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**Week of May 31–6, 2026**

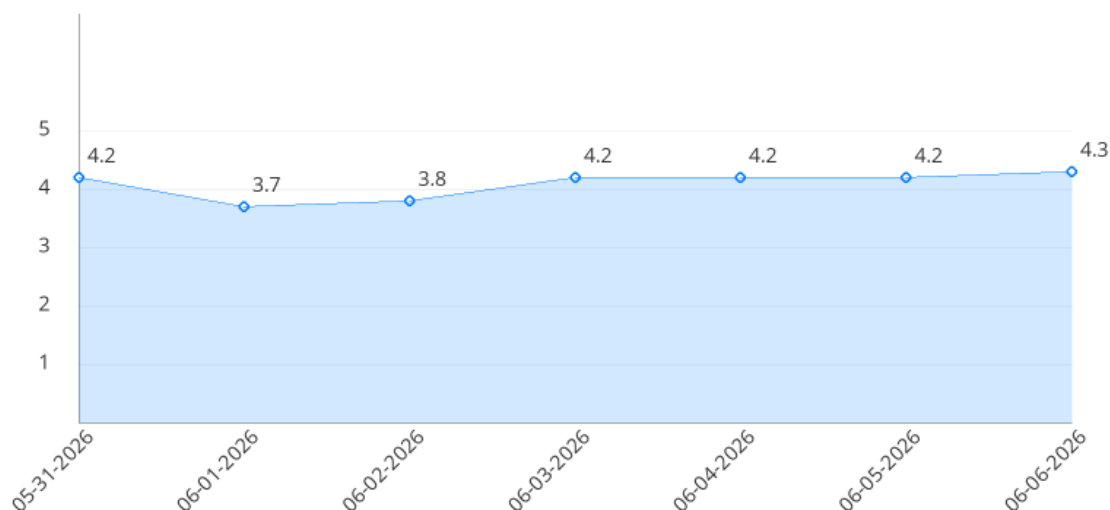
Pantrisk monitors humanity's most serious existential threats using curated news sources and AI-assisted analysis. Each day, our models evaluate key global developments, generate risk-level assessments, and propose actionable interventions. This weekly report summarizes the trends, risk shifts, and notable insights from May 31–6, 2026 across all tracked categories.

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# Nuclear War

## Score Trend (Week of May 31–6, 2026)



This week, the nuclear threat level has remained elevated due to several factors, including the expansion of nuclear arsenals by North Korea, discussions about potential U.S. nuclear weapons deployments in Europe, and ongoing geopolitical tensions involving Iran, China, and Belarus. Despite some diplomatic efforts, such as Iran's claims of renouncing nuclear weapons, the lack of firm guarantees and persistent military tensions have kept the threat level high. The situation is further complicated by North Korea's advancements in nuclear capabilities and the potential for increased nuclear deployments in both Europe and the Pacific. Overall, the geopolitical landscape remains tense, with significant challenges in achieving disarmament and arms control agreements.



# Nuclear War

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Convene emergency diplomatic talks with North Korea to address its nuclear expansion and explore pathways to denuclearization.
- **[NGO]** Launch public awareness campaigns to educate citizens on the risks of nuclear proliferation and the importance of disarmament.
- **[Industry]** Invest in and develop advanced technologies for monitoring and verifying nuclear arsenals to ensure compliance with international treaties.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate dialogue between nuclear-armed states to enhance transparency and reduce the risk of misunderstandings or accidental escalations.
- **[Academia]** Conduct research on effective crisis management protocols to mitigate the risks of accidental or unauthorized use of nuclear weapons.



