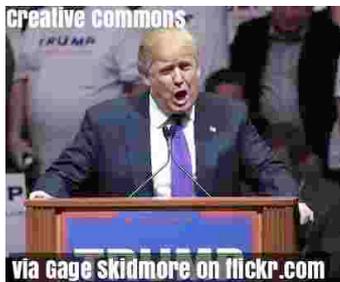


## Donald Trump on global risk list

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Researchers have stated that Donald Trump winning the US presidency is one of the top ten risks facing the world. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) warns that a president Trump could disrupt the

world's economy and increase political tensions worldwide. It said a Trump victory in November's U.S. presidential elections could also lead to global insecurity. The EIU puts Mr Trump on the same level of risk as, "the rising threat of jihadi terrorism destabilising the global economy". A reason for Mr Trump's high ranking is a lack of information about his proposed plans. The EIU said: "Thus far, Mr Trump has given very few details of his policies, and these tend to be prone to constant revision."

The EIU rated Mr Trump as being riskier than the United Kingdom leaving the European Union or an armed confrontation in the South China Sea. He was seen as less dangerous than China encountering a sharp economic slowdown and Russia's foreign policy in Ukraine and Syria resulting in a new cold war. The EIU said Mr Trump has got many people worried by his rhetoric towards Mexico and China, which "could escalate rapidly into a trade war". Mr Trump has called for a "big, big wall" to be built on the US-Mexican border to keep "illegal immigrants" and "drug dealers" out of the United States. He even said he would get Mexico to pay for it. He has also called for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the USA.

Sources: [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) / [Huffington Post](http://Huffington Post) / [Washington Post](http://Washington Post)

## Writing

Donald Trump as U.S. president is not a risk to the world. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*researchers / risks / president / world economy / victory / terrorism / plans / policies / confrontation / dangerous / economic slowdown / foreign policy / rhetoric / trade war*

## True / False

- Donald Trump becoming president is the biggest risk facing the world. T / F
- The EIU says a Trump presidency and jihadi terrorism are equally risky. T / F
- There is a lot of information on the details of Mr Trump's policies. T / F
- Mr Trump changes his policy details a lot. T / F
- The EIU says a Trump presidency is riskier than the UK leaving the EU. T / F
- The EIU says Russian foreign policy is riskier than a Trump presidency. T / F
- Mr Trump said Americans would pay for a wall on the US-Mexico border. T / F
- Mr Trump has called for a permanent ban on Muslims entering the USA. T / F

## Synonym Match

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. stated        | a. vulnerability |
| 2. facing        | b. friction      |
| 3. tensions      | c. mushroom      |
| 4. insecurity    | d. judged        |
| 5. constant      | e. asserted      |
| 6. rated         | f. hyperbole     |
| 7. confrontation | g. continual     |
| 8. rhetoric      | h. short-term    |
| 9. escalate      | i. confronting   |
| 10. temporary    | j. clash         |

## Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- What risks are facing your country?
- What do you think of Donald Trump?
- How risky would it be for Donald Trump to be U.S. president?
- What are the biggest risks to the world at the moment?
- Is the world becoming a more or less dangerous place? Why?
- What are Donald Trump's policies?
- What advice do you have for Donald Trump?

## Phrase Match

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. one of the top ten risks      | a. terrorism          |
| 2. increase political            | b. constant revision  |
| 3. the rising threat of jihadi   | c. pay for it         |
| 4. destabilising                 | d. border             |
| 5. these tend to be prone to     | e. facing the world   |
| 6. escalate rapidly into a trade | f. the global economy |
| 7. the US-Mexican                | g. ban                |
| 8. illegal                       | h. tensions worldwide |
| 9. he would get Mexico to        | i. war                |
| 10. a temporary                  | j. immigrants         |

## Discussion – Student B

- How much risk is there in your life?
- Is Donald Trump being president riskier than a war in the South China Sea?
- Who are the biggest risks to the world at the moment?
- What are the biggest risks you face?
- What do you think about what Mr Trump said about Mexico?
- What do you think about what Mr Trump said about Muslims?
- Why is Donald Trump so popular?
- What questions would you like to ask Donald Trump?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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| 1. e | 2. i | 3. b | 4. a | 5. g  |
| 6. d | 7. j | 8. f | 9. c | 10. h |

## Role Play

### Role A – Donald Trump

You think Donald Trump is the biggest risk the world is facing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): cyber-crime, terrorism or climate change.

### Role B – Cyber-crime

You think cyber-crime is the biggest risk the world is facing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): Donald Trump, terrorism or climate change.

### Role C – Terrorism

You think terrorism is the biggest risk the world is facing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): cyber-crime, Donald Trump or climate change.

### Role D – Climate change

You think climate change is the biggest risk the world is facing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): cyber-crime, terrorism or Donald Trump.

## Speaking – Risks

Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest risks to the world at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Donald Trump   | • North Korean missiles  |
| • cyber-crime    | • the break-up of the EU |
| • oil prices     | • terrorism              |
| • climate change | • viruses                |

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.