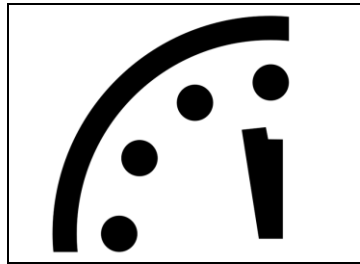


The Doomsday Clock is now at 85 seconds to midnight.



4 seconds closer than last year

What is it? The Doomsday Clock is a picture of an analogue clock face. Members of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists set the time once a year.



Who are the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists? A group of very distinguished scientists, currently 10 of them are Nobel laureates.



What does it measure? What does it measure? It is a comparator for the risk of nuclear annihilation and other major threats to life. Each year an increase or decrease in the threat of humanity's destruction through the use of nuclear weapons is indicated by these experts. So, it does not measure any absolute value (like say, a real clock) but is a basis for comparing risk to previous iterations. Last year it was set to 89 seconds to midnight. This year the Bulletin cited growing nuclear risks, climate change, the misuse of biotechnology, and artificial intelligence - alongside what it called a "failure of leadership" among world powers - bringing the clock to its closest ever point in its 79-year history. It has been set to 85 seconds to midnight.



What is the trend? It has been suggested that the trend is that the *risk is increasing*. Can you confirm this?



The data points are in the link to the right.
(Click the box or scan the QR code with your mobile device)

Make a graph. The data points above are for years from 1947 onwards.

Can you make a graph that reflects the changes?
Choose your x and y axis, and units – then use the graph paper to draw it.

