

# **Finding hope, meaning, and purpose in the midst of a climate & ecological crisis**

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**WE ARE GOING  
TO WIN**

**QUESTION IS:  
HOW FAST?**

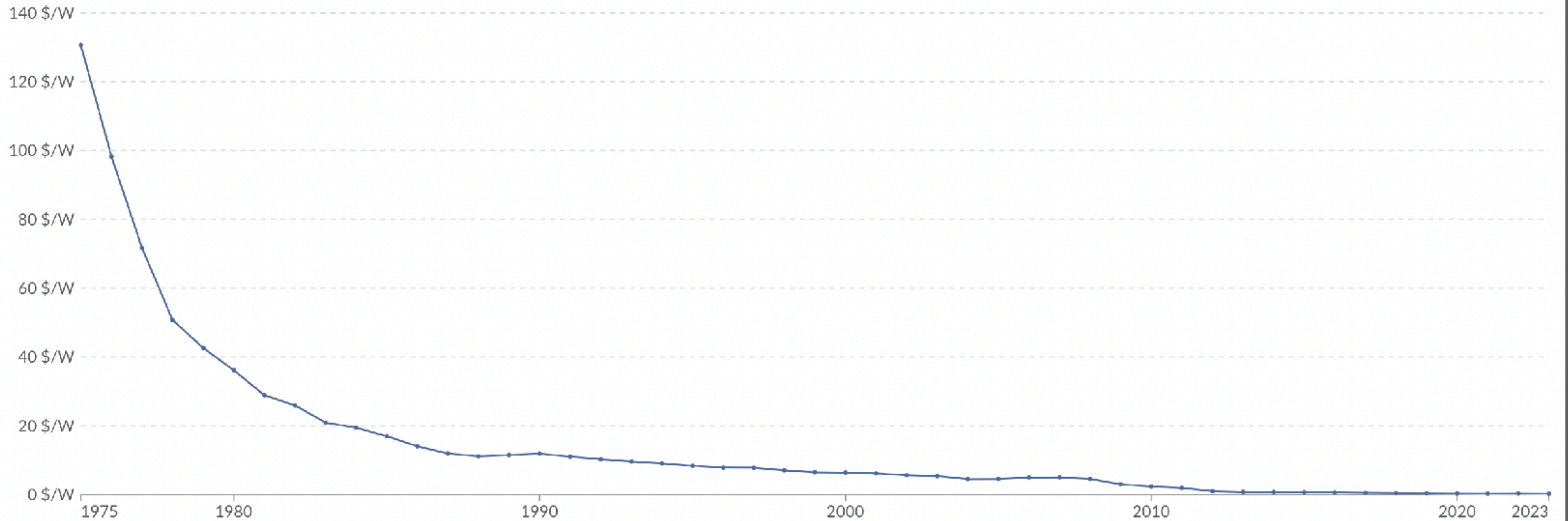
# Solar (photovoltaic) panel prices

This data is expressed in US dollars per watt, adjusted for inflation.

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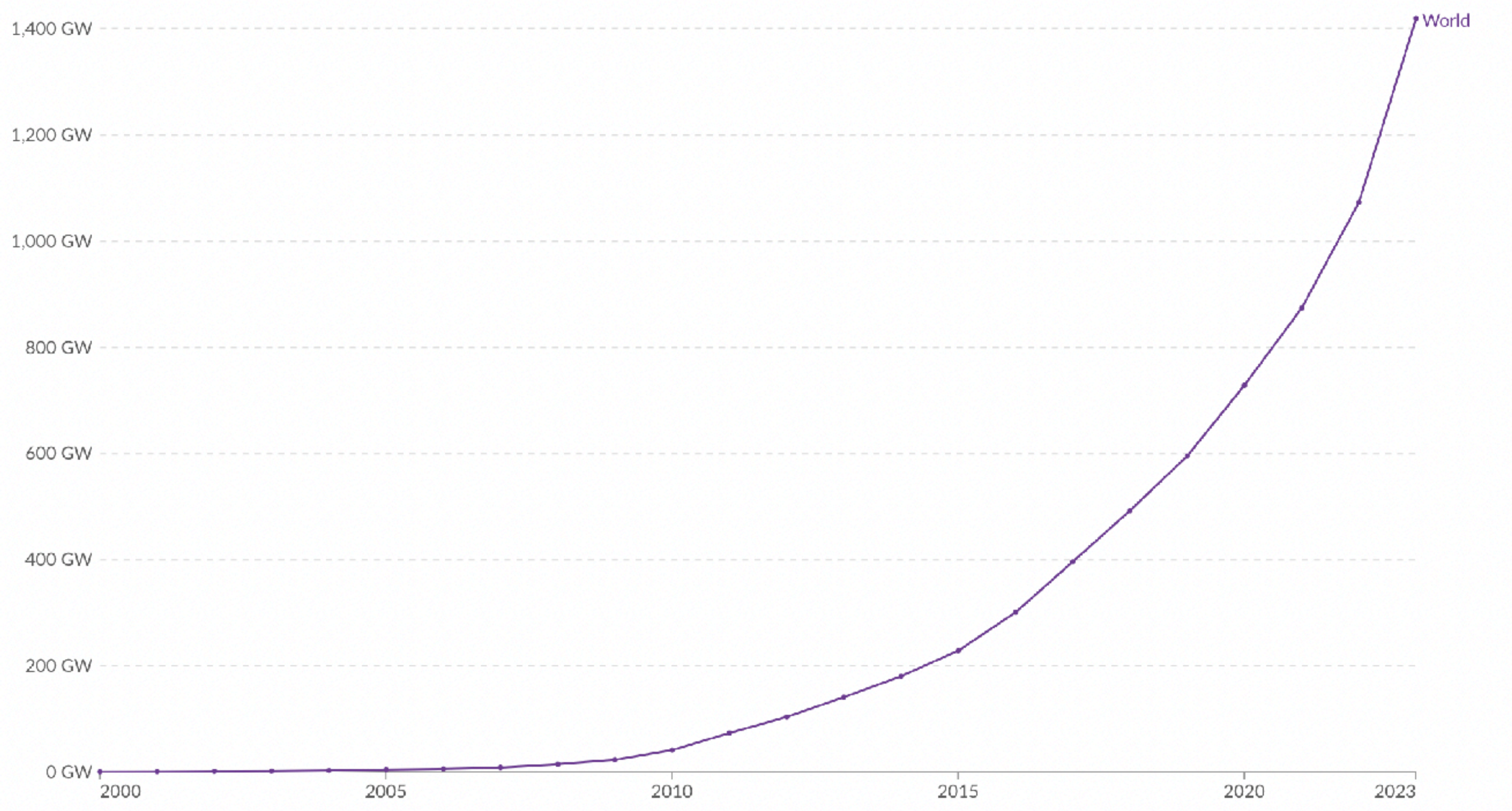
# Installed solar energy capacity

Cumulative installed solar capacity, measured in gigawatts (GW).

