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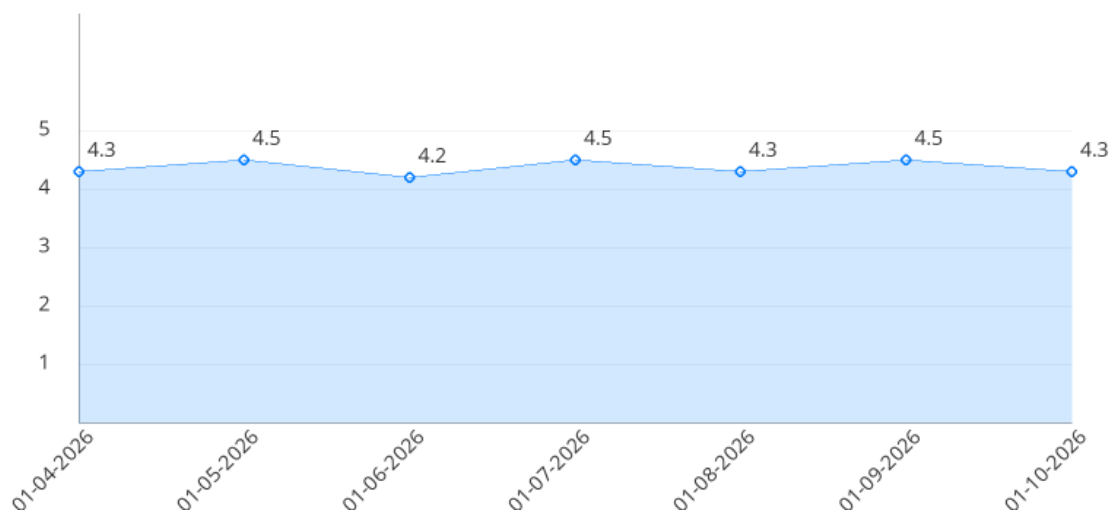
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Nuclear War

Score Trend (Week of January 4–10, 2026)



This week, the potential resumption of U.S. nuclear weapons testing has significantly elevated global nuclear tensions, undermining decades of arms control efforts. The situation is exacerbated by geopolitical tensions, particularly following military actions in Venezuela and the capture of its leader, Maduro. Additionally, the expiration of key arms control treaties has contributed to an increased nuclear threat level. Major powers are also modernizing their nuclear arsenals, further escalating the risk of nuclear conflict. These developments highlight the urgent need for renewed diplomatic efforts and strengthened communication protocols to prevent accidental escalations.



Nuclear War

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Convene an emergency session to address the implications of potential nuclear testing resumption and reinforce commitments to existing arms control treaties.
- **[NGO]** Increase public awareness campaigns on the risks of nuclear testing and advocate for policy changes to maintain moratoriums.
- **[Industry]** Enhance crisis communication protocols and establish direct lines between nuclear states to prevent accidental escalation.
- **[International Organizations]** Engage in diplomatic dialogue with nuclear-armed states to de-escalate tensions and reaffirm non-proliferation commitments.
- **[Public]** Support and participate in movements advocating for nuclear disarmament and increased transparency in nuclear policy.



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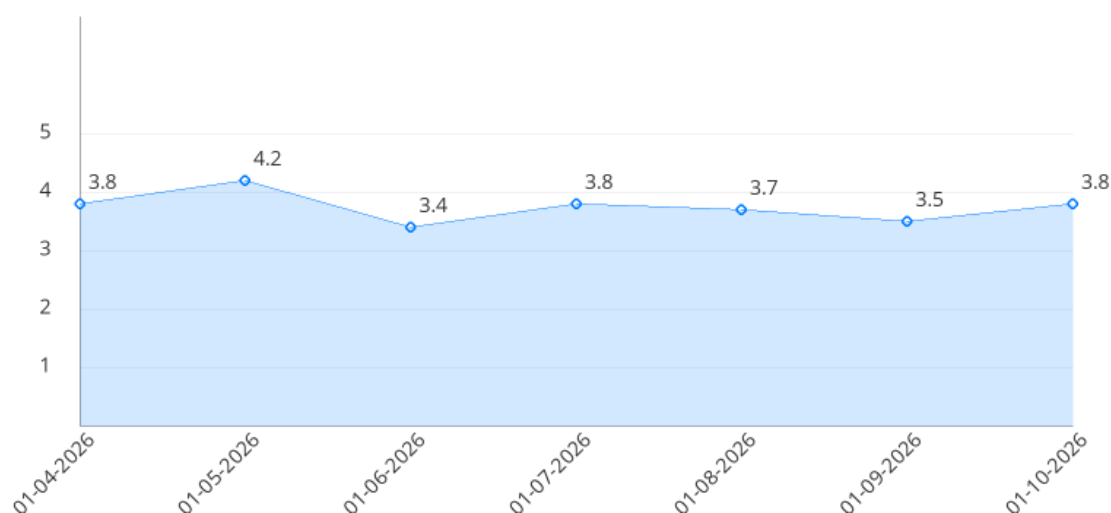
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Artificial Intelligence