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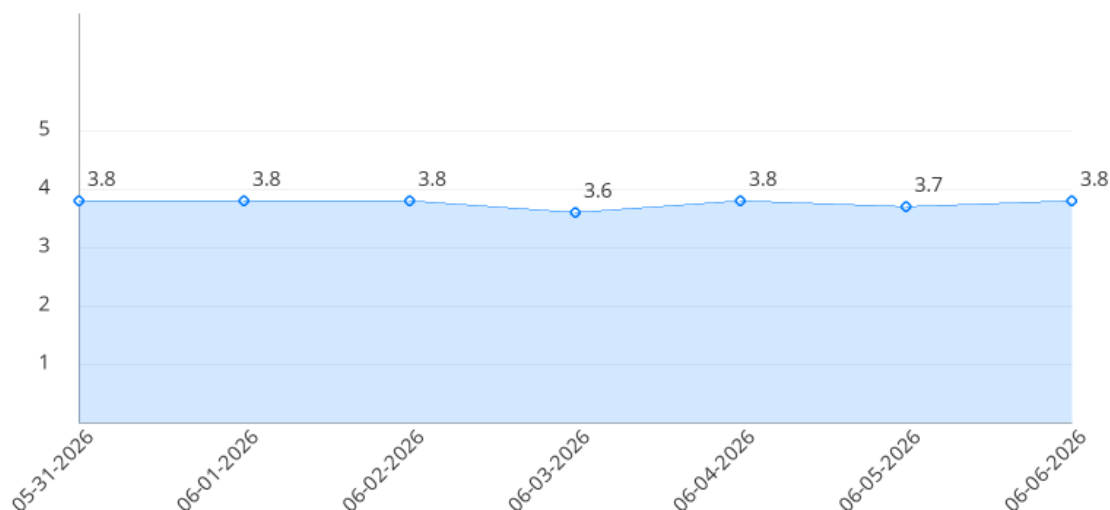
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# Artificial Intelligence

## Score Trend (Week of May 31–6, 2026)



This week, the risk level associated with Artificial Intelligence remains moderate, with a consistent score around 3.8. The primary concerns are centered around the rapid deployment of AI across various critical sectors, including military and financial domains, which raises issues related to governance and potential misuse. There is an ongoing development of governance frameworks, but the integration of AI into these sectors is outpacing the establishment of comprehensive safety and ethical guidelines. The focus is on addressing alignment with human values, ethical deployment, and ensuring that AI systems are transparent and accountable. The need for international cooperation and robust regulatory measures is emphasized to manage the global risks effectively.



# Artificial Intelligence

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Develop and enforce comprehensive AI governance frameworks to ensure ethical deployment and prevent misuse across critical sectors.
- **[Industry]** Implement robust ethical guidelines and safety protocols for AI development and deployment, focusing on transparency and accountability.
- **[Military]** Establish strict oversight and ethical guidelines for AI applications to prevent misuse and ensure alignment with international safety standards.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research on AI alignment and safety to inform policy-making and address potential long-term existential risks.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation and treaties on AI governance to manage cross-border risks and promote collaborative safety standards.



# Artificial Intelligence

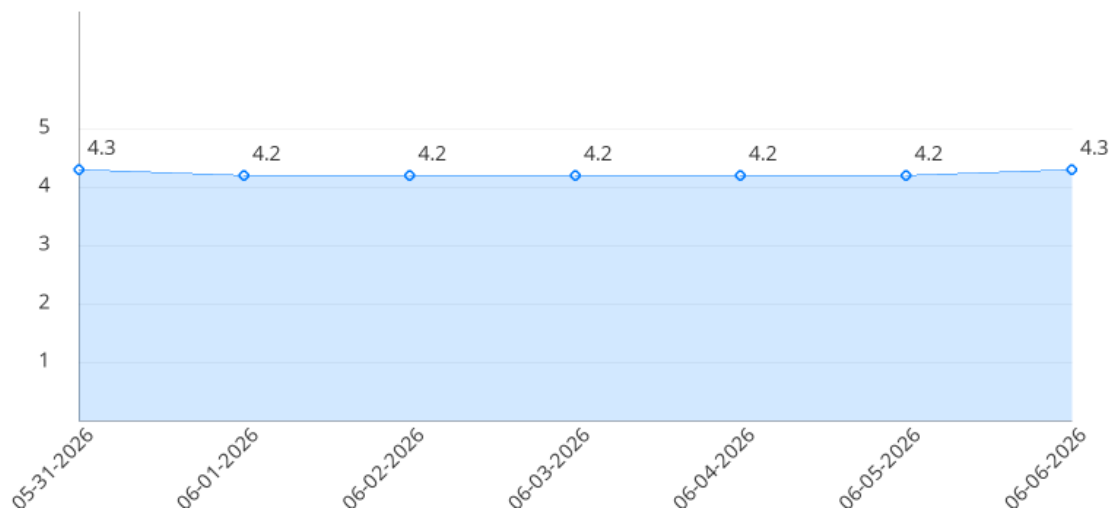
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# Climate Change