Our World  
in Data

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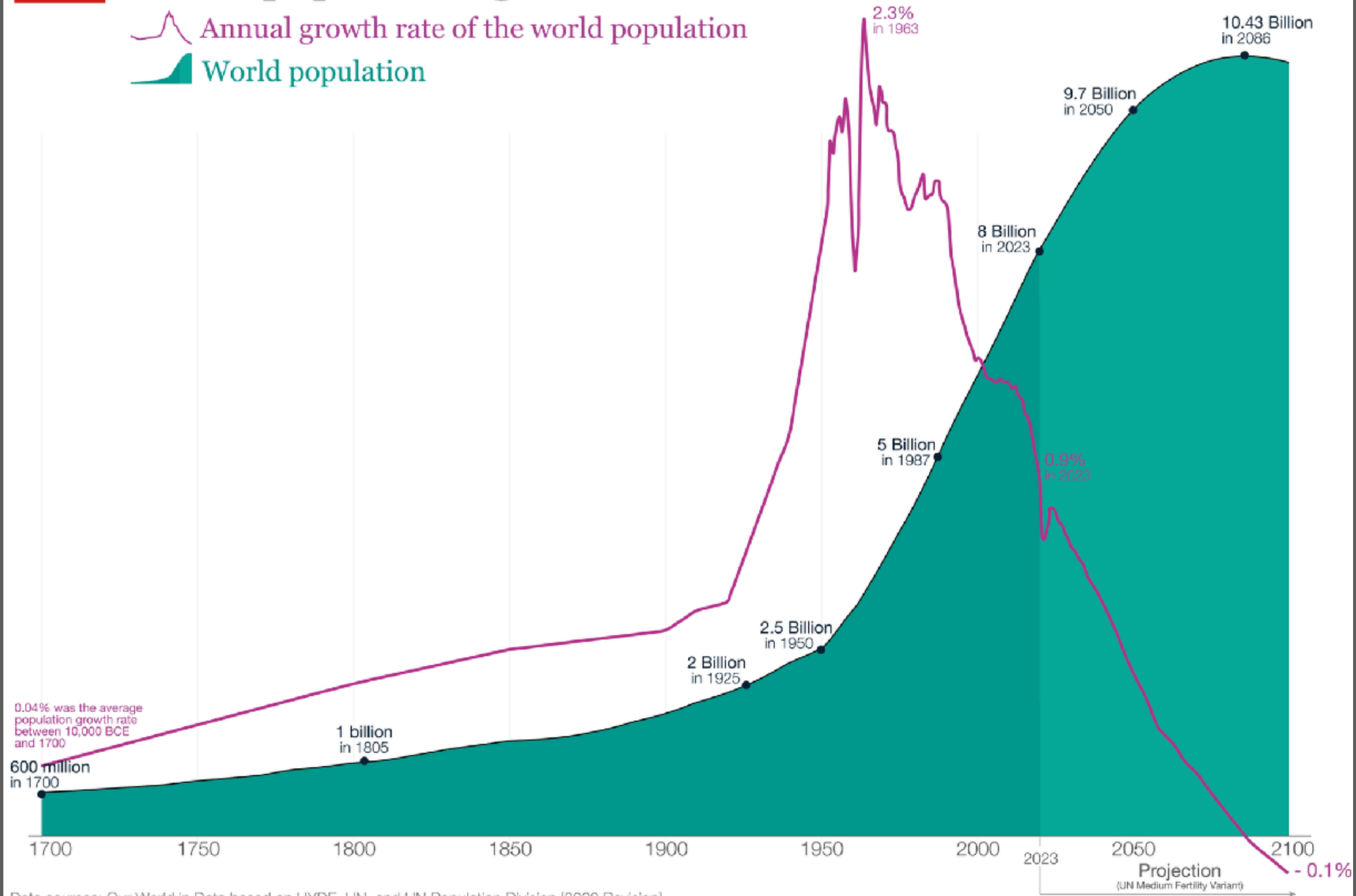
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# World population growth, 1700-2100

Annual growth rate of the world population  
World population



Data sources: Our World in Data based on HYDE, UN, and UN Population Division [2022 Revision]  
This is a visualization from [OurWorldinData.org](https://ourworldindata.org), where you find data and research on how the world is changing.

