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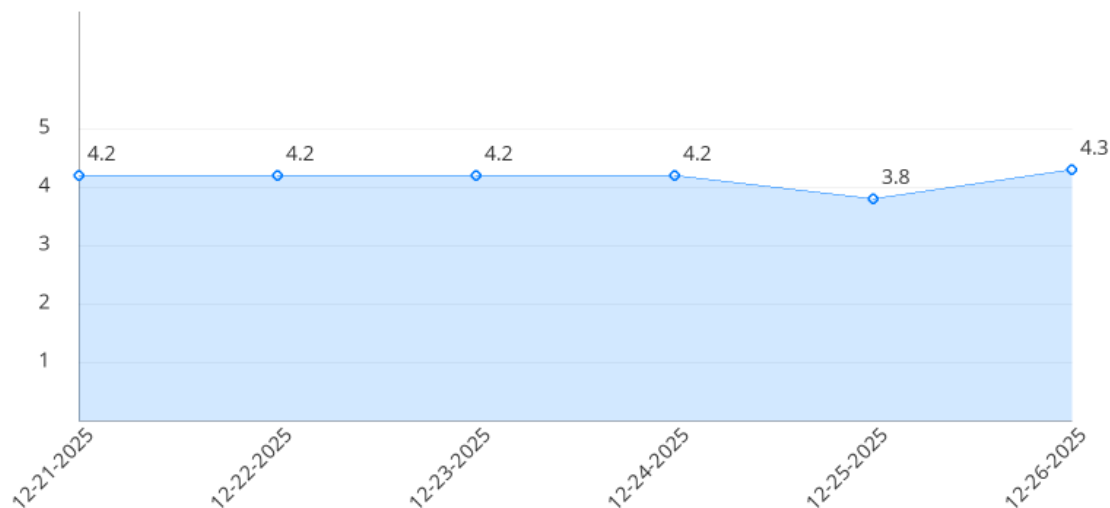
Pantrisk monitors humanity's most serious existential threats using curated news sources and AI-assisted analysis. Each day, our models evaluate key global developments, generate risk-level assessments, and propose actionable interventions. This weekly report summarizes the trends, risk shifts, and notable insights from December 21–27, 2025 across all tracked categories.

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Nuclear War

Score Trend (Week of December 21–27, 2025)



This week, global nuclear risk has increased due to several factors, including the modernization of nuclear arsenals, geopolitical tensions, and a decline in diplomatic communications. Specific concerns have arisen from Japan's potential nuclear ambitions and China's military posturing, which have contributed to regional instability, particularly in East Asia. Additionally, the erosion of arms control agreements and provocative rhetoric from key global players have exacerbated the situation. The overall nuclear threat level remains heightened, signaling the need for renewed diplomatic efforts and arms control measures to mitigate these risks.



Nuclear War

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Re-engage in arms control negotiations to update and expand treaties, addressing both traditional and emerging nuclear technologies.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for increased transparency and public awareness regarding nuclear modernization programs and their implications for global security.
- **[Industry]** Invest in technologies that enhance verification and monitoring capabilities for nuclear treaties to ensure compliance.
- **[Diplomatic Community]** Facilitate multilateral talks between Japan, China, and North Korea to address nuclear concerns and promote regional stability.
- **[International Organizations]** Enhance crisis communication channels and establish protocols to prevent accidental or unauthorized use of nuclear weapons.



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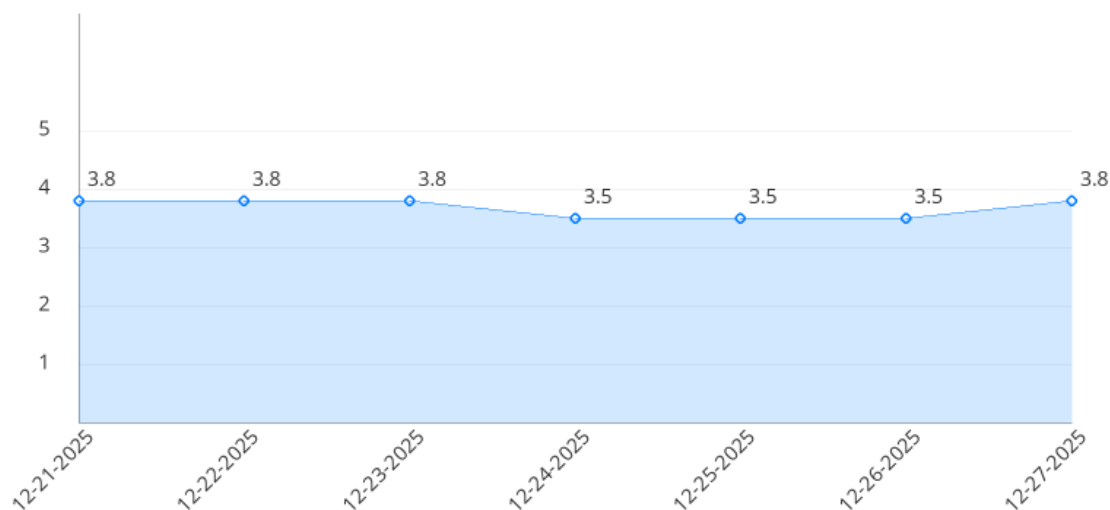
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Artificial Intelligence