## Score Trend (Week of May 31–6, 2026)



This week, the climate risk level remains high, primarily due to the exacerbating effects of a strong El Niño event, which is intensifying extreme weather patterns globally. These conditions are compounded by policy setbacks and increasing ecological and health impacts. Rising sea levels, methane emissions, and the degradation of critical ecosystems such as mangroves and kelp forests are contributing to the heightened risk. The threat to food security and global stability is significant, as the combined effects of climate change and El Niño continue to challenge existing adaptation and mitigation efforts.



# Climate Change

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement and enforce stricter emissions regulations, particularly targeting methane, to mitigate climate change impacts.
- **[NGO]** Increase public awareness campaigns on the impacts of El Niño and climate change on food security and ecosystems to foster community resilience.
- **[Industry]** Invest in sustainable practices and technologies to reduce carbon footprints and adapt to changing climate conditions.
- **[Research Institutions]** Develop and disseminate advanced climate models to better predict and mitigate the impacts of combined El Niño and climate change effects.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation to enhance climate adaptation strategies, particularly in vulnerable regions.



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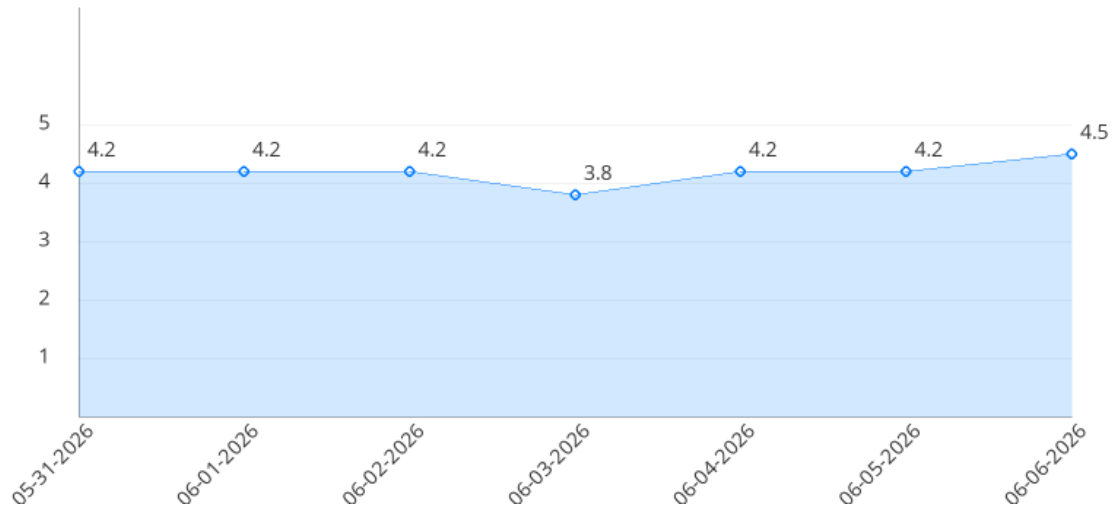
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# Pandemics



## Score Trend (Week of May 31–6, 2026)



This week, the global pandemic risk remains high, primarily due to the escalating Ebola outbreak in Central Africa, particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. The situation is compounded by ongoing challenges with avian flu and COVID-19, as well as persistent misinformation and vaccine hesitancy. Despite a brief moderation in risk levels, the overall threat remains significant, with difficulties in vaccine deployment and public health communication. Efforts to contain these outbreaks are hindered by logistical challenges and the spread of misinformation, which affects vaccine uptake and public compliance with health measures.



