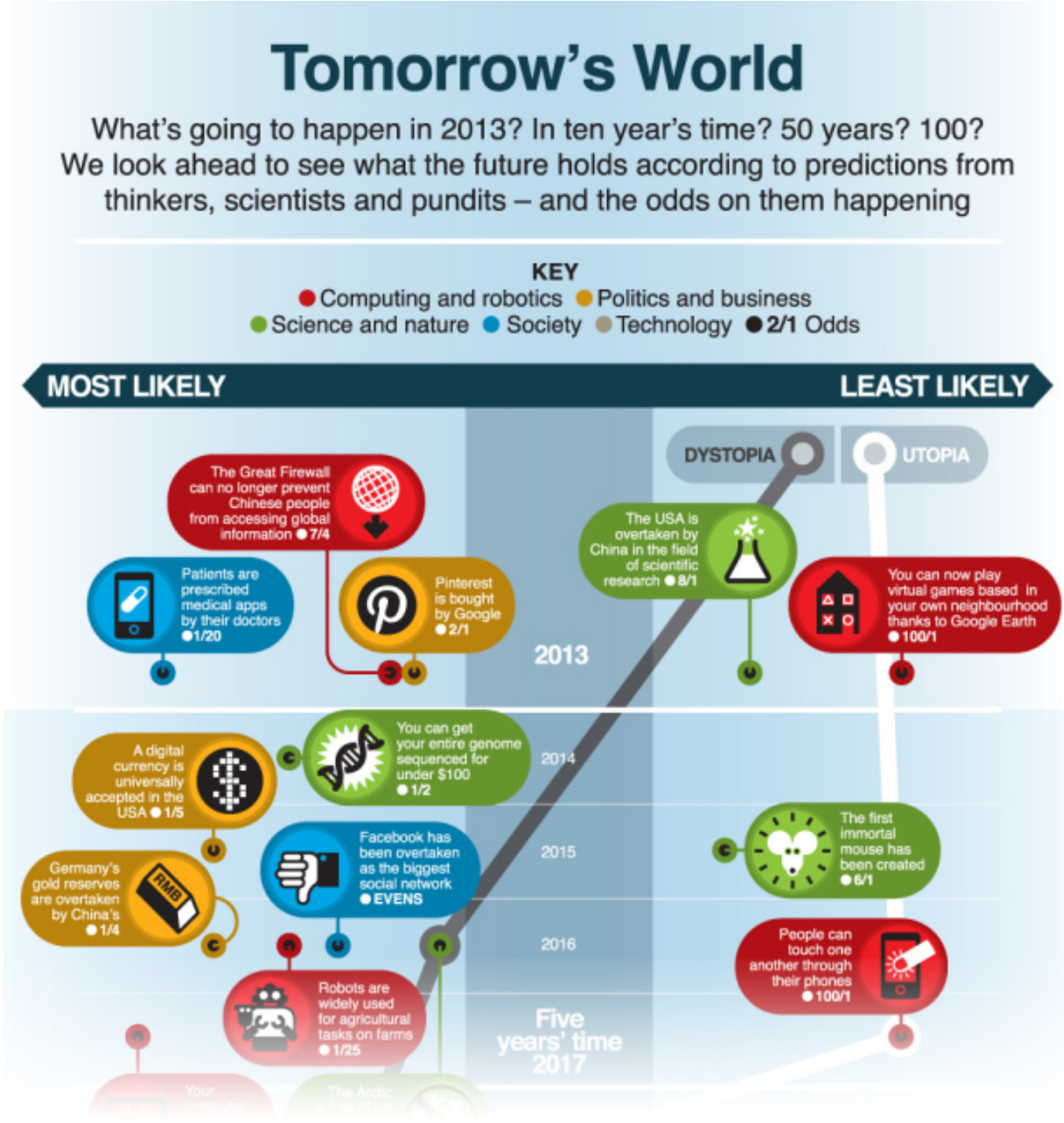
Peer 150 Years Into the Future of Tech and Science

A lot can change in a year, but how much can change in a century and a half? A BBC Future infographic theorizes on a few logical advancements that could come about as civilization marches toward the year 2150.



[1]

No matter how much you keep up with technology, it's challenging to predict its impact past a few years down the road. There are so many possibilities on the horizon -- especially considering the non-stop advancements in connectivity, nanotechnology, and other expanding fields of next-gen science -- that future generations may think of the early 2000s in the same way we think of the early 1900s: as a time when society stood on the cusp of incredible change.

A new BBC Future infographic [2] takes a shot at what could happen in the realm of science, technology, and society as a whole from now to 2150. The predictions, which come from a cavalcade of sources (IBM, MIT, NASA, news outlets, and many

others), indicate that the world we know today could be largely different in just a decade.

For example, in just the year 2013, the BBC predicts that the Chinese may finally find a way to overcome "The Great Firewall [3]" (that currently limits access to certain Web sites) and that Google could buy Pinterest. Looking ahead, the next several years could present a digital currency universally accepted in the U.S.; genome sequencing for less than a $100; a social network overtaking Facebook in popularity; and farmers widely using robots for agricultural purposes [4].
Read More [5]

January 04, 2012

Source URL (retrieved on *12/21/2013 - 5:58pm*):
http://www.wirelessdesignmag.com/news/2013/01/peer-150-years-future-tech-and-science?qt-most_popular=0

Links:
[1] http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbc.com/future/img/tomorrows_world.jpg
[2] http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20130102-tomorrows-world
[3] http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57559531-83/china-reinforces-its-great-firewall-to-prevent-encryption/
[4] http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-57513147-1/down-on-the-farm-lettuce-bot-is-quietly-slaying-weeds/
[5] http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-57561735-1/peer-150-years-into-the-future-of-tech-and-science/?part=rss&subj=crave&tag=title&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+cnet%2FpRza+%28Crave%29&utm_content=Google+Reader