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This week, the risk associated with artificial intelligence has been predominantly moderate, with a brief spike to high risk. The main concerns revolve around rapid advancements in AI capabilities and their integration into critical sectors, which outpace existing safety measures. This has led to increased focus on issues of alignment, misuse, and the concentration of power. There is also a growing emphasis on the need for robust governance and safety protocols to manage these risks effectively. Collaborative efforts between government entities and private sectors are highlighted as both a potential risk and an opportunity for improved oversight and control.



Artificial Intelligence

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement comprehensive regulations to ensure AI systems are aligned with ethical standards and human values.
- **[Industry]** Develop and adhere to industry-wide standards for AI safety and alignment to prevent misuse and ensure equitable distribution of AI benefits.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research on AI alignment and control to address long-term existential risks associated with advanced AI systems.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for public awareness and education on the implications of AI deployment in critical sectors to foster informed societal engagement.
- **[International Bodies]** Facilitate global cooperation on AI safety standards and best practices to mitigate cross-border risks.



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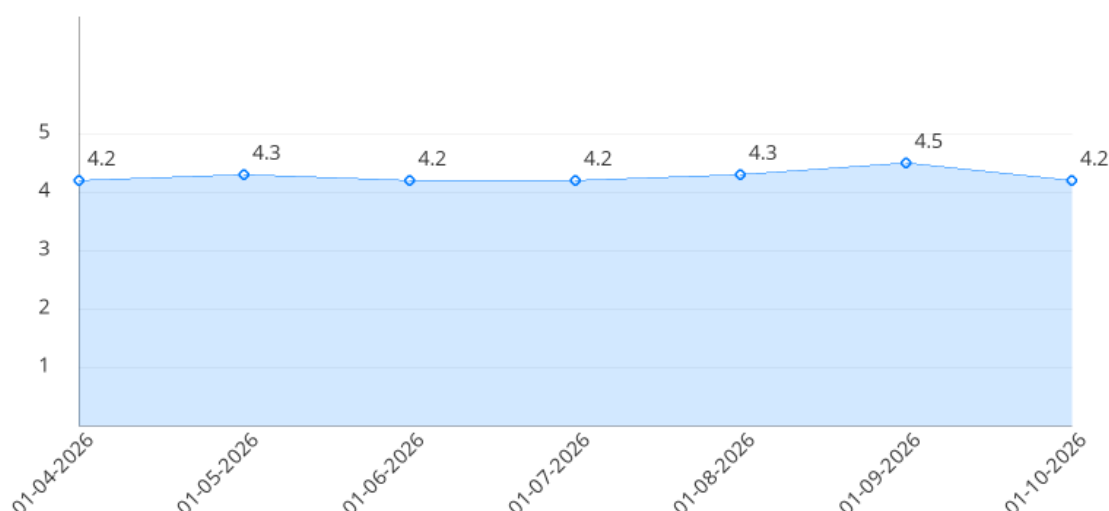
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Climate Change

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This week, the climate risk remains high, driven by a combination of extreme weather events, ecological disruptions, and inadequate policy responses. The situation is exacerbated by the U.S. withdrawal from key international climate agreements, which undermines global efforts to address climate change. The persistent impacts on ecosystems, economic stability, and public health highlight the urgent need for effective climate policies and international cooperation. Additionally, the exacerbating effects of microplastics on oceanic carbon absorption further complicate the environmental challenges. Overall, the trend indicates a critical need for renewed commitments and actions to mitigate climate risks.



Climate Change

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Rejoin and strengthen commitments to international climate agreements to ensure coordinated global action.
- **[NGO]** Increase advocacy and public awareness campaigns to pressure governments to commit to climate action.
- **[Industry]** Invest in sustainable technologies and practices, such as renewable energy and electric vehicles, to reduce carbon footprints.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct comprehensive studies on the impacts of climate change on disease spread and ecosystem health to inform policy.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate conflict resolution and resource management in climate-sensitive regions to prevent geopolitical tensions.



