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Week of April 5–11, 2026

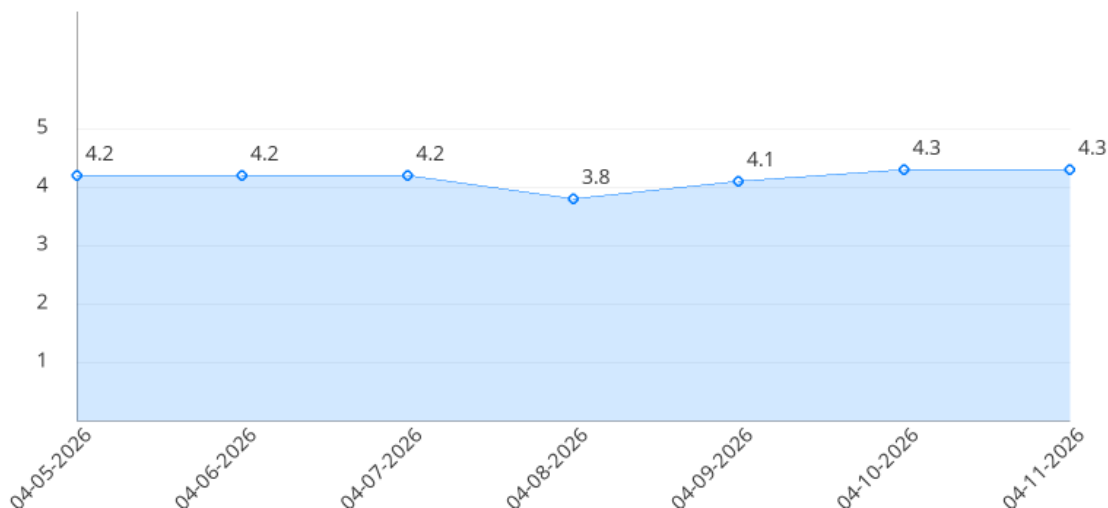
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Nuclear War

Score Trend (Week of April 5–11, 2026)



This week, the nuclear threat level remains elevated due to ongoing tensions involving Iran's nuclear ambitions and China's secretive expansion of its nuclear arsenal. The situation is exacerbated by recent escalations in rhetoric and military posturing between the U.S. and Iran, which have heightened the risk of nuclear conflict. Concerns about a potential arms race are resurfacing, as strategic uncertainties and modernization of arsenals continue to pose significant challenges. The global community is urged to address these issues through diplomatic engagement and renewed arms control efforts to prevent further escalation.



Nuclear War

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Convene an emergency session of the UN Security Council to address the escalating nuclear tensions and promote dialogue between the U.S. and Iran.
- **[NGO]** Increase advocacy for renewed arms control agreements and transparency measures among nuclear-armed states to mitigate the risks of nuclear escalation.
- **[Industry]** Develop and promote technologies that enhance verification and monitoring of nuclear activities globally to build trust and support arms control efforts.
- **[Diplomatic Community]** Facilitate open communication channels between nuclear-armed states to reduce the risk of miscalculation and accidental escalation.
- **[Public]** Engage in public awareness campaigns about the dangers of nuclear escalation and the importance of diplomatic solutions to pressure governments towards de-escalation.



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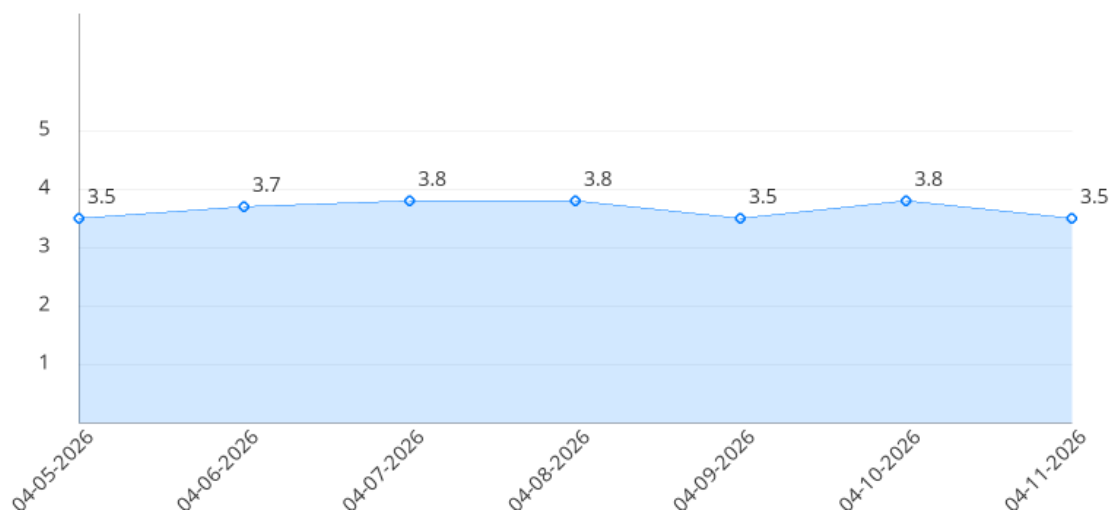
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Artificial Intelligence

