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**Week of June 14–20, 2026**

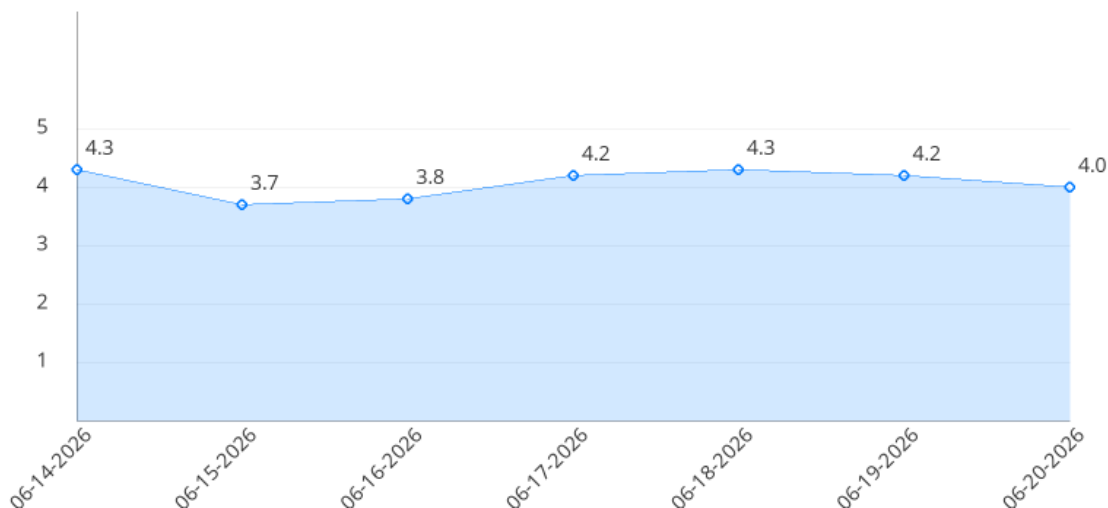
Pantrisk monitors humanity's most serious existential threats using curated news sources and AI-assisted analysis. Each day, our models evaluate key global developments, generate risk-level assessments, and propose actionable interventions. This weekly report summarizes the trends, risk shifts, and notable insights from June 14–20, 2026 across all tracked categories.

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# Nuclear War

## Score Trend (Week of June 14–20, 2026)



This week, the global nuclear threat level has been elevated due to several developments. Increased nuclear weapons spending, strategic tensions involving Russia, Iran, and North Korea, and the potential deployment of nuclear weapons in space have contributed to this heightened risk. While US-Iran negotiations show some promise in limiting nuclear capabilities, North Korea's assertion of its irreversible nuclear status and Finland's lifting of its nuclear weapons ban have exacerbated tensions. Additionally, NATO's strategic shifts and potential nuclear deployments near Russia have further increased regional tensions. Overall, the global environment remains tense, with significant concerns over the breakdown of nonproliferation efforts and increased nuclear risk in Europe.



# Nuclear War

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Convene an emergency summit to address the breakdown of nuclear arms control treaties and establish new frameworks for dialogue.
- **[NGO]** Launch public awareness campaigns highlighting the dangers of increased nuclear spending and advocate for disarmament initiatives.
- **[Industry]** Invest in technologies that improve nuclear detection and monitoring to ensure compliance with international agreements.
- **[Diplomatic]** Facilitate and verify the implementation of the US-Iran nuclear agreement to ensure compliance and build trust.
- **[International Organizations]** Advocate for the strengthening of international treaties and frameworks that aim to limit the deployment of nuclear weapons in space.