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This week, the risk level associated with Artificial Intelligence remained moderate, primarily due to ongoing advancements in AI capabilities and increased integration into critical sectors. These developments have raised concerns about alignment, security, and the concentration of power. Regulatory efforts and collaborations with government entities are also in focus, as they aim to mitigate potential misuse and ensure ethical deployment. Despite these efforts, the rapid pace of AI development continues to pose challenges related to safety, ethical implications, and societal impact.



Artificial Intelligence

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement comprehensive AI governance frameworks to ensure ethical and safe deployment across all sectors.
- **[Industry]** Develop and adhere to robust AI safety and alignment protocols to prevent misuse and unintended consequences.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research on AI alignment and safety to address potential existential risks and improve understanding of AI behavior.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for transparency and accountability in AI collaborations between private companies and government entities to prevent concentration of power.
- **[Public]** Increase awareness and education on AI literacy to empower individuals to engage with AI technologies responsibly.



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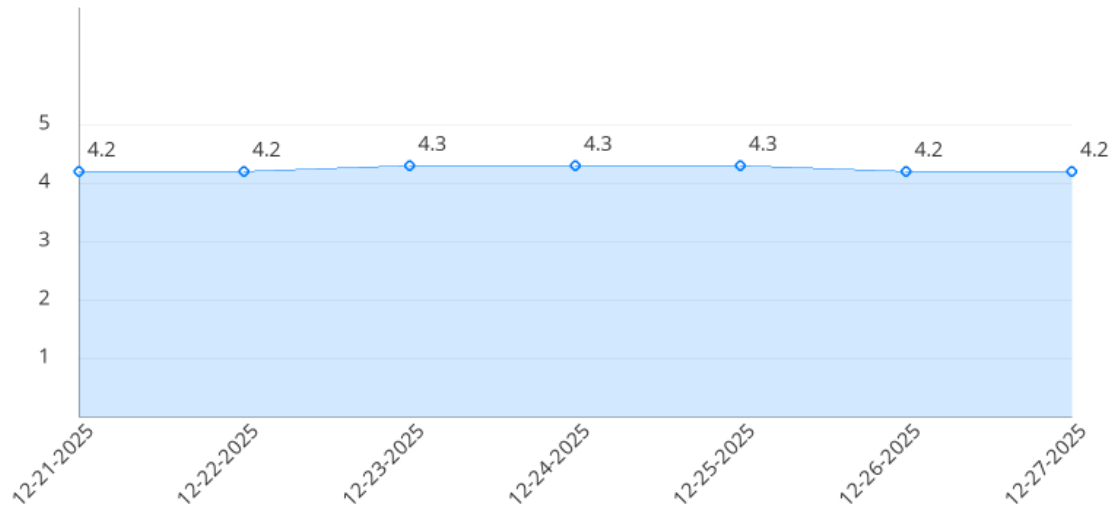
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Climate Change



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This week, climate change risks remain high, driven by increasing extreme weather events, policy setbacks, and ongoing ecosystem disruptions. The compounding effects of these factors are particularly impacting food systems and weather patterns, leading to heightened risks. Despite the urgency, policy responses have been inadequate, further exacerbating the long-term risks to planetary health.

Biodiversity threats and worsening droughts are also contributing to the high-risk climate scenario. Overall, the need for robust policy action and global cooperation is underscored by the persistent and escalating challenges posed by climate change.



