

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists EXISTENTIAL THREAT SCORECARD



2020 Presidential Debates

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Joe Biden

Donald Trump

Chris Wallace

CLIMATE CHANGE

Plan for a clean energy revolution (or anything close)

Carbon tax / cap-and-trade

Nuclear energy

Solar or wind energy / electric cars / [bird death](#) ☑

Storms, floods, or forest management

“It’ll start getting cooler, just watch”

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

New START / arms control

No first use / sole launch authority

Low-yield nuclear warhead

Launch on warning

The Iran nuclear agreement

North Korean nuclear weapons

“New secret nuclear weapon” / “super-duper missile”

DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Killer robots

Deep fakes / [altered videos](#) ☑

Artificial intelligence / Terminator

Russian election interference / [Manchurian Candidate](#) ☑

Regulation of Facebook / Mark Zuckerberg / Vladimir Putin

“Fake news”

THE PANDEMIC

200,000

Almost no one

China Virus

Dereliction of duty

“Like a miracle”

BONUS POINTS

“Believe me”

“Malarkey”

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