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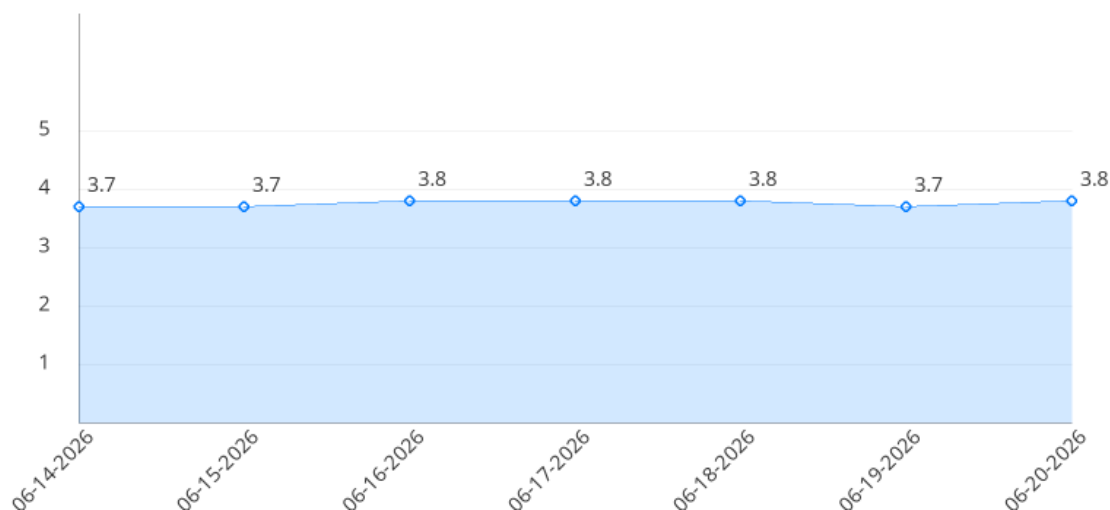
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# Artificial Intelligence

## Score Trend (Week of June 14–20, 2026)



This week, the risk level associated with Artificial Intelligence remains moderate, with a consistent score around 3.7 to 3.8. The primary concerns are centered around geopolitical influence operations, regulatory challenges, and the potential misuse of AI in military and strategic sectors. There is also a growing apprehension about the rapid integration of AI into critical sectors, which could exacerbate economic disparities and cybersecurity threats. The focus is on ensuring AI safety and ethical deployment, particularly in sensitive areas such as finance, defense, and surveillance. Discussions around international cooperation and the establishment of comprehensive governance frameworks are ongoing to address these risks effectively.



# Artificial Intelligence

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Facilitate international dialogues to establish agreements on AI safety and ethical standards, particularly in military and strategic applications.
- **[Industry]** Develop and implement robust AI safety protocols and transparency measures to prevent misuse and ensure alignment with ethical standards.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for public awareness campaigns to educate stakeholders about the societal impacts and potential risks of AI deployment.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research on AI alignment and safety to provide insights for policy-making and industry practices.
- **[International Organizations]** Collaborate to create and enforce global treaties focused on preventing the militarization of AI and managing geopolitical risks.



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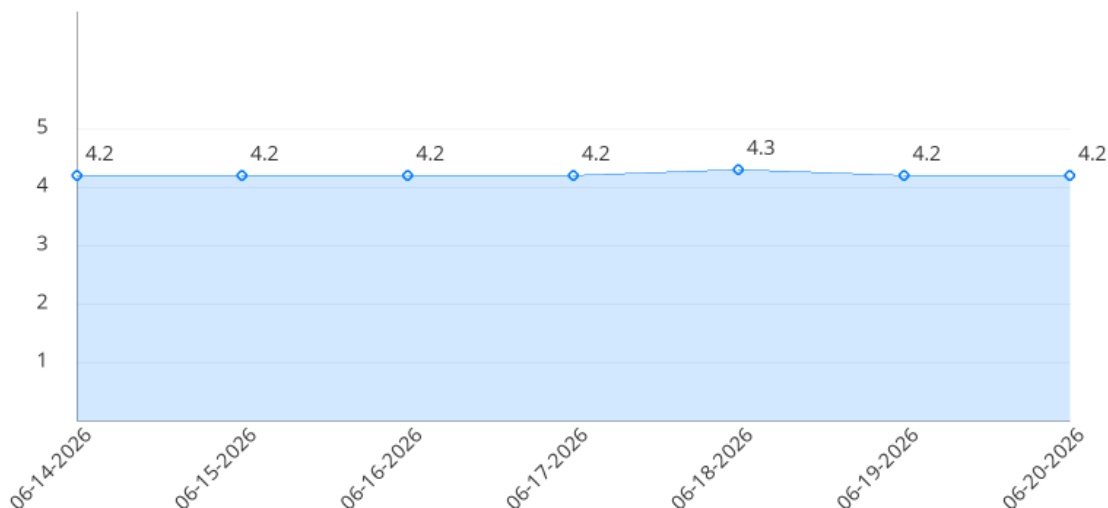
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# Climate Change