# Pandemics

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase funding and logistical support for Ebola containment efforts in Central Africa, focusing on healthcare infrastructure and community engagement.
- **[NGO]** Launch targeted public education campaigns to counter misinformation and promote accurate information about vaccines and infectious diseases.
- **[Industry]** Accelerate research and development of vaccines for high-risk pathogens, ensuring rapid deployment in affected regions.
- **[Healthcare]** Enhance training and protection for healthcare workers in outbreak zones to improve response capabilities and safety.
- **[International Organizations]** Strengthen global surveillance systems to detect and respond to emerging infectious diseases promptly, ensuring coordinated international efforts.



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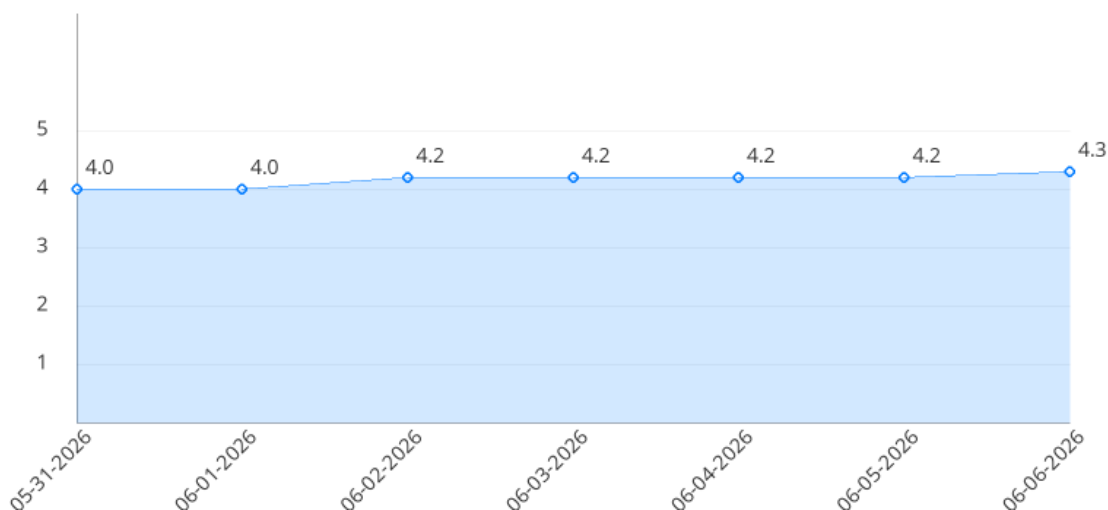
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# Information Integrity

## Score Trend (Week of May 31–6, 2026)



This week, the global threat level from misinformation and disinformation remained consistently high, with a particular emphasis on the role of AI-generated content in exacerbating the issue. The prevalence of election misinformation, health-related falsehoods, and climate disinformation were notable, alongside scams and counterfeit activities. The sophistication of AI-generated content continues to challenge existing detection and mitigation efforts, leading to widespread dissemination of false claims across social media and other platforms. Legal challenges, particularly concerning false electoral claims, also highlight the ongoing struggle to manage and regulate misinformation effectively. Overall, the need for enhanced detection tools, stricter regulations, and increased public awareness and education remains critical to counteract these threats effectively.



# Information Integrity

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and penalties for the creation and dissemination of AI-generated misinformation, particularly in political and health-related contexts.
- **[Industry]** Enhance AI detection tools to better identify and flag fake content, including deepfakes, across social media platforms.
- **[NGO]** Increase efforts in fact-checking and provide clear, accessible corrections to counteract false narratives and educate the public.
- **[Education]** Develop and integrate digital literacy programs into school curricula to empower individuals to critically evaluate information sources.
- **[International Bodies]** Foster global cooperation to address cross-border misinformation campaigns and establish shared standards for information integrity.



