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Week of March 22–28, 2026

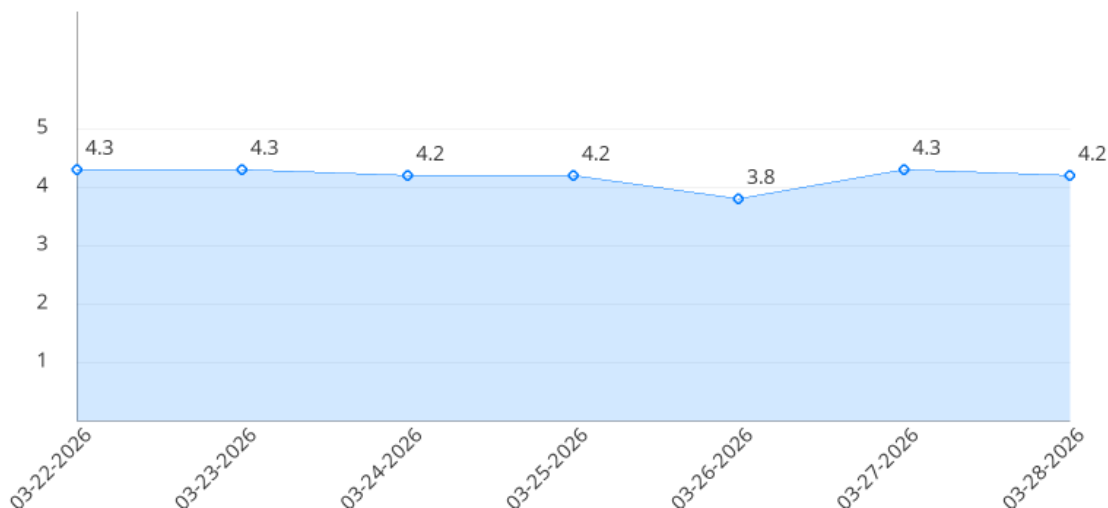
Pantrisk monitors humanity's most serious existential threats using curated news sources and AI-assisted analysis. Each day, our models evaluate key global developments, generate risk-level assessments, and propose actionable interventions. This weekly report summarizes the trends, risk shifts, and notable insights from March 22–28, 2026 across all tracked categories.

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Nuclear War

Score Trend (Week of March 22–28, 2026)



This week, the risk of nuclear conflict remains elevated due to a combination of regional tensions and the deterioration of international nuclear agreements. Key areas of concern include ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, potential escalations involving Iran and Israel, and North Korea's persistent nuclear ambitions. Despite some diplomatic claims, such as Iran's purported agreement to forgo nuclear weapons, these developments are overshadowed by increased nuclear deployments and weakened treaties. The modernization of nuclear arsenals and the breakdown of communication channels further exacerbate the threat level. Overall, the global nuclear threat score has consistently been high, reflecting the urgent need for diplomatic interventions and renewed arms control efforts.



Nuclear War

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Facilitate urgent diplomatic talks between Iran, Israel, and regional stakeholders to de-escalate tensions.
- **[International Organizations]** Re-engage in arms control dialogues and renew commitments to existing nuclear treaties.
- **[Military]** Enhance crisis communication protocols to prevent accidental escalation between nuclear-armed states.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for increased public awareness and education on the risks of nuclear conflict and the importance of disarmament.
- **[Technology Sector]** Invest in technologies that improve verification and monitoring of nuclear activities to support transparency and trust-building.



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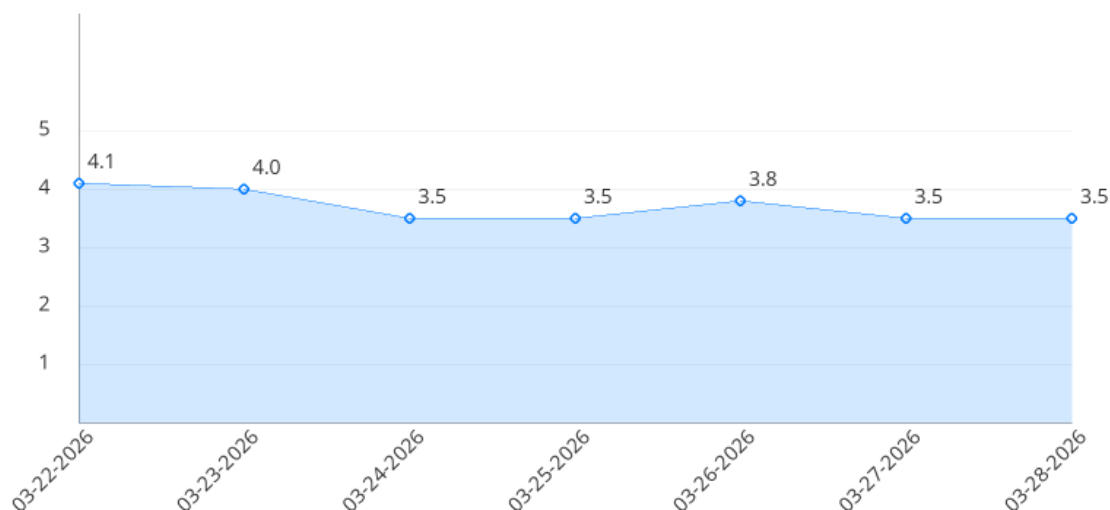
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Artificial Intelligence

