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**EXISTENTIAL THREAT SCORECARD**



**2024 Presidential Debate**

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Joe Biden

Donald Trump

Dana Bash

Jake Tapper

**NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Sentinel intercontinental missile program				
No-first-use of nuclear weapons treaty with China				
Russia and tactical nuclear weapons in Ukraine				
Iran's nuclear program / Iran nuclear deal				
Nuclear weapons modernization / new Cold War				
Nuclear weapons in space				

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

Extreme temperatures, storms, wildfires				
The Inflation Reduction Act				
The Paris climate agreement				
Small modular nuclear reactors				
Electric cars (or a sinking electric boat with a shark)				
"It's weather"				

**DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES**

AI and disinformation as threats to democracy				
Using AI in military command and control				
Regulation of AI research / managing superintelligence				
Regulation of social media / warning labels				
Elon Musk, X, or baby X				
ChatGPT				

**BIOSECURITY**

H5N1 / avian influenza / bird flu (or infected cows)				
Global WHO pandemic accord				
AI, synthetic biology, and the potential for biological terrorism				
Regulation of risky biological research (or COVID lab leak theory)				
New vaccines for emerging disease threats				
Vaccine skepticism (or RFK Jr.)				

**BONUS POINTS**

Classified documents in bathrooms or garages				
"Existential"				
ADD YOUR OWN				