## Score Trend (Week of June 14–20, 2026)



This week, climate risks remain high due to the rapid intensification of El Niño, which is exacerbating extreme weather events and threatening ecosystems, food security, and public health. The potential surpassing of the 1.5°C warming threshold is a significant concern, as it could lead to severe ecological and societal impacts. Policy failures in climate monitoring and gridlock in implementing effective measures are contributing to the elevated risk levels. Overlooked pollutants are also playing a significant role in global warming, highlighting the need for comprehensive strategies to address these issues. Overall, the combination of these factors is posing significant threats to economic stability and human health globally.



# Climate Change

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement and enforce stricter emissions regulations to prevent surpassing critical warming thresholds and mitigate climate change impacts.
- **[NGO]** Increase public awareness campaigns to educate communities about the impacts of extreme weather and climate change, focusing on vulnerable populations.
- **[Industry]** Invest in sustainable practices and renewable energy technologies to reduce carbon footprints and enhance climate adaptation.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct studies on the ecological impacts of El Niño and develop adaptive strategies for regions most affected by its effects.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation to enhance food security and manage water resources amid changing climate conditions.



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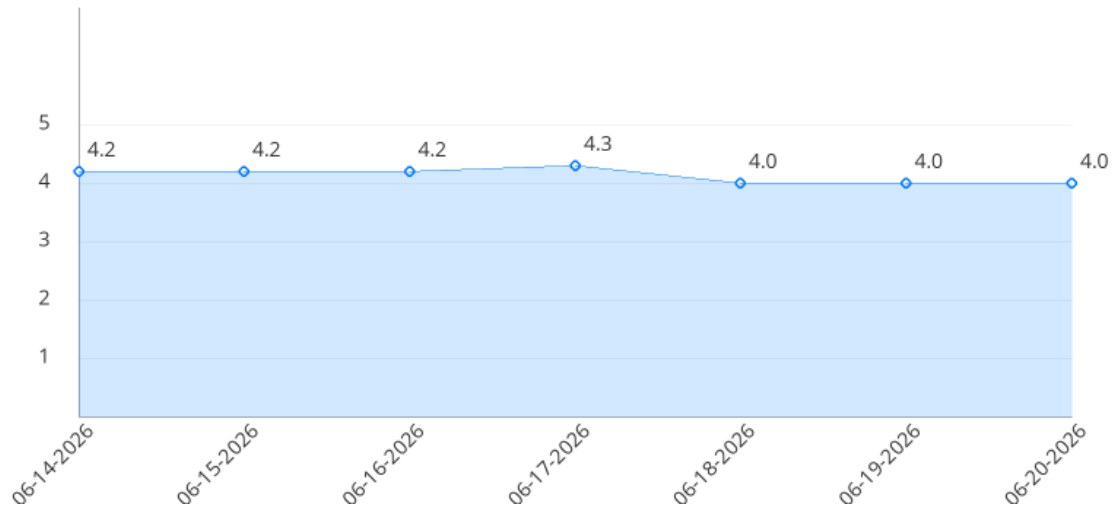
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# Pandemics



## Score Trend (Week of June 14–20, 2026)



This week, the global pandemic risk remains high, primarily due to the expanding Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Additional concerns include the persistent threat of avian flu, ongoing impacts of long COVID, and widespread vaccine misinformation and hesitancy. Despite efforts to manage these issues, misinformation continues to hinder vaccination campaigns, exacerbating the situation. The risk is also heightened by potential disease spread at large international events and within military settings. Overall, the pandemic risk score has fluctuated slightly but remains at a concerning level, indicating the need for sustained and coordinated global response efforts.