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This week, the risk associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI) has fluctuated between elevated and moderate levels, primarily due to increasing military adoption and potential misuse in political and economic domains. Strategic partnerships and advancements in AI capabilities have raised concerns about alignment and the concentration of power. While there have been significant advancements in AI safety measures, ongoing issues regarding alignment and misuse persist. The overall risk scores have ranged from 3.5 to 4.1, indicating a consistent level of concern about the strategic use and potential risks of AI technologies. Efforts to address these concerns include calls for stricter regulations, transparency, and collaboration in AI development and deployment.



Artificial Intelligence

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations on military and strategic use of AI to prevent misuse and ensure ethical deployment.
- **[Industry]** Develop and adhere to robust AI alignment and safety frameworks to mitigate risks associated with advanced AI systems.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for transparency and accountability in AI acquisitions and mergers to prevent monopolistic practices and power concentration.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research on the societal impacts of AI, focusing on alignment and safety to inform policy and public understanding.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation on AI governance to address cross-border challenges and ensure equitable access to AI technologies.



Artificial Intelligence

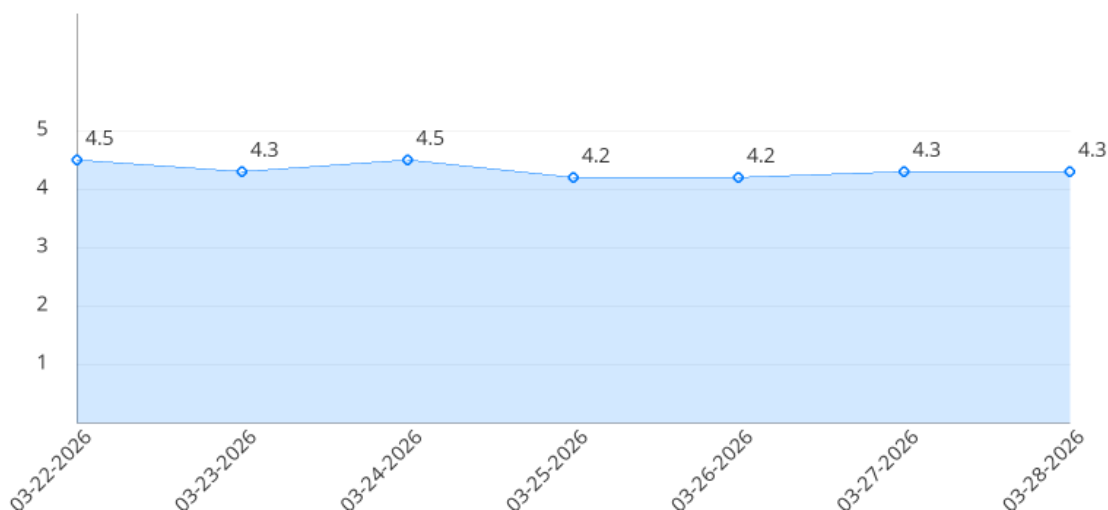
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Climate Change

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This week, the global climate risk remains high due to a series of record-breaking heatwaves and extreme weather events, which are exacerbating the impacts of climate change. The situation is further aggravated by policy setbacks and inadequate global responses, highlighting systemic challenges in addressing the crisis. Accelerating global warming and significant damage to ecosystems are contributing to the heightened threat level. Additionally, the disproportionate impacts on poorer countries and the rising costs of climate damage underscore the urgent need for effective mitigation and adaptation strategies. Overall, the trend indicates a critical need for coordinated global action to address these escalating risks.



Climate Change

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter emissions regulations and invest in renewable energy infrastructure to reduce dependency on fossil fuels.
- **[NGO]** Increase public awareness campaigns about the impacts of climate change on health and ecosystems to drive grassroots advocacy.
- **[Industry]** Develop and promote new technologies for carbon capture and storage to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation and funding to support climate adaptation and mitigation efforts in developing countries.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct further studies on cloud dynamics and their role in climate feedback loops to inform policy and adaptation strategies.