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This week, the AI risk level remains moderate, with ongoing advancements in AI capabilities and safety measures. However, concerns persist regarding AI alignment, misuse, and the concentration of power, particularly in military and financial sectors. Strategic partnerships and acquisitions continue to shape the landscape, raising issues about governance and ethical deployment. There is a growing need for improved safety protocols and alignment research to address these challenges. The focus remains on balancing technological progress with responsible development and deployment to mitigate potential risks.



Artificial Intelligence

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and oversight on AI development and deployment to prevent misuse and ensure alignment with human values.
- **[Industry]** Develop and adhere to ethical guidelines and safety standards for AI research and deployment to mitigate risks of concentration of power and alignment failure.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for transparency and accountability in AI systems, particularly those used in critical sectors like military and finance.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research to understand and address the long-term implications of AI advancements on society and security.
- **[International Organizations]** Collaborate on international standards for AI safety and ethical use to ensure global cooperation and consistency.



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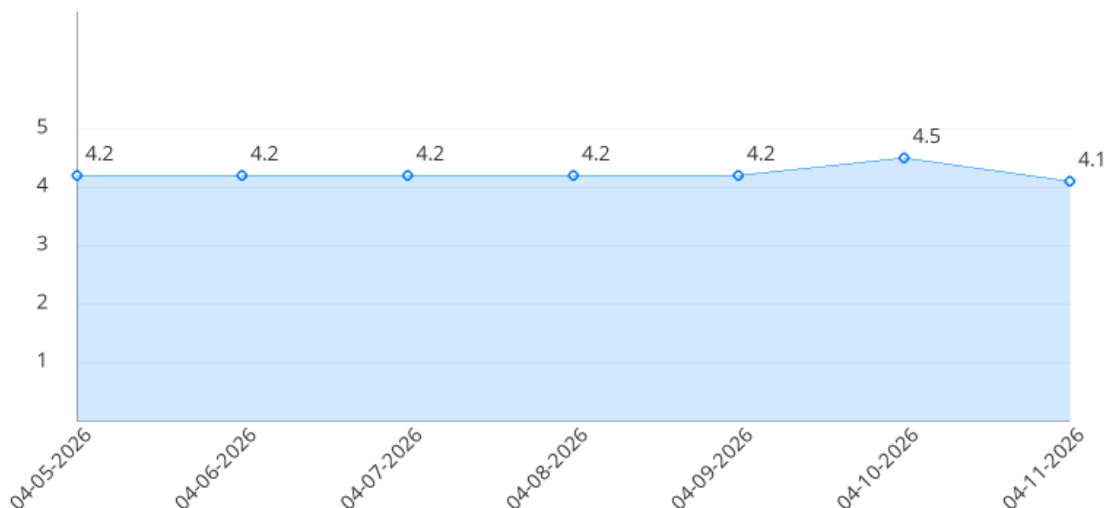
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Climate Change

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This week, the climate risk level remains high, consistently scoring around 4.2, due to a combination of extreme weather events, ecosystem disruptions, and policy challenges. The situation is exacerbated by ongoing emissions and potential future impacts of El Niño. Notably, there is an increasing threat to key species such as emperor penguins and Antarctic fur seals, alongside a rise in climate change denial. The rapid pace of climate change is outpacing natural adaptation, highlighting the urgent need for effective policy responses and adaptation strategies.



Climate Change

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Reinstate and strengthen climate policies to reduce emissions and promote renewable energy sources.
- **[NGO]** Increase public awareness campaigns to counteract climate change denial and promote science-based understanding.
- **[Industry]** Invest in sustainable technologies and practices to reduce carbon footprints and enhance climate resilience.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct and disseminate research on climate impacts on biodiversity to inform conservation efforts.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation to address transboundary climate challenges and support vulnerable regions.