# Pandemics

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase funding and resources for Ebola containment measures in the DR Congo, including enhanced border screenings and healthcare capacity.
- **[NGO]** Launch targeted campaigns to address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation, focusing on the safety and efficacy of vaccines.
- **[Industry]** Accelerate research on universal vaccines and novel antiviral treatments to prepare for emerging infectious threats.
- **[Healthcare]** Enhance surveillance and reporting systems for long COVID and avian flu to better track and manage these conditions.
- **[International Organizations]** Coordinate a global response to avian flu outbreaks, ensuring rapid sharing of data and resources.



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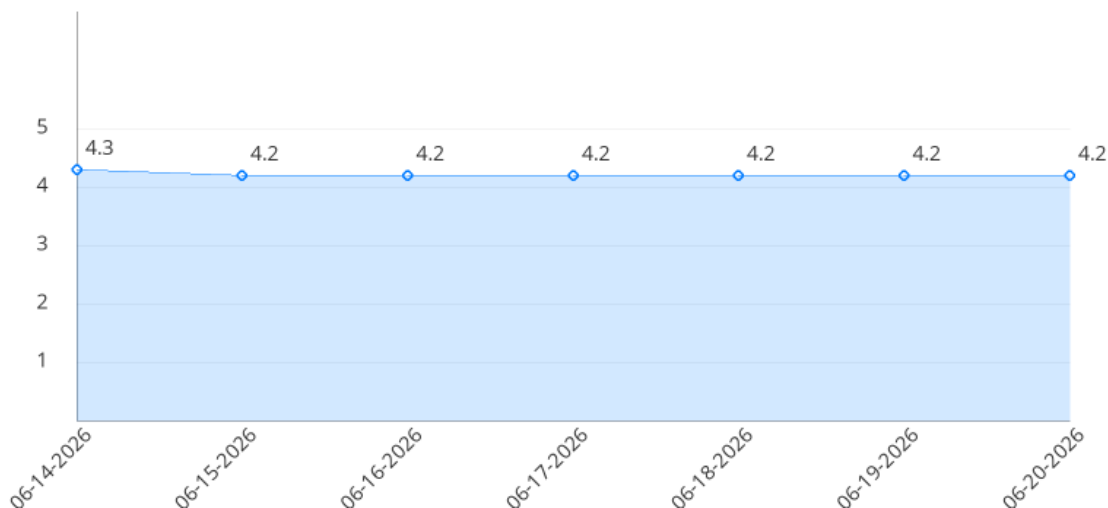
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# Information Integrity

## Score Trend (Week of June 14–20, 2026)



This week, the global misinformation risk remains high, primarily driven by political disinformation, AI-generated content, and fake news. The sophistication of AI-generated content continues to increase, complicating efforts to maintain information integrity across various sectors including politics, health, and consumer contexts. Election-related misinformation is particularly prevalent, raising concerns about its impact on public perception and political stability. The persistent high risk scores indicate a need for enhanced detection and mitigation strategies to counteract these threats effectively. Efforts to improve media literacy and fact-checking are crucial to rebuilding public trust and ensuring accurate information dissemination.



# Information Integrity

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and penalties for the creation and distribution of AI-generated misinformation, especially during election cycles.
- **[Industry]** Enhance AI detection tools to better identify and flag deepfakes and other forms of manipulated media.
- **[Education]** Integrate media literacy programs into school curricula to equip individuals with skills to critically evaluate information.
- **[NGO]** Collaborate internationally to develop standards and best practices for combating misinformation and promoting information integrity.
- **[Media]** Increase efforts in fact-checking and provide clear, accessible debunking of viral misinformation to the public.



