity to the global risk landscape. Overall, the convergence of these threats underscores the need for robust contingency planning and international cooperation to mitigate potential impacts.



Unknown / Black Swan

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Enhance diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions in the Middle East and secure agreements to protect submarine internet cables.
- **[Industry]** Invest in alternative communication technologies and redundant systems to ensure resilience against potential disruptions.
- **[NGO]** Raise awareness and educate the public about the potential impacts of internet cable disruptions on global economies and daily life.
- **[Intelligence Agencies]** Increase surveillance and intelligence operations to detect and prevent potential threats to critical infrastructure.
- **[Financial Institutions]** Develop and test contingency plans for maintaining operations during potential internet disruptions and market volatility.



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This week, existential risks across various domains have shown notable trends and concerns. In the nuclear domain, tensions have risen due to strategic deployments and stalled nonproliferation talks, emphasizing the need for diplomatic engagement. AI risks remain moderate, with ongoing discussions about ethical use and regulatory challenges. Climate change risks are high, driven by potential extreme weather events and ecological threats, highlighting policy challenges. Pandemic risks are elevated due to the Ebola outbreak in Central Africa and ongoing COVID-19 challenges, compounded by misinformation and resource constraints. Information integrity threats persist, driven by disinformation campaigns that undermine public trust. Finally, the risk of 'Black Swan' events, particularly threats to submarine internet cables, raises concerns about global financial and communication disruptions, underscoring the importance of contingency planning.



Closing Notes

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