

One does not need to care about the long-term future to recognize the importance of AI risk. Misaligned artificial intelligence poses a serious threat to the continued flourishing, and maybe even [continued existence](#), of humanity as a whole. While predictions about when artificial general intelligence may be achieved vary, surveys consistently report a [>50% probability of achieving general AI before the year 2060](#) — within the expected lifetimes of most people alive today.

It is difficult to predict how technology will develop, and at what speed, in the years ahead; but as artificial intelligence poses a significant chance of causing worldwide disaster within the not-too-distant future, anyone who is concerned with their own future has reason to be interested.

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