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 campaigns to highlight the urgency of climate action and the interconnectedness of climate impacts.
- **[Industry]** Invest in sustainable practices and technologies to reduce carbon footprints and enhance resilience to climate impacts.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct further studies on the effectiveness of current climate models and improve predictive capabilities for extreme weather events.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation to address transboundary climate impacts and support adaptation efforts in vulnerable regions.

Climate Change

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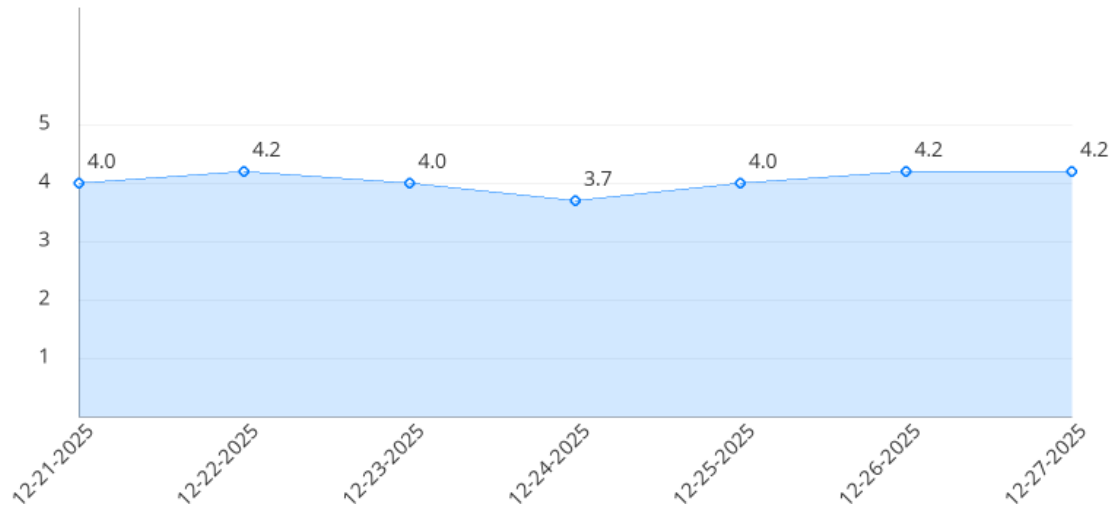


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Pandemics



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This week, the pandemic risk remains high, driven by increasing cases of flu, RSV, measles, and concerns about avian flu. Vaccine uptake continues to be a significant challenge due to widespread misinformation and vaccine hesitancy. The risk level fluctuated slightly, with a brief dip to moderate levels, but quickly returned to high. Persistent COVID-19 challenges also contribute to the overall pandemic risk. Efforts to counter misinformation and improve vaccination rates are critical to managing the current situation.



Pandemics

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase funding for public health campaigns to boost vaccination rates and counter misinformation.
- **[Healthcare]** Enhance surveillance and rapid response mechanisms to detect and contain outbreaks early.
- **[NGO]** Collaborate with local communities to improve vaccine accessibility and address vaccine hesitancy.
- **[Industry]** Accelerate the development and distribution of updated vaccines for flu, RSV, and COVID-19.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global collaboration to monitor and respond to cross-border outbreaks and emerging health threats.



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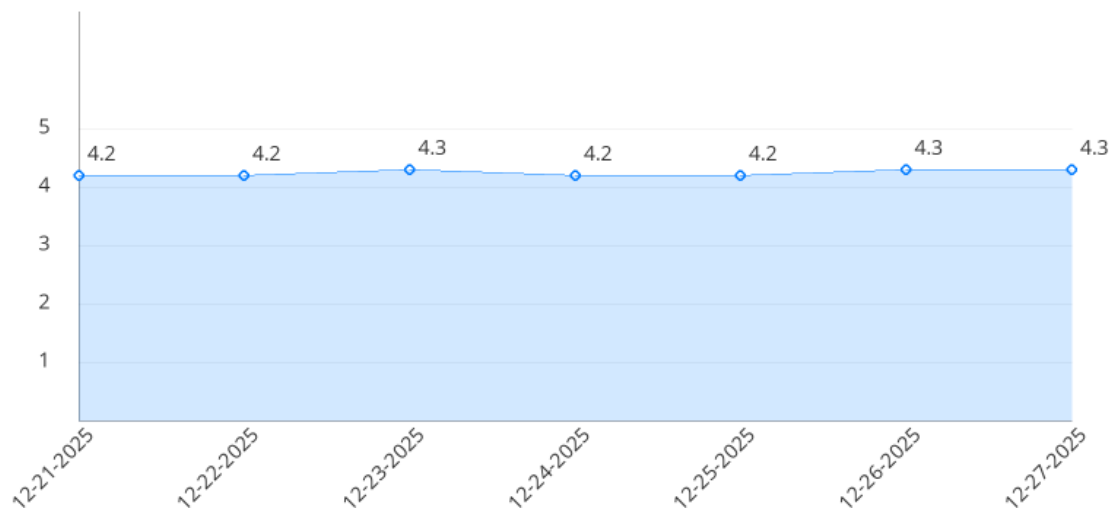
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Information Integrity