Climate Change

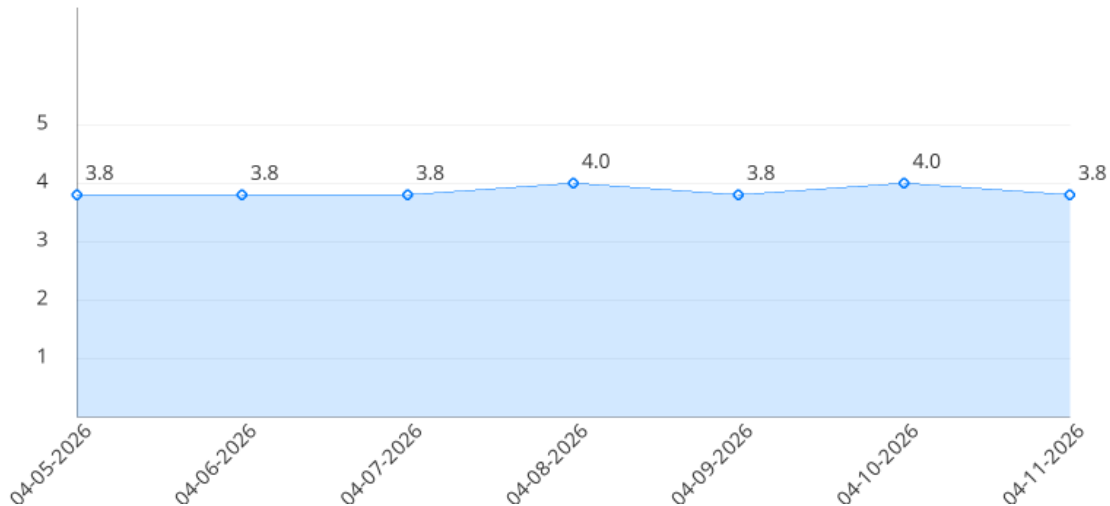
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Pandemics



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This week, the global pandemic risk fluctuated between moderate and high due to several factors, including the emergence of new COVID-19 variants with immune escape potential, ongoing avian flu outbreaks, and rising measles cases exacerbated by vaccine hesitancy. The pandemic risk score increased to 4.0 on certain days, indicating heightened concern. Persistent challenges in vaccine uptake and misinformation continue to complicate efforts to control these outbreaks. The situation underscores the need for enhanced surveillance, vaccination campaigns, and public education to mitigate the risks posed by these infectious diseases.



Pandemics

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase funding for surveillance and genomic sequencing to monitor new COVID variants and avian flu outbreaks.
- **[Healthcare Organizations]** Intensify vaccination campaigns to improve coverage for COVID-19 and measles, focusing on areas with high vaccine hesitancy.
- **[NGO]** Launch community outreach programs to educate the public on the importance of vaccinations and counter misinformation effectively.
- **[Industry]** Accelerate research and development of universal vaccines and treatments for emerging infectious diseases.
- **[International Bodies]** Strengthen global collaboration and information sharing to ensure rapid response and equitable access to vaccines in outbreak hotspots.



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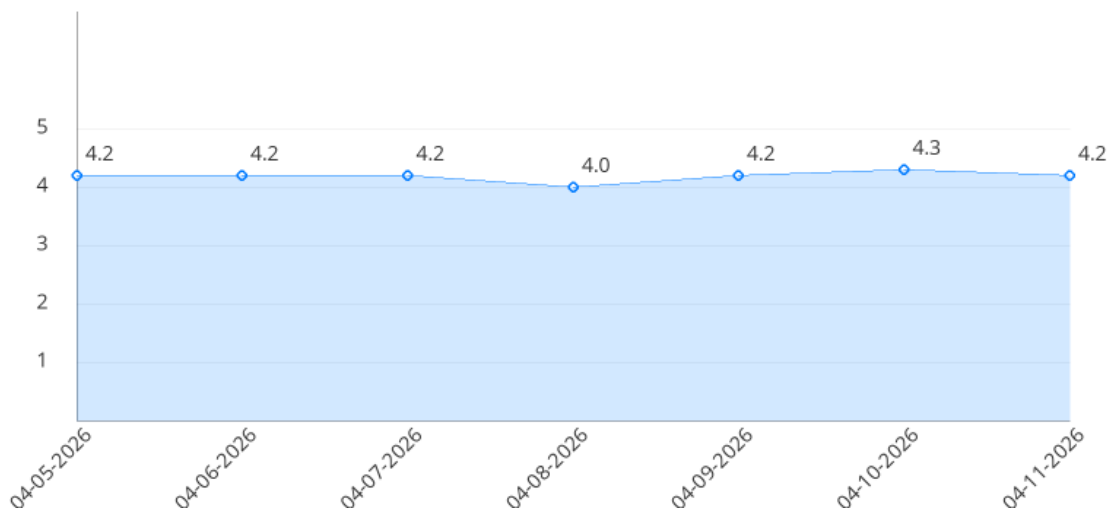
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Information Integrity

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This week, the trend in information integrity has been characterized by a consistently high risk of misinformation, primarily driven by AI-generated content and geopolitical disinformation campaigns. The prevalence of deepfakes, fake news, and false claims has significantly impacted political narratives, public perception, and trust across various sectors, including health and international relations. The use of AI to generate misleading content has been a common theme, with targeted disinformation campaigns influencing public opinion and electoral processes globally. The misinformation risk scores have remained high throughout the week, indicating a persistent challenge in managing and mitigating the spread of false information.