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**YES WE CAN**

**YES WE CAN**

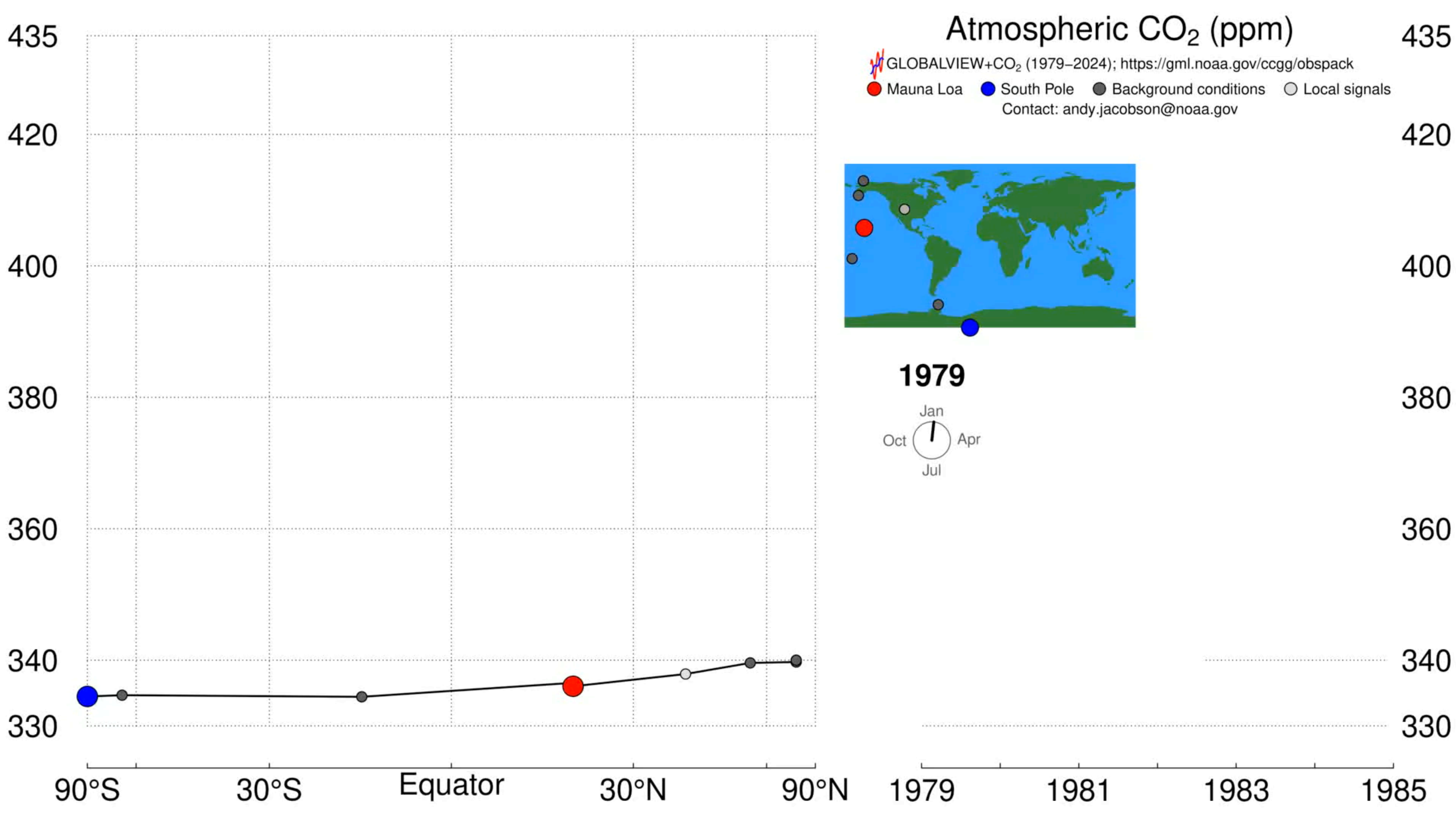
**NO WE DIDN'T**





*I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore*





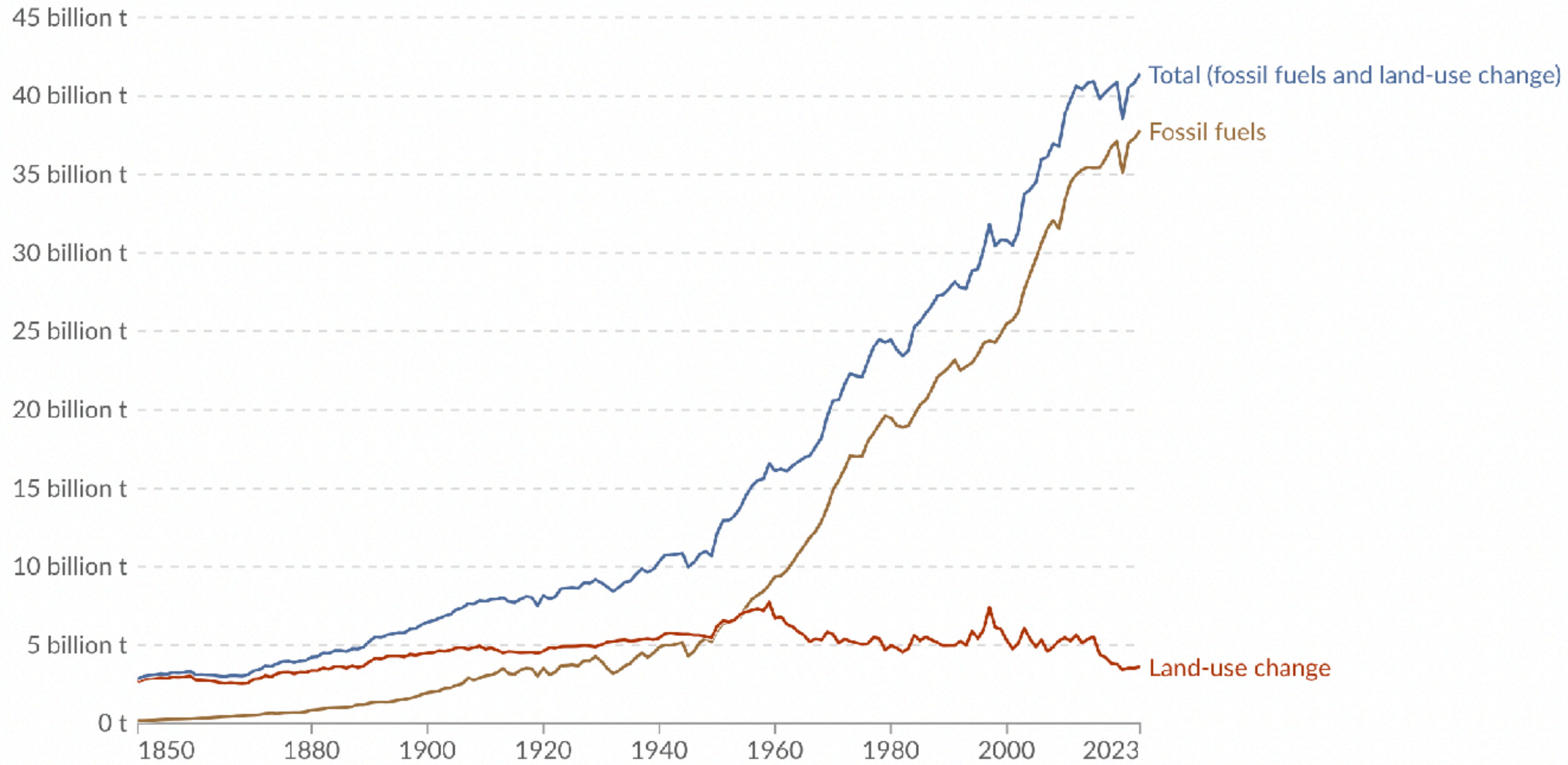
# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuels and land-use change, World