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This week, the global risk of misinformation remains high, driven by sophisticated disinformation campaigns, including AI-generated deepfakes and fake documents. The misinformation targets various sectors such as politics, health, and consumer products, leading to increased public distrust and confusion. The prevalence of false claims involving high-profile figures and the exploitation of current events further exacerbate the situation. The consistent high-risk scores indicate a persistent challenge in maintaining information integrity across digital platforms. Efforts to combat this trend include enhancing detection tools and increasing public awareness and education on media literacy.



Information Integrity

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and penalties for the creation and dissemination of fake documents and media.
- **[Industry]** Enhance AI and machine learning tools to detect and flag deepfakes and other forms of digital deception more effectively.
- **[NGO]** Increase investment in fact-checking initiatives and provide clear, accessible corrections to misinformation.
- **[Education]** Develop and integrate critical media literacy programs to help individuals discern credible information.
- **[International Organizations]** Foster global cooperation to address cross-border disinformation campaigns and establish shared standards for information integrity.

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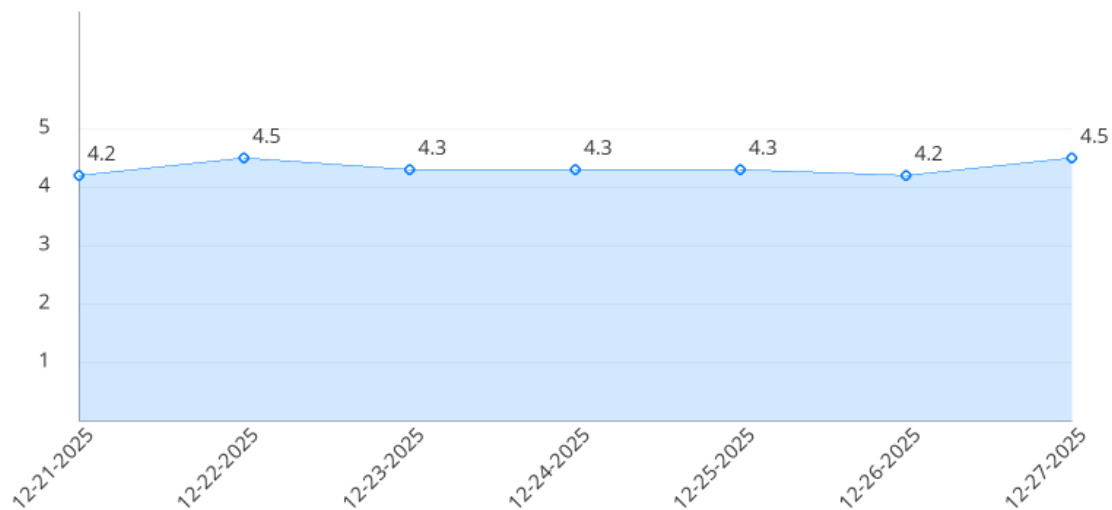


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This week, existential risks across various domains have shown notable trends and concerns. In the nuclear domain, risks have heightened due to geopolitical tensions and the modernization of arsenals, particularly in East Asia, highlighting the need for renewed diplomatic efforts. Artificial Intelligence risks remain moderate, with ongoing advancements raising concerns about alignment and ethical deployment, despite regulatory efforts. Climate change risks continue to be high, driven by extreme weather events and inadequate policy responses, emphasizing the urgency for global cooperation. Pandemic risks are also high, with increasing cases of various illnesses and challenges in vaccine uptake due to misinformation. Information integrity faces persistent high risks from sophisticated disinformation campaigns, affecting public trust across multiple sectors. The unknown or black swan domain remains unspecified, indicating a potential gap in current risk assessments.



Closing Notes

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