Information Integrity

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and oversight on AI-generated content to curb the spread of misinformation and deepfakes.
- **[Industry]** Enhance AI detection tools to more effectively identify and flag misleading content on social media platforms in real-time.
- **[NGO]** Increase efforts in public awareness campaigns to educate individuals on recognizing and reporting misinformation and scams.
- **[Education]** Integrate media literacy programs into school curricula to equip students with critical thinking skills necessary to evaluate information.
- **[International Organizations]** Foster international cooperation to track and counteract cross-border disinformation campaigns and develop unified strategies.



Information Integrity

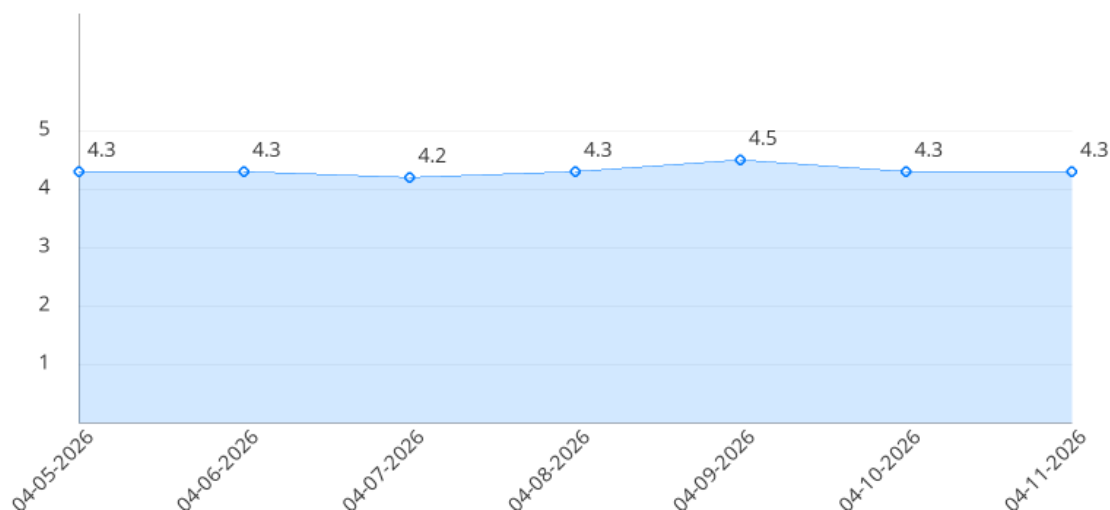
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Unknown / Black Swan

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This week, the primary trend in unknown or black swan events involves significant geopolitical tensions centered around Iran, marked by an increase in executions and fears of uprisings, which could lead to broader regional instability. These developments pose a risk of unexpected escalation with potential global repercussions. Concurrently, Australia is experiencing unprecedented fuel shortages, threatening its economy and global standing. Both situations highlight vulnerabilities in geopolitical stability and energy security, with potential cascading impacts on global supply chains and markets. The convergence of these events underscores the need for proactive measures to mitigate risks and stabilize affected regions.



Unknown / Black Swan

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions in the Middle East, particularly involving Iran, and promote dialogue between regional powers.
- **[Industry]** Implement emergency measures to secure alternative fuel supplies in Australia and stabilize the market to mitigate economic impacts.
- **[NGO]** Monitor human rights situations in Iran and provide support to local organizations advocating for peaceful resolutions and humanitarian aid.
- **[Research]** Conduct studies on the potential impacts of geopolitical instability on global supply chains and energy markets to inform policy decisions.
- **[Media]** Provide balanced and accurate reporting on the situations in Iran and Australia to prevent misinformation and public panic.



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This week, existential risk trends across the six domains reveal a mix of persistent challenges and emerging concerns. In the nuclear domain, tensions involving Iran and China's nuclear activities have kept the threat level elevated, with calls for diplomatic engagement to prevent further escalation. The AI landscape remains moderately risky, with ongoing advancements raising issues of alignment, misuse, and governance, particularly in military and financial sectors. Climate change risks continue to be high, exacerbated by extreme weather and policy challenges, while the pandemic risk fluctuates due to new COVID-19 variants and vaccine hesitancy. Information integrity faces a consistently high risk from AI-generated misinformation and geopolitical disinformation campaigns, impacting public trust and political narratives. Finally, geopolitical tensions around Iran and fuel shortages in Australia highlight vulnerabilities in stability and energy security, underscoring the need for proactive risk mitigation strategies.



Closing Notes

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