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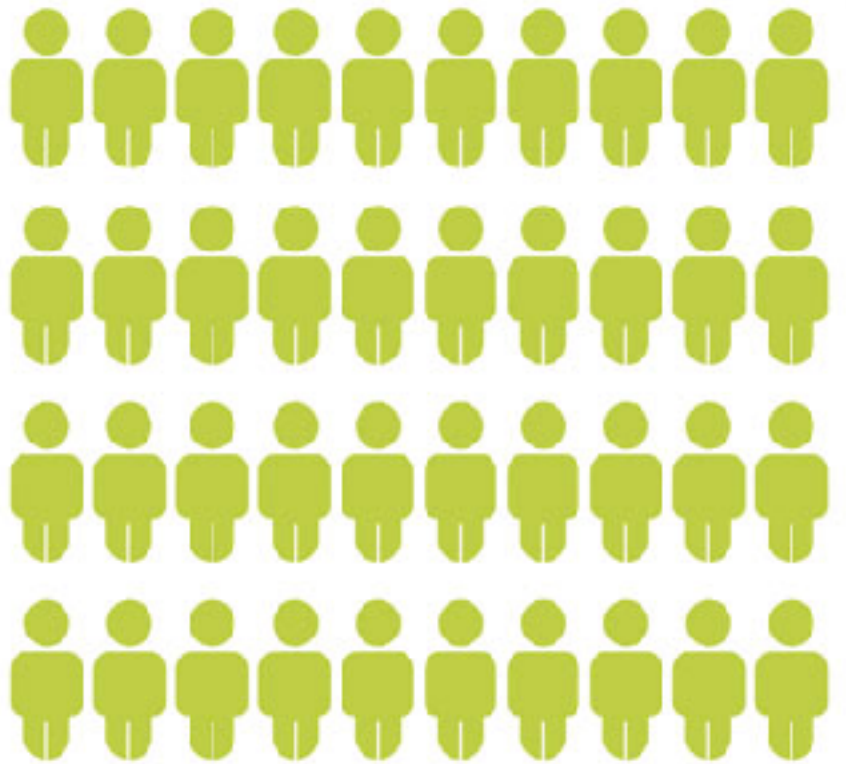
**SHARE OF GLOBAL  
POPULATION BY INCOME**

