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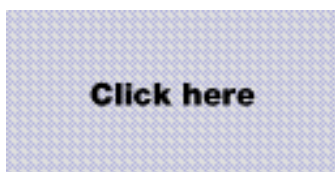
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Key findings of the Pentagon

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- Future wars will be fought over the issue of **survival** rather than religion, ideology or national honour.
- By 2007 **violent storms** smash coastal barriers rendering large parts of the Netherlands inhabitable. Cities like The Hague are abandoned. In California the delta island levees in the Sacramento river area are breached, disrupting the aqueduct system transporting water from north to south.
- Between 2010 and 2020 Europe is hardest hit by climatic change with an average annual temperature drop of 6F. Climate in **Britain becomes colder** and drier as weather patterns begin to resemble Siberia.
- Deaths from **war and famine** run into the millions until the planet's population is reduced by such an extent the Earth can cope.
- Riots and **internal conflict** tear apart India, South Africa and Indonesia.
- Access to **water** becomes a major battleground. The Nile, Danube and Amazon are all mentioned as being high risk.
- A 'significant drop' in the planet's ability to sustain its present population will become apparent over the next 20 years.
- Rich areas like the US and Europe would become **'virtual fortresses'** to prevent millions of migrants from entering after

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being forced from land drowned by sea-level rise or no longer able to grow crops. Waves of boatpeople pose significant problems.

- Nuclear arms proliferation is inevitable. Japan, South Korea, and Germany develop **nuclear-weapons capabilities**, as do Iran, Egypt and North Korea. Israel, China, India and Pakistan also are poised to use the bomb.

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- By 2010 the US and Europe will experience a third more days with peak **temperatures above 90F**. Climate becomes an 'economic nuisance' as storms, droughts and hot spells create havoc for farmers.

- More than 400m people in subtropical regions at grave risk.

- Europe will face huge internal struggles as it copes with **massive numbers** of migrants washing up on its shores. Immigrants from Scandinavia seek warmer climes to the south. Southern Europe is beleaguered by refugees from hard-hit countries in Africa.

- **Mega-droughts** affect the world's major breadbaskets, including America's Midwest, where strong winds bring soil loss.

- China's huge population and food demand make it particularly vulnerable. **Bangladesh** becomes nearly uninhabitable because of a rising sea level, which contaminates the inland water supplies.

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