

INTRODUCTION

In an unprecedented **ABC News two-hour special** airing this September, the world's top scientists, historians, and economists will predict what the world could look like by the year 2100. Experts say that unless we act now, the "perfect storm" of **population growth**, **resource depletion** and **climate change** could destabilize the world with catastrophic results.

In order to tell this story we need YOU to report back from the future!

ABC News is launching a **massive online game** that asks filmmakers and creative minds from across the globe to imagine the unimaginable. What will our world look like in one hundred years if we don't save our troubled planet? We want you to create compelling videos that tell the story of how the next century unfolds. Your responses will be woven into an evolving web-based story, and the best ones will be used as the spine of the network primetime show.



HOW THE GAME WORKS

Using data and projections from top scientists, we will present **four future scenarios** of the world from the years **2015, 2050, 2070, and 2100**. We want you to be our reporters for the future

1. We will feed you a detailed scenario of the global threats faced in your specific location and each future date, beginning with Scenario 1 - in the year 2015.
2. Your task is to create a gripping video (1-3 minutes long) about your future world as if you are experiencing it now, firsthand.
3. A team of ABC News producers will interact with you as the game unfolds. The story you invent for the year 2015 will dictate the scenario we create for the year 2050, and so on.

By the end of the game, the year will be 2100 and **you will have created a unique four-episode narrative of the next century**. Users from around the world will be able to view and comment on your imagined forecast and predictions.

VIDEO GUIDELINES

Your videos can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose – perhaps it's a “news” report to a webcam, a trip to the grocery store where the price of food has quadrupled, or even your own simulation of a natural disaster. **So be creative**, but here are a few guidelines:

- Speak in the first-person and present-tense
- Identify yourself and your location
- Each submission should be 1 to 3 minutes long
- Submit your video online beginning May 9th: <http://www.earth2100.tv>
- Deadline for the 2015 submissions: June 9th

UNITED STATES: SCENARIO 1 / YEAR: 2015

It is seven years in the future and there's growing unrest around the world as people begin to connect the dots. A new reality is upon us:

- Despite the promises of the 2008 campaign, a weakened economy and a continued presence in Iraq has kept climate change on the backburner. Global temperatures are rising faster than expected.
- Increasing global demand for oil and industrial metals, especially from China and India, is creating worldwide shortages. More coal-fired power plants are being built to compensate.
- A continued drought is turning the US Southwest into a dust bowl. Lake Mead has dried up, threatening the drinking supply in Las Vegas.
- Tensions rise between the U.S. and Mexico as water disputes break out over the Rio Grande.
- Crop yields plummet in the U.S. Midwest due to persistent droughts mixed with frequent hailstorms and flash floods. Record high food prices and food shortages lead to food riots in many countries around the world.
- Wildfires are raging out of control in Colorado and Southern California leaving thousands of people homeless.
- A powerful nor'easter hits the entire eastern seaboard, from South Carolina to Maine. Power is knocked out for millions of people in New York and New Jersey and the New York City transit system is shut down for 2 days.
- A Category 5 hurricane hits the coast of Miami, flooding a majority of the city and damaging much of its infrastructure. The situation is made worse by a continuing influx of refugees from Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The National Guard is called in to lead the disaster response.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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