**SHARE OF CONSUMPTION-BASED CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS, 2019**

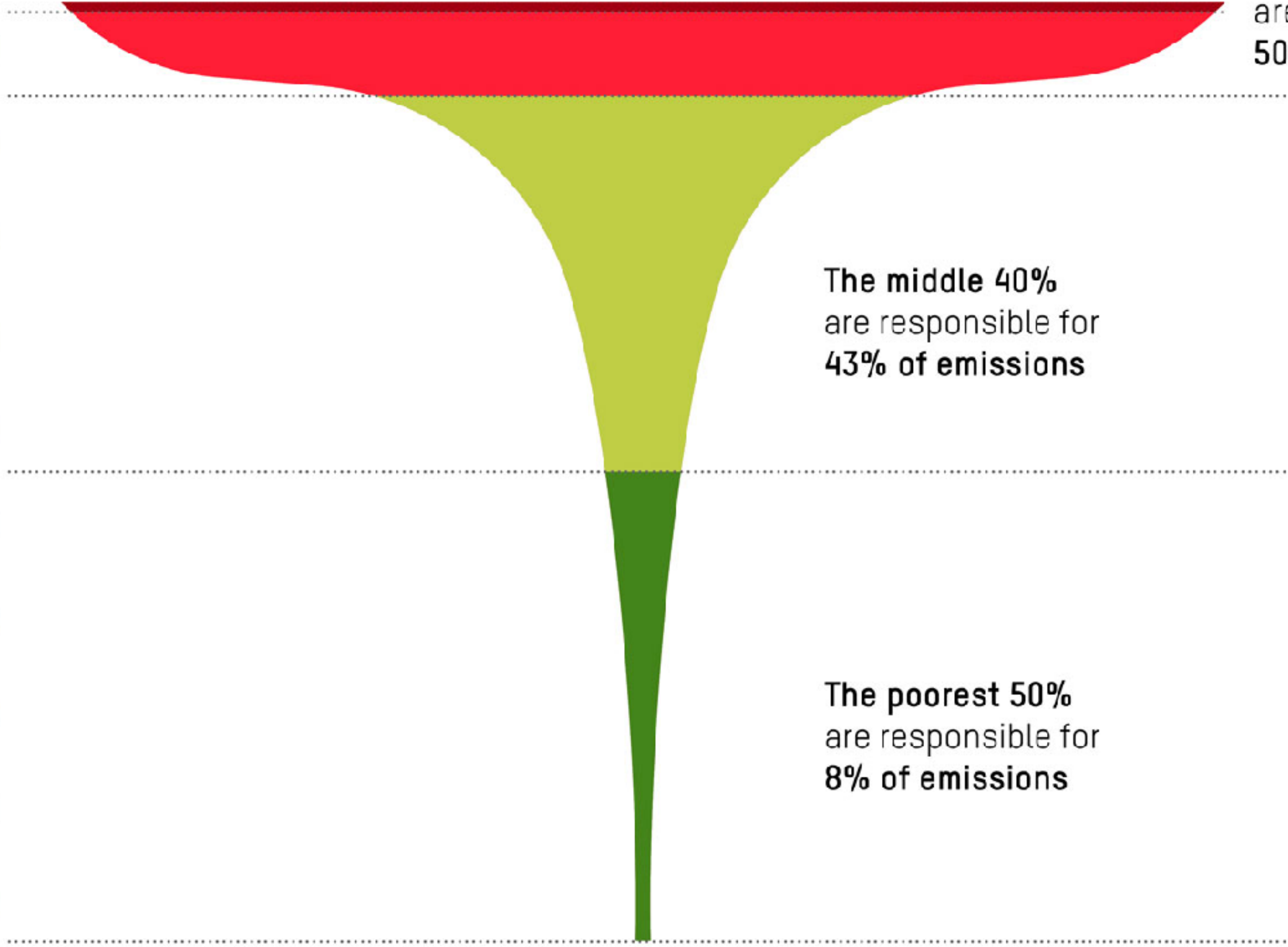
**TOP 10%  
WITHIN**



**MIDDLE  
40%**



**BOTTOM  
50%**



**The richest 10%  
are responsible for  
50% of emissions**

**The middle 40%  
are responsible for  
43% of emissions**

**The poorest 50%  
are responsible for  
8% of emissions**

# Nations Unies

## Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques 2015

COP21/CMP11

### Paris France



Paris talks in 2015 agreed that  
**dangerous “well below” 2°C above 1850-1900**

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Climate Change



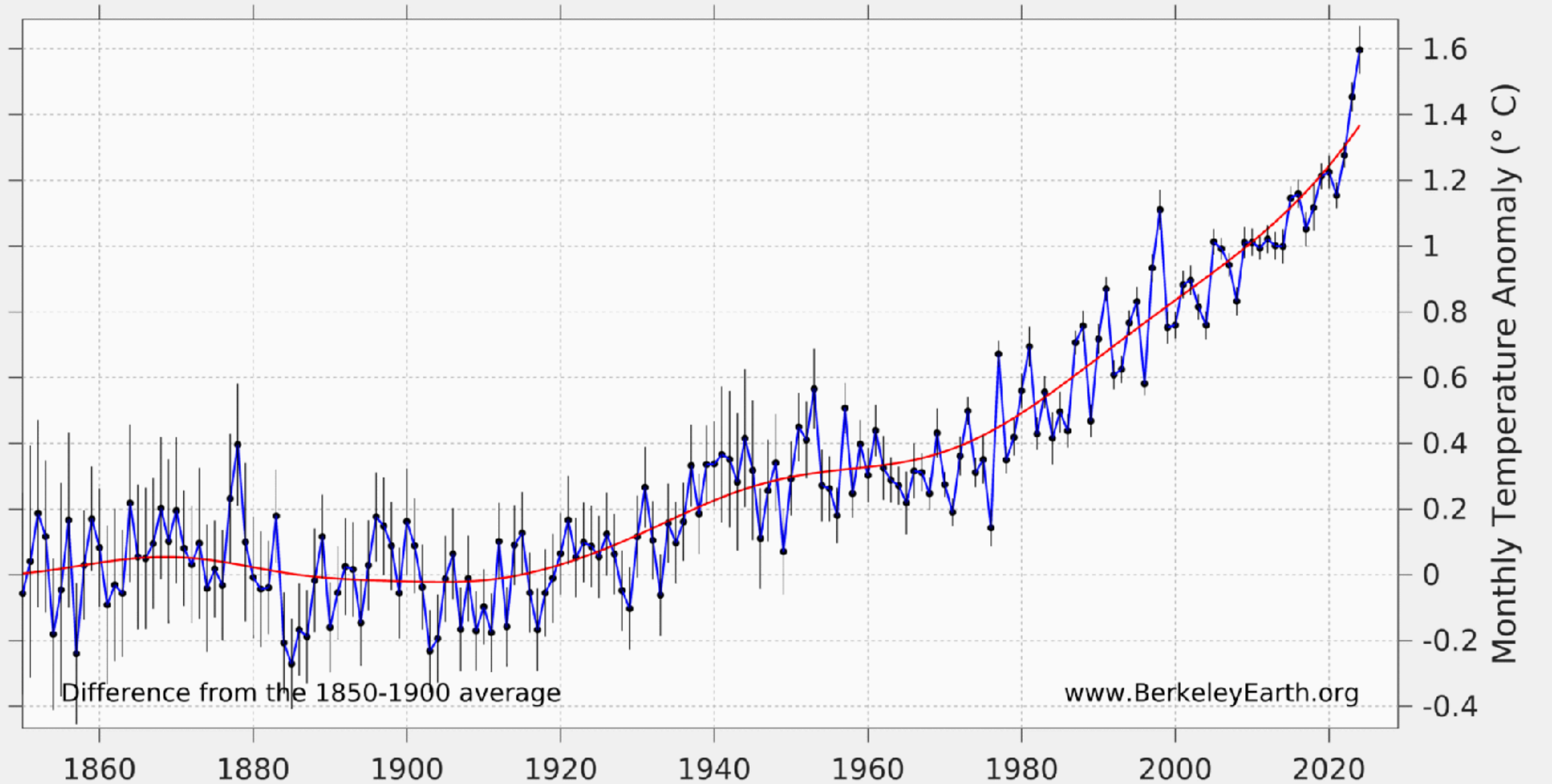
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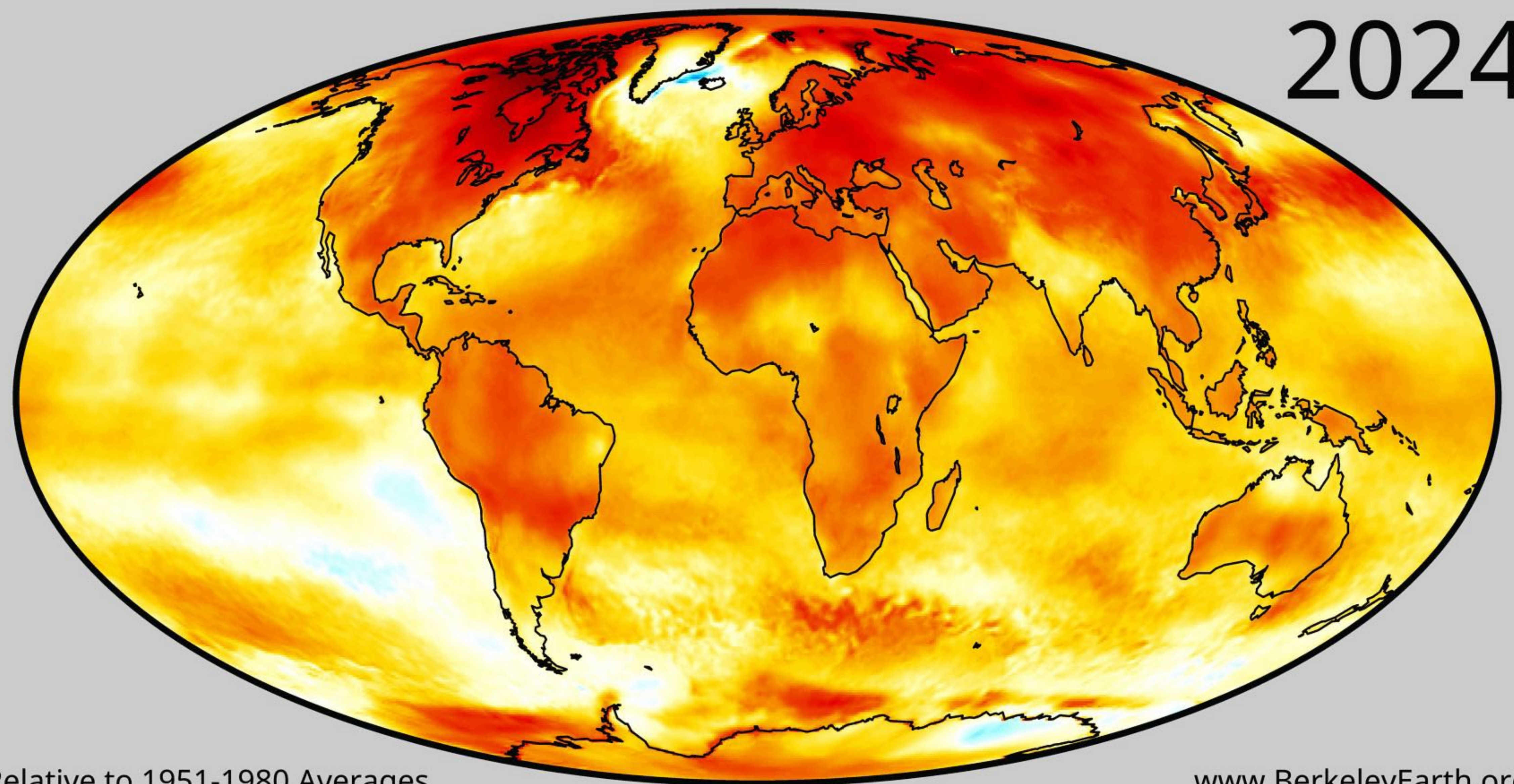
**Glasgow talks in 2021 emphasised dangerous as 1.5°C above 1850-1900**