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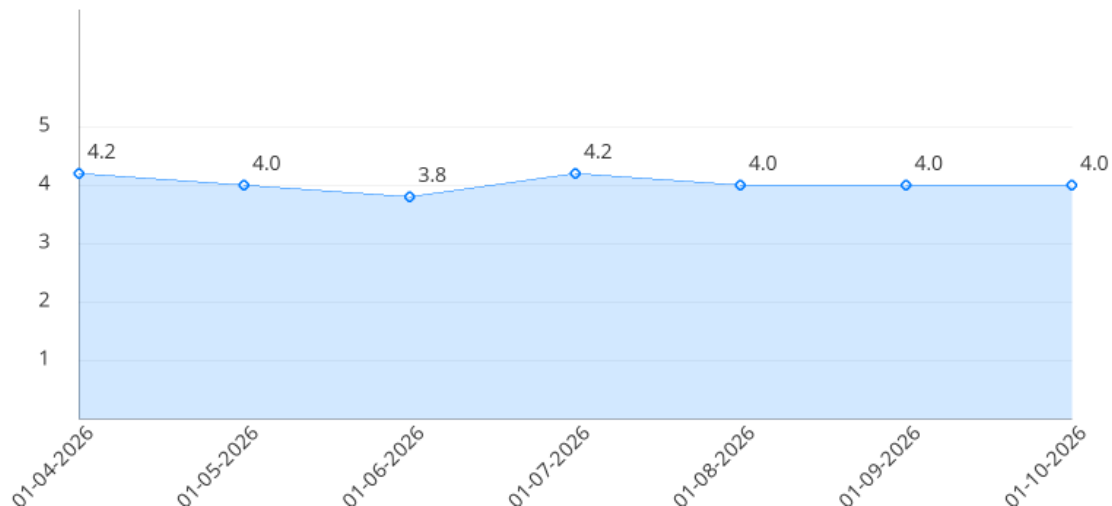
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Pandemics



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This week, the pandemic risk remains high due to increasing cases of infectious diseases such as measles, flu, RSV, and emerging threats like avian flu and MERS. Vaccine hesitancy and misinformation continue to pose significant challenges to vaccination efforts.

Persistent impacts of COVID-19 also contribute to the overall risk. The situation underscores the need for enhanced public health communication, improved surveillance, and international collaboration to address these threats effectively.



Pandemics

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Enhance public health communication strategies to combat misinformation and promote vaccine uptake.
- **[Healthcare]** Increase surveillance and reporting of infectious disease cases to ensure timely response and containment.
- **[International Organizations]** Collaborate internationally to monitor and respond to cross-border infectious disease threats.
- **[NGO]** Support community outreach programs to educate the public on the importance of vaccinations and preventive measures.
- **[Industry]** Accelerate development and deployment of vaccines and treatments for emerging infectious diseases.



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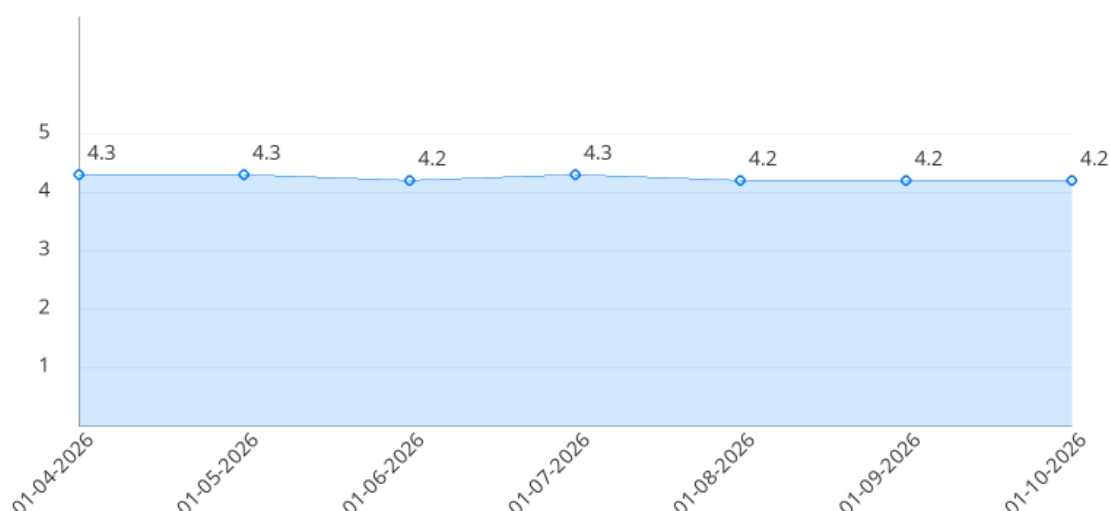
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Information Integrity

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This week, the risk of misinformation remains high, driven by the proliferation of AI-generated content, deepfakes, and politically charged falsehoods. The spread of these misleading narratives is impacting public perception and political narratives globally, with particular emphasis on geopolitical events and public figures. The misinformation risk scores have consistently been in the range of 4.2 to 4.3, indicating a persistent and significant threat level. The focus has been on the impact of these false narratives on political and social issues, with notable mentions of disinformation surrounding Venezuela and U.S. politics. The ongoing challenge is to effectively identify, regulate, and mitigate the spread of such content across social media platforms and other digital mediums.



