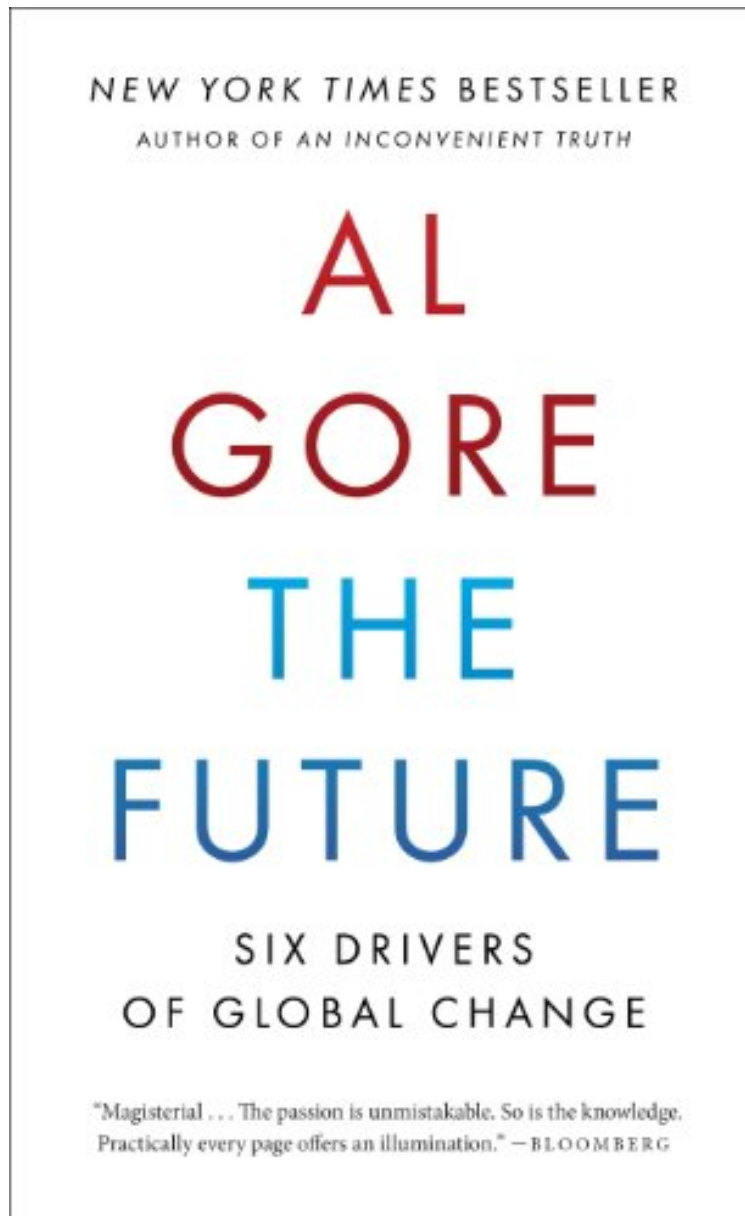


The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change

Al Gore

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Al Gore : The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Get it. Read it with your children.By netvisitorutahI think this book reveals how great the tragedy that he did not serve as the U.S. President. Driving through rural America with my wife, many hours of driving resulted in hearing only a few discs of the audiobook version because my wife and I were

endlessly stopping the recording to comment on the impacts of what we were hearing. Now, at home, with Kindle and text versions, we continue to read and marvel at the consilience of this work. In the end, the world will not be about "sides". It will be, or have been, about the journey of life on this planet. If we have gifted leaders, as Mr. Gore was and is, perhaps the journey will come to miraculous fruition. The world is rapidly changing and Mr. Gore, speaking from a vantage point of rare insights, tells us herein just how it is changing. It is a time of opportunity to be more than we have been. Our youth need to read this, then talk to each other as fellows of a grand journey.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Wakeup Call??By David RodwellVP Gore has created a deep dive into the history and current state of the world and the US. Before purchasing the book, I reviewed the comments here and now find that the bulk of the negative reviews seems based more on the persons disagreement with Mr. Gore himself rather than the content of the book. Apparently policy wonks have written reviews. Curious. Yes it is a complex read...that's why I got it on Audible. I play it in the car. The book appears well researched and assembled as well as well read by the VP himself. I did speed up the read-back as I do with all books.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of My Favorite FuturistsBy DeanA big disclaimer right off the bat: I'm a huge fan of Al Gore's brand of futurism. He's right up there with the best writers in the field, from John Naisbitt who gave us Megatrends to Alvin Toffler who gave us Future Shock. Gore's view of the future is far more sober and balanced on the whole than is Toffler's, to my thinking. Of course this book was penned some decades later, when consumers married to the process of globalization as a phenomenon was well past its honeymoon phase. I found myself underlining two-thirds of this book, which got a bit silly. Since just reading the highlights next time around isn't going to save me much time! Asides from being a highly prescient view of the near-future, on par with his eye-opening An Inconvenient Truth, this book is also an excellent call to arms to make the kind of changes today in our lives and our consciousness that can lead us to a sustainable future, one that we might actually want to live in.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER From the former vice president and #1 New York Times bestselling author comes *An Inconvenient Truth* for everything— a frank and clear-eyed assessment of six critical drivers of global change in the decades to come. Ours is a time of revolutionary change that has no precedent in history. With the same passion he brought to the challenge of climate change, and with his decades of experience on the front lines of global policy, Al Gore surveys our planet's beclouded horizon and offers a sober, learned, and ultimately hopeful forecast in the visionary tradition of Alvin Toffler's *Future Shock* and John Naisbitt's *Megatrends*. In *The Future*, Gore identifies the emerging forces that are reshaping our world:

- Ever-increasing economic globalization has led to the emergence of what he labels "Earth Inc."— an integrated holistic entity with a new and different relationship to capital, labor, consumer markets, and national governments than in the past.
- The worldwide digital communications, Internet, and computer revolutions have led to the emergence of "the Global Mind," which links the thoughts and feelings of billions of people and connects intelligent machines, robots, ubiquitous sensors, and databases.
- The balance of global political, economic, and military power is shifting more profoundly than at any time in the last five hundred years— from a U.S.-centered system to one with multiple emerging centers of power, from nation-states to private actors, and from political systems to markets.
- A deeply flawed economic compass is leading us to unsustainable growth in consumption, pollution flows, and depletion of the planet's strategic resources of topsoil, freshwater, and living species.
- Genomic, biotechnology, neuroscience, and life sciences revolutions are radically transforming the fields of medicine, agriculture, and molecular science— and are putting control of evolution in human hands.
- There has been a radical disruption of the relationship between human beings and the earth's ecosystems, along with the beginning of a revolutionary transformation of energy systems, agriculture, transportation, and construction worldwide.

From his earliest days in public life, Al Gore has been warning us of the promise and peril of emergent truths— no matter how "inconvenient" they may seem to be. As absorbing as it is visionary, *The Future* is a map of the world to come, from a man who has looked ahead before and been proven all too right. Praise for *The Future*:

- "Magisterial . . . The passion is unmistakable. So is the knowledge. Practically every page offers an illumination." —Bloomberg
- "In *The Future* . . . Gore takes on a subject whose scale matches that of his achievements and ambition." —The New York Times Book Review
- "Historically grounded . . . Gore's strengths lie in his passion for the subject and in his ability to take the long view by putting current events and trends in historical context." —Publishers Weekly
- "Provocative, smart, densely argued . . . a tour de force of Big Picture thinking." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)
- "A luminously intelligent analysis that is packed with arresting ideas and facts." —The Guardian

From Booklist Since exiting the political stage after the controversial presidential election of 2000, Al Gore has pursued a lucrative business career while continuing his series of works of environmental warning, which began with *Earth in the Balance* (1992). While less admonitory than *An Inconvenient Truth* (2006), Gore's green concerns persist in this new assembly of prognostications, which organize the author's vision of humanity's prospects into six categories. Those are economic globalization (which Gore tags as "Earth, Inc."),

instantaneous communication (Idquo;the Global Mindrdquo;), international relations, demography and capitalism, human health and biotechnology, and natural resources and climate change (Idquo;the Edgerdquo;). Identifying trends in each area, Gore the polymath posits directions and destinations he sees as desirable and scolds what he regards as the impediment to their realization, namely, a corruption of American democracy by corporations, lobbyists, and campaign cash. Certainly a wide-ranging socioeconomic and scientific survey of humanityrsquo;s next decades, Gorersquo;s palpably political imperative is the distinguishing trait of this contribution to futurology, a genre with a checkered past. Time will tell whether the authorrsquo;s predictions hold up. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Some of former vice president Al Gorersquo;s books have cracked best-seller lists, and though this title will not likely do so, Gorersquo;s high media profile will draw plenty of attention to his new book. --Gilbert Taylor Idquo;Magisterial . . . The passion is unmistakable. So is the knowledge. Practically every page offers an illumination.rdqquo;mdash;Bloomberg nbsp; Idquo;In The Future . . . Gore takes on a subject whose scale matches that of his achievements and ambition.rdqquo;mdash;The New York Times Book nbsp; Idquo;Historically grounded . . . Gorersquo;s strengths lie in his passion for the subject and in his ability to take the long view by putting current events and trends in historical context.rdqquo;mdash;Publishers Weekly nbsp; Idquo;Provocative, smart, densely argued . . . a tour de force of Big Picture thinking.rdqquo;mdash;Kirkus s (starred review) nbsp; Idquo;A luminously intelligent analysis that is packed with arresting ideas and facts.rdqquo;mdash;The GuardianIdquo;This is a great book. From political policy and economics to science and the most thorny ethical issues, Al Gore has stated the human condition and the issues we face forthrightly, fearlessly, and in easily understood languagemdash;and has said what must be done. I asked myself halfway through who else could have written a book of this magnitude. The only answer I could imagine was Jefferson.rdqquo;mdash;E. O. Wilson, Harvard University, two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize nbsp; Idquo;Irsquo;m a pro-growth supply-side economist, so my admiration for Al Gore may seem like an oxymoron. Itrsquo;s not. This book is amazingly rich in wisdom, practicality, and insight. Al Gore has a portfolio that warrants credibility and is an accomplished polymath who transcends ideology while turning our attention to big issues, big ideas, and big solutions. The Future frames the discussion whether yoursquo;re conservative, agnostic, or liberal. Itrsquo;s a fascinating deep read.rdqquo;mdash;Arthur B. Laffer, Ph.D. nbsp; Idquo;Whether hersquo;s discussing cyberspace, the environment, science, or the economy, Al Gore presents in this book, with impressive breadth and well-researched depth, the challenges we have to meet to ensure that they become opportunities rather than threats. If you are concerned about the massive changes the world is just heading into, then you should read this book. If you arenrsquo;t, then you must read it!rdquo;mdash;Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide WebAbout the AuthorFormer vice president Al Gore is co-founder and chairman of Generation Investment Management. He is also a senior partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield Byers, and a member of Apple Inc.rsquo;s board of directors. Gore spends the majority of his time as chairman of The Climate Reality Project, a nonprofit devoted to solving the climate crisis. Gore was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives four times and the U.S. Senate twice. He served eight years as vice president. He authored the bestsellers Earth in the Balance, An Inconvenient Truth, The Assault on Reason, and Our Choice. He is a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.