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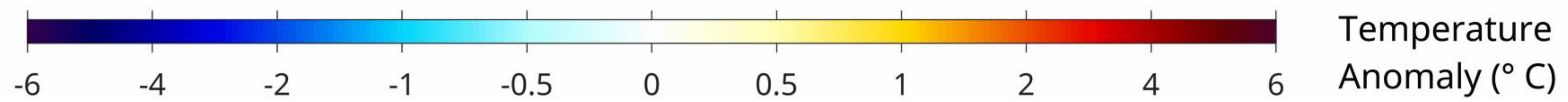


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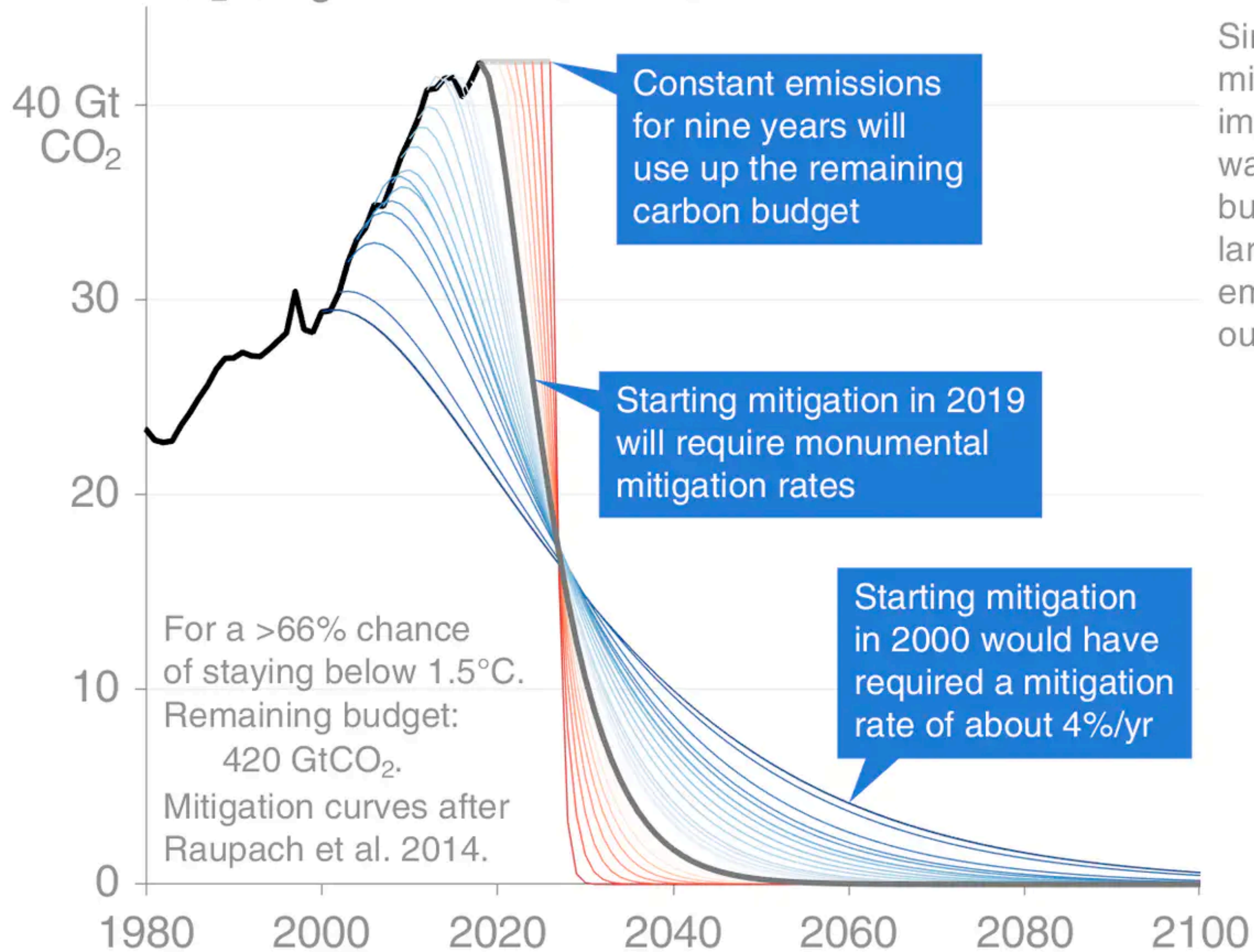