Information Integrity

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and penalties for the creation and distribution of AI-generated misinformation and deepfakes.
- **[Industry]** Enhance AI detection tools to identify and flag misleading content and deepfakes in real-time.
- **[Education]** Integrate comprehensive media literacy programs into school curricula to equip students with skills to critically evaluate digital content.
- **[NGO]** Launch public awareness campaigns to educate citizens on identifying and reporting misinformation and scams.
- **[International Organizations]** Foster global cooperation to share best practices and technologies for combating misinformation and disinformation.



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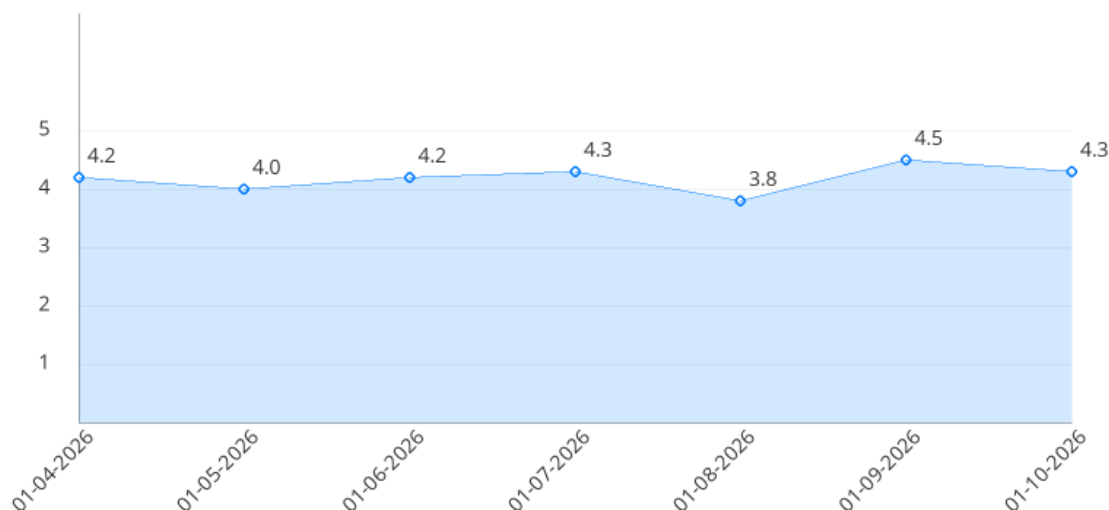
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Unknown / Black Swan

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This week, Iceland has repeatedly identified the potential collapse of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) as a significant security risk, highlighting it as a rare and catastrophic climate event with unpredictable global consequences. The warnings underscore the importance of understanding and preparing for such Black Swan events, which could drastically alter global climate stability and have far-reaching geopolitical and economic impacts. The consistent high-risk scores reflect the urgency of the situation and the need for immediate attention from international stakeholders. The focus is on enhancing monitoring, research, and global cooperation to mitigate the potential impacts of this threat. The situation calls for a coordinated international response to develop adaptive strategies and contingency plans to manage the potential disruptions to climate and security.



Unknown / Black Swan

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase funding for climate research focused on understanding and predicting changes in ocean currents, particularly the AMOC.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation to develop and implement contingency plans for potential climate-induced disruptions.
- **[Research Institutions]** Develop and deploy advanced monitoring systems for real-time data collection on ocean currents to provide early warnings.
- **[Public Sector]** Raise public awareness about the potential impacts of ocean current disruptions and advocate for sustainable practices to mitigate risks.
- **[Policy Makers]** Advocate for policies that prioritize climate resilience, adaptation strategies, and reduction of carbon emissions to stabilize oceanic systems.

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This week, existential risk trends across various domains have shown significant developments. In the nuclear domain, tensions have escalated due to potential U.S. nuclear testing and geopolitical conflicts, highlighting the need for renewed diplomatic efforts. Artificial intelligence risks remain moderate, with concerns about rapid advancements outpacing safety measures, emphasizing the importance of governance and collaboration. Climate change risks continue to be high, driven by extreme weather and inadequate policy responses, with a critical need for international cooperation. Pandemic risks are elevated due to rising infectious diseases and vaccine hesitancy, underscoring the importance of public health communication and collaboration. Information integrity is threatened by the spread of AI-generated misinformation, impacting global political narratives and requiring effective regulation. Lastly, the potential collapse of the AMOC has been identified as a significant Black Swan event, necessitating enhanced monitoring and international cooperation to mitigate its impacts.



Closing Notes

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