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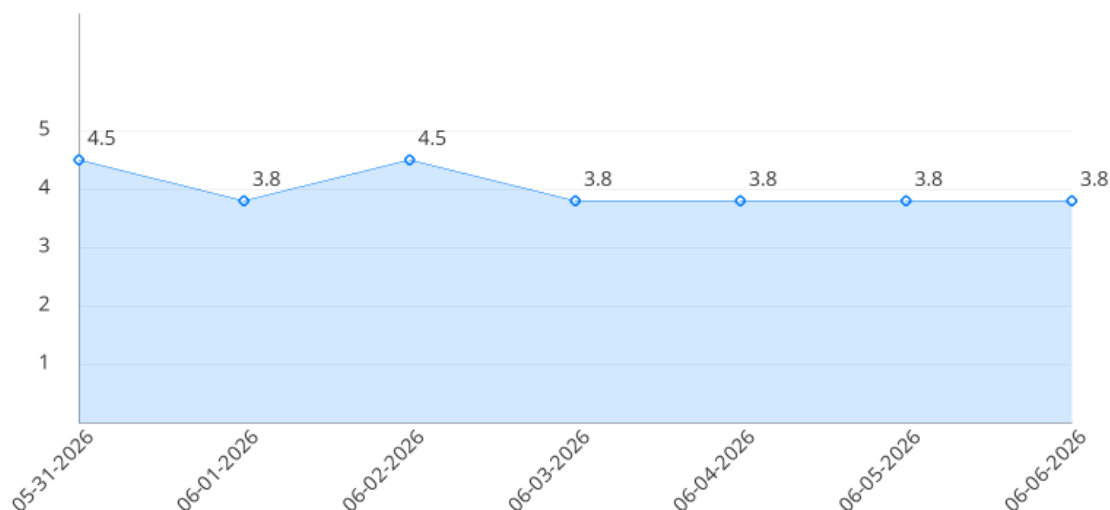
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# Unknown / Black Swan

## Score Trend (Week of May 31–6, 2026)



This week, the primary Black Swan threats include potential disruptions to global financial systems due to threats of cutting submarine internet cables in strategic maritime locations, such as the Straits of Hormuz and Bab Al-Mandab. This threat is compounded by the emergence of antimicrobial-resistant strains of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, which could overwhelm global health systems. Additionally, a major cryptocurrency theft has highlighted vulnerabilities in digital financial systems, posing risks of broader economic instability. The ongoing Middle East conflict threatens the semiconductor industry, potentially impacting AI advancements. Environmental concerns are also rising with El Niño precursors and volcanic activity, alongside atmospheric disruptions suggested by gravity waves from Super Typhoon Sinlaku, indicating potential cascading environmental impacts.



# Unknown / Black Swan

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase surveillance and security measures around key submarine cable locations to prevent sabotage.
- **[Healthcare]** Implement strict surveillance and reporting mechanisms for antimicrobial-resistant infections.
- **[Industry]** Enhance security measures and transparency in cryptocurrency exchanges to prevent large-scale thefts.
- **[Technology]** Develop contingency plans and diversify supply chains to mitigate the impact of potential disruptions in semiconductor production.
- **[Environmental Agencies]** Enhance monitoring and early warning systems for El Niño and volcanic activity to mitigate potential impacts.



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# Week in Review: May 31–6, 2026



This week, existential risk trends across the six domains show a consistent level of concern, with nuclear war and climate change maintaining high threat levels due to geopolitical tensions and extreme weather patterns, respectively. The nuclear threat remains elevated amid North Korea's arsenal expansion and potential U.S. nuclear deployments in Europe, while climate risks are exacerbated by a strong El Niño event affecting global weather patterns. In the realm of artificial intelligence, the risk level is moderate, with ongoing concerns about governance and ethical deployment as AI integration outpaces regulatory frameworks. Pandemic risks are high, driven by the Ebola outbreak in Central Africa and challenges with vaccine deployment and misinformation. Information integrity threats persist, particularly due to AI-generated misinformation affecting elections and public health narratives. Black Swan threats this week include potential disruptions to global financial systems and emerging antimicrobial resistance, highlighting vulnerabilities in digital and health infrastructures.



## Closing Notes

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