Climate Change

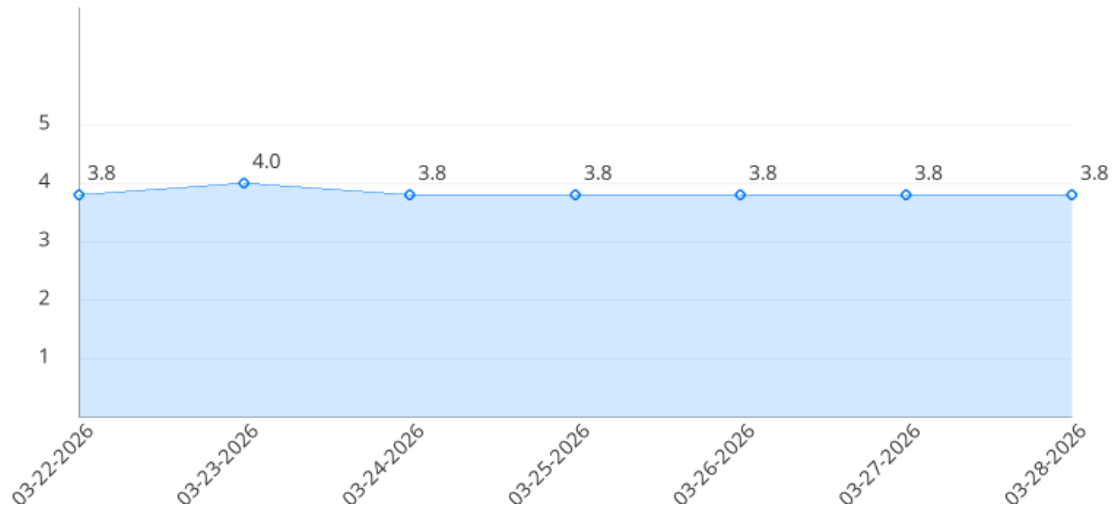
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Pandemics



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This week, the pandemic risk remained moderate, with scores consistently around 3.8, except for a brief increase to 4.0 due to heightened concerns over avian flu and underreporting of COVID-19 deaths. The emergence of new COVID variants with immune escape potential, alongside ongoing flu and measles outbreaks, contributed to the risk level. Challenges in vaccine uptake and misinformation continue to hinder public health efforts. Despite these challenges, there are signs of declining flu activity and ongoing vaccine developments. The focus remains on improving surveillance, combating misinformation, and enhancing vaccination campaigns to address these multifaceted threats.



Pandemics

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Enhance genomic surveillance and reporting systems to quickly identify and respond to new COVID variants and other emerging infectious diseases.
- **[NGO]** Launch targeted communication strategies to combat vaccine misinformation and increase public trust in vaccines, focusing on high-risk and underserved communities.
- **[Industry]** Accelerate research and development of vaccines and treatments for emerging infectious diseases, particularly those with immune escape potential.
- **[Healthcare]** Intensify vaccination campaigns for flu and measles, especially targeting vulnerable populations like children and the elderly.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global collaboration and resource sharing to monitor and control the spread of avian flu and other zoonotic diseases.



Pandemics

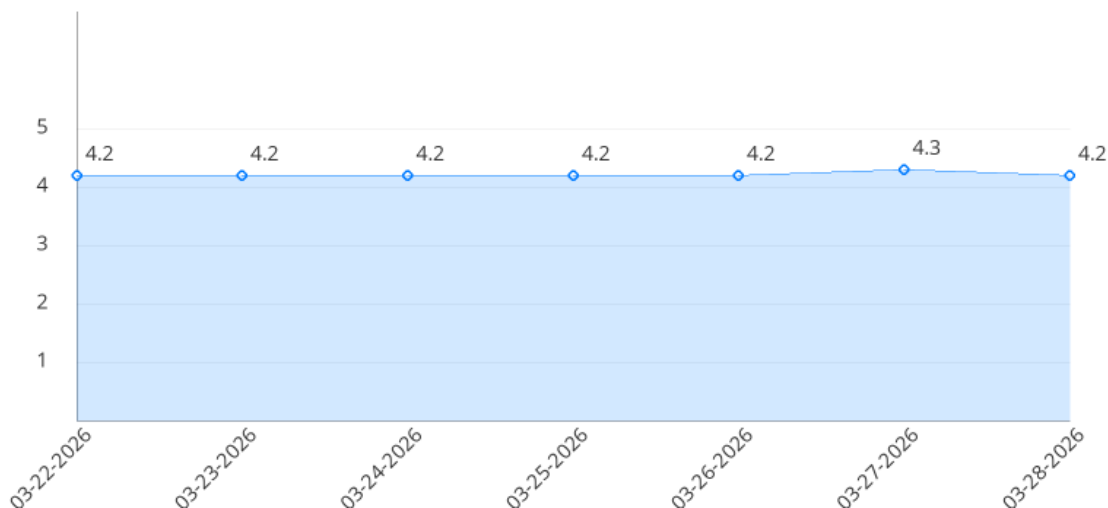
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Information Integrity