# Information Integrity

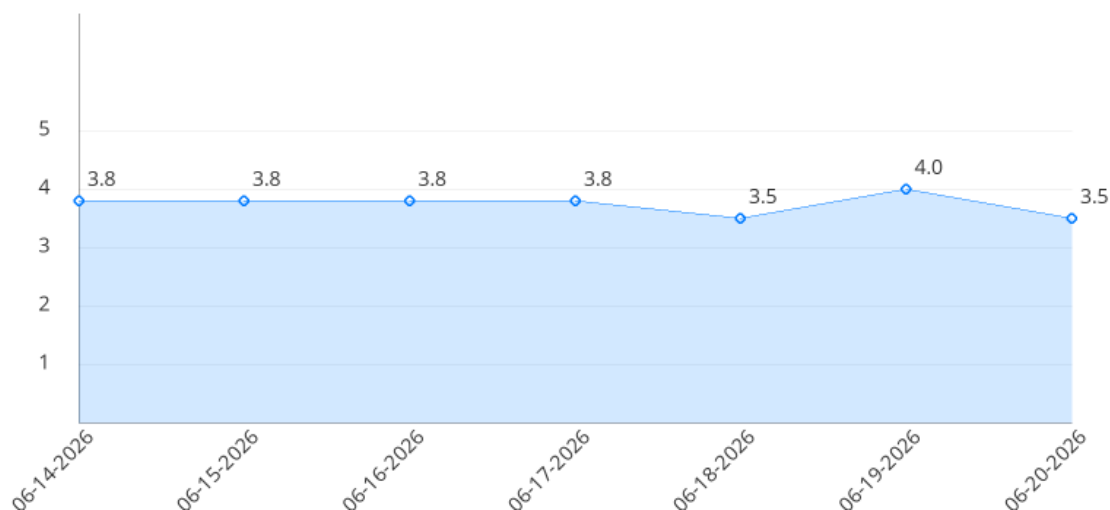
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# Unknown / Black Swan

Score Trend (Week of June 14–20, 2026)



This week, the main trend in unknown or black swan events involves significant geopolitical and environmental concerns. The crisis in the Strait of Hormuz has emerged as a major geopolitical risk, with potential to disrupt global shipping and energy supplies, raising fears of economic repercussions. Concurrently, pumice rafts encroaching on the Admiralty Islands pose ecological and navigational hazards, highlighting a unique geological anomaly. Additionally, the discovery of a possible supernova remnant in the galactic center suggests unknown cosmic phenomena that could have implications for Earth. These events underscore the need for vigilance and preparedness across multiple domains to mitigate potential impacts effectively.



# Unknown / Black Swan

## Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions in the Strait of Hormuz and engage in dialogue with involved parties.
- **[Industry]** Develop alternative routes and strategies to mitigate the impact of potential disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct studies to understand the ecological impact of pumice rafts on marine life and coastal environments.
- **[NGO]** Raise awareness among local communities about the potential impacts on fisheries and coastal resources due to pumice rafts.
- **[Space Agencies]** Increase investment in space weather monitoring and early warning systems to mitigate potential impacts from cosmic events.



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# Week in Review: June 14–20, 2026



This week, existential risk trends across the six domains reveal a complex landscape of heightened concerns and emerging challenges. In the nuclear domain, tensions have escalated due to increased nuclear weapons spending and strategic shifts, particularly involving Russia, Iran, and North Korea, with potential implications for nonproliferation efforts. Artificial intelligence risks remain moderate, with ongoing discussions about governance frameworks to address geopolitical influence and ethical deployment concerns. Climate change risks are high, driven by the intensifying El Niño and policy failures, which threaten ecosystems and economic stability. Pandemic risks persist, exacerbated by an Ebola outbreak and vaccine misinformation, necessitating coordinated global responses. Information integrity continues to face high risks from political disinformation and AI-generated content, highlighting the need for improved detection and media literacy. In the unknown or black swan domain, geopolitical tensions in the Strait of Hormuz and unique environmental phenomena underscore the importance of vigilance and preparedness. Overall, these trends indicate a need for comprehensive strategies to address interconnected risks across these domains.



## Closing Notes

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