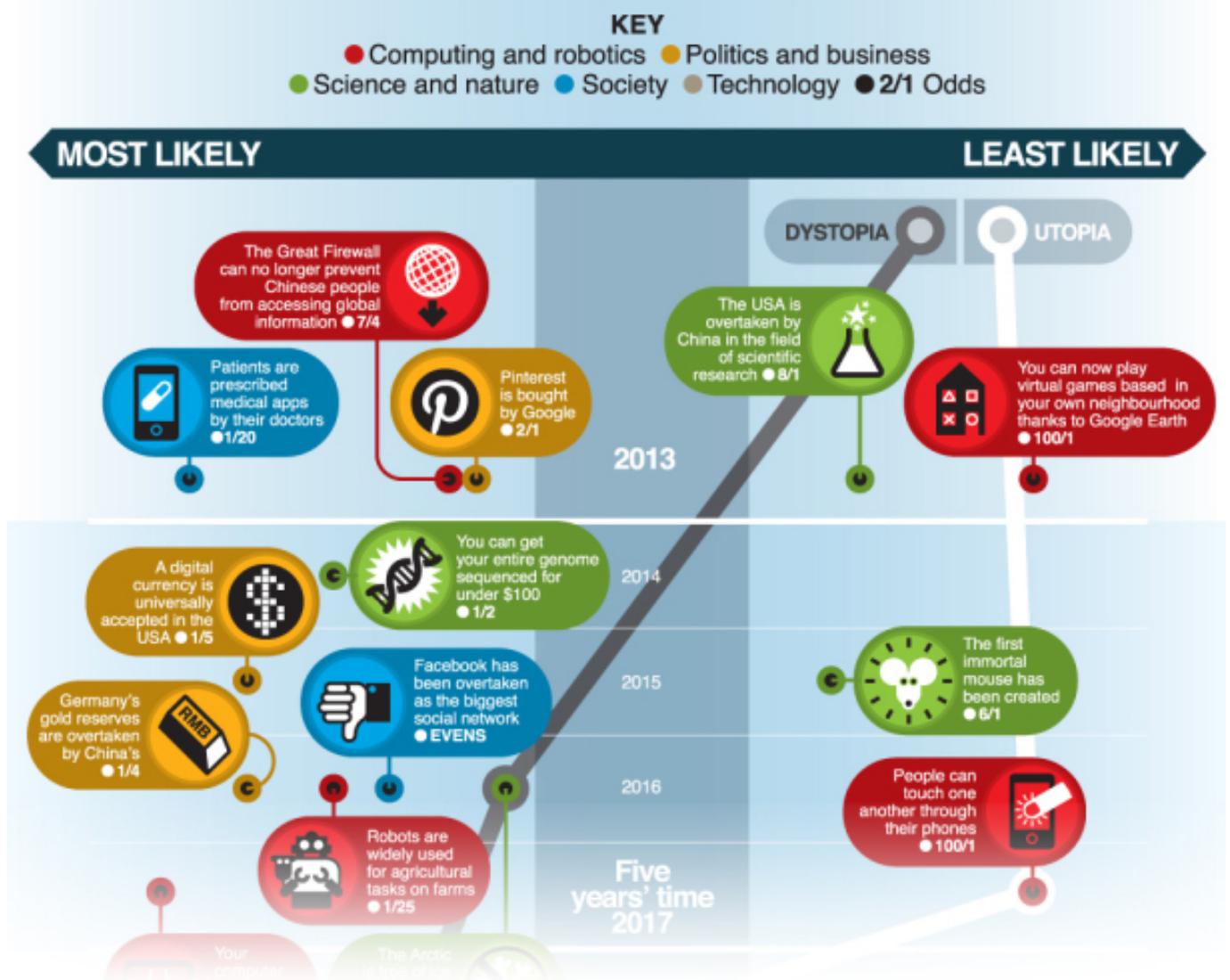


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No matter how much you keep up with technology, it's challenging to predict its impact past a few years down the road. There are so many possibilities on the horizon -- especially considering the non-stop advancements in connectivity, nanotechnology, 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

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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].  
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