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This week, the global misinformation risk has consistently remained high, driven by widespread disinformation campaigns, AI-generated content, and targeted scams affecting political, social, and technological domains. The persistent use of AI in creating deceptive content has exacerbated false claims in areas such as health, politics, and international relations. The misinformation threat is impacting public safety and electoral integrity, with fake news and scams exploiting various vulnerabilities. Despite ongoing efforts to mitigate these risks, the proliferation of AI-generated misinformation continues to challenge detection and response mechanisms.



Information Integrity

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and penalties for the creation and distribution of AI-generated misinformation, particularly in critical areas like health and elections.
- **[Industry]** Enhance AI detection tools to better identify and flag deepfakes and other manipulated content across digital platforms.
- **[NGO]** Increase efforts in fact-checking and provide clear, accessible corrections to counteract misinformation and build public trust.
- **[Education]** Integrate media literacy programs into school curricula to equip students with skills to critically evaluate information and discern credible sources.
- **[International Organizations]** Foster collaboration between countries to address cross-border disinformation campaigns and enhance cybersecurity measures.



Information Integrity

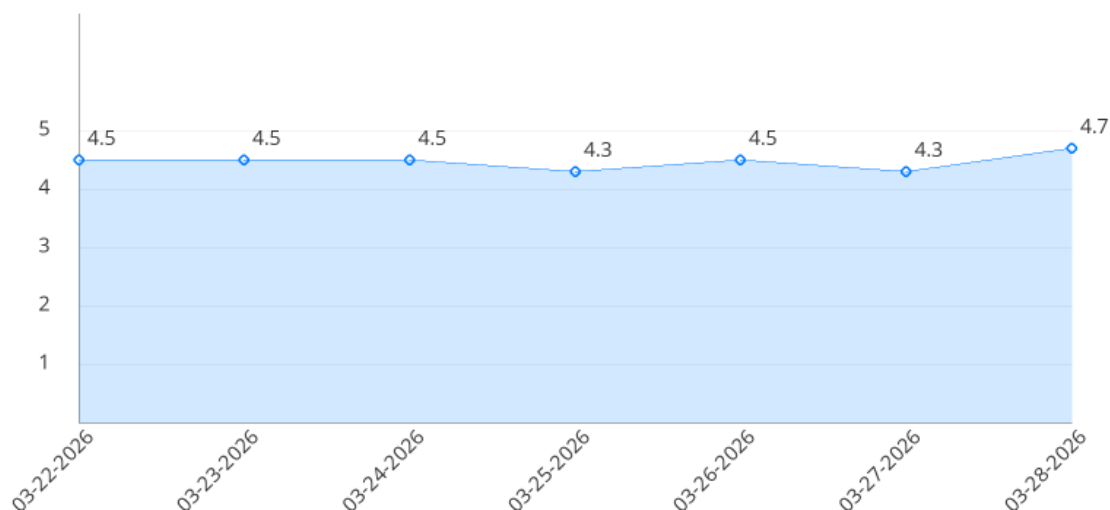
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Unknown / Black Swan

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This week, the escalating conflict involving Iran and Gulf states has been identified as a significant Black Swan risk, with potential to disrupt global economic stability and geopolitical balance. The conflict, marked by Iranian strikes, threatens regional stability and could lead to widespread economic instability, particularly affecting global energy markets. The consistent high-risk scores throughout the week highlight the urgency of addressing these tensions to prevent further escalation. The situation poses existential threats not only to regional stability but also to global economic security, necessitating immediate and coordinated international responses to mitigate potential impacts.



Unknown / Black Swan

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Enhance diplomatic efforts to mediate and de-escalate tensions between Iran and Gulf states through multilateral talks.
- **[Industry]** Develop contingency plans to secure alternative energy supply routes and diversify energy sources to mitigate potential disruptions.
- **[NGO]** Prepare humanitarian aid strategies to address potential displacement or crises resulting from the conflict.
- **[Financial Sector]** Stress-test financial systems against scenarios of sudden energy price spikes to prepare for potential market volatility.
- **[Media]** Provide accurate and balanced reporting to prevent misinformation and panic that could exacerbate geopolitical tensions.



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Closing Notes

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