Relative to 1951-1980 Averages

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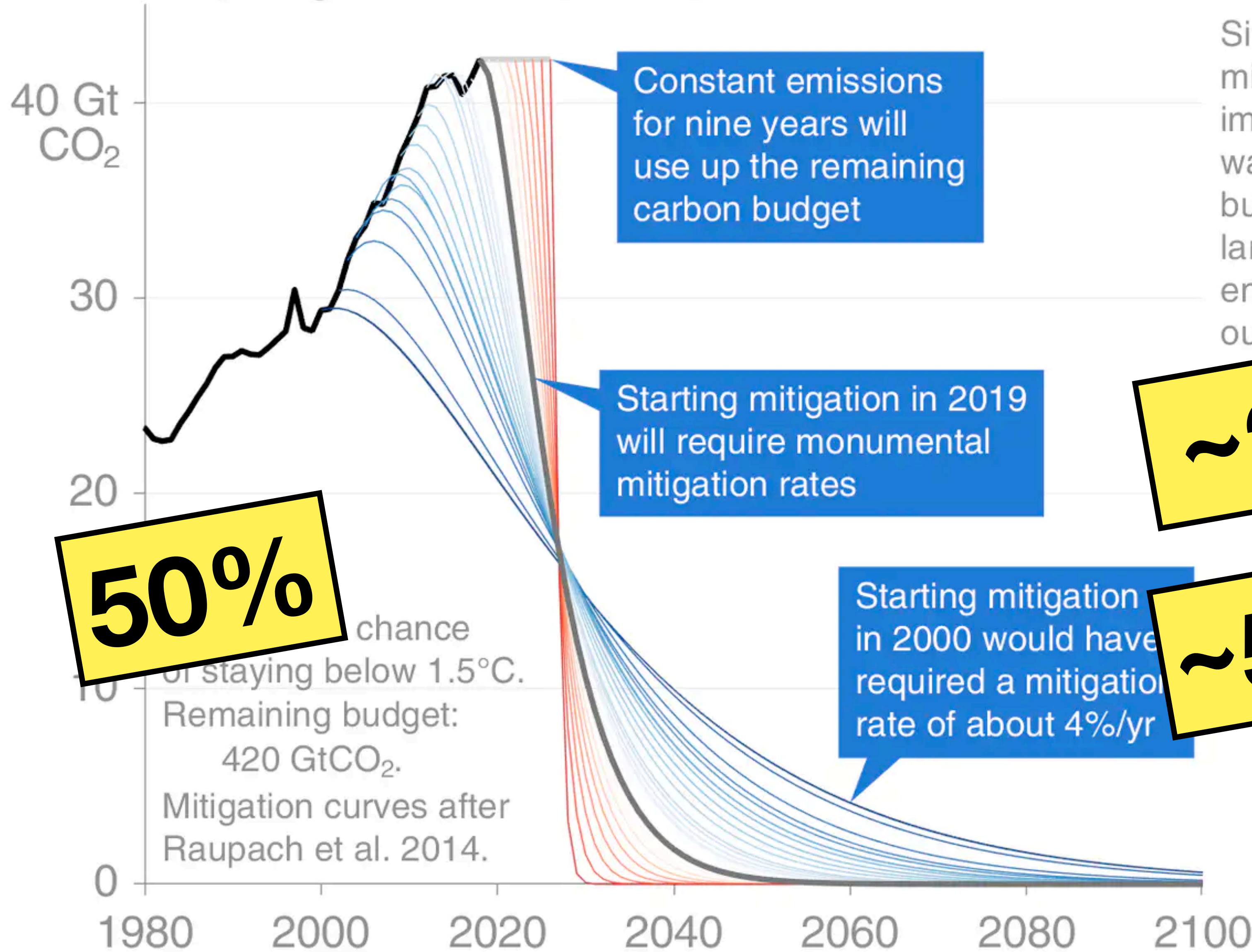


# CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation curves: 1.5°C



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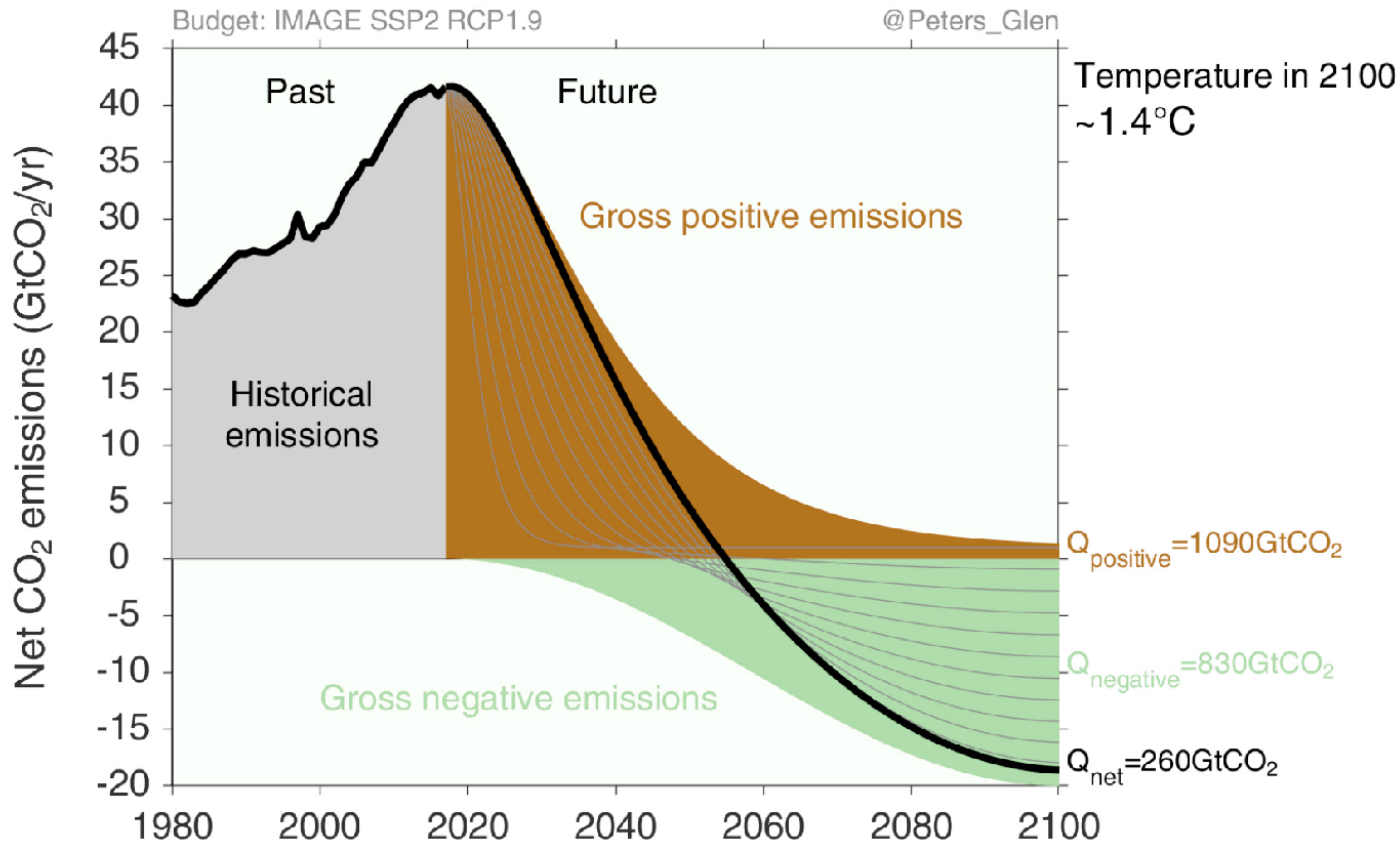
**50%**

**~200Gt**

**~5 YEARS**

50% chance of staying below 1.5°C.  
Remaining budget: 420 GtCO<sub>2</sub>.  
Mitigation curves after Raupach et al. 2014.

# 1.5°C now relies on overshoot recovery



# Increasing skepticism about overshoot

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## Overconfidence in climate overshoot

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Global emission reduction efforts continue to be insufficient to meet the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement. This makes the systematic exploration of so-called overshoot pathways that temporarily exceed a targeted global warming limit before drawing temperatures back down to safer levels a priority for science and policy<sup>1</sup>. Here we show that global and regional climate change and associated risks after an overshoot are different from a world that avoids it. We find that achieving declining global temperatures can limit long-term climate risks compared with a mere stabilization of global warming, including for sea-level rise and cryosphere changes. However, the possibility that global warming could be reversed many decades into the future might be of limited relevance for adaptation planning today. Temperature reversal could be undercut by strong Earth system feedbacks resulting in high near-term and continuous long-term warming<sup>2</sup>. To hedge and protect against high-risk outcomes, we identify the geophysical need for a preventive carbon dioxide removal capacity of several hundred gigatonnes. Yet, technical, economic and sustainability considerations may limit the realization of carbon dioxide removal deployment at such scales<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, we cannot be confident that temperature decline after overshoot is achievable within the timescales expected today. Only rapid near-term emission reductions are effective in reducing climate risks.

Schleussner, C.-F. et al. Overconfidence in climate overshoot. *Nature* 634, 366–373 (2024).

INSIGHTS

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## Sustainability limits needed for CO<sub>2</sub> removal

The true climate mitigation challenge is revealed by considering sustainability impacts

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Many governments and industries are relying on future large-scale, land-based carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) removal (CDR) to avoid making necessary deep greenhouse gas (GHG) emission cuts today (1, 2). Not only does this risk locking us into a high overshoot above 1.5°C (3), but it will also increase biodiversity loss, imperiling the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) goals (4). Such CDR deployments also pose major economic, technological, and social feasibility challenges; threaten food security and human rights; and risk overspilling multiple planetary boundaries, with potentially irreversible consequences (5, 6). We propose three ways to build on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) analyses of CDR mitigation potential by assessing sustainability risks associated with land-use change and biodiversity loss: estimate the sustainable CDR budget based on ecotoxicological thresholds; identify viable mitigation pathways that do not overstep those thresholds; and reform governance around allocating limited CDR supply to the most legitimate uses.

Achieving the Paris Agreement climate goals primarily depends on deep, rapid, and sustained reductions in GHG emissions (7).

We assess risks to biodiversity and other impacts of land-use change arising from bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) and afforestation and reforestation (A/R), the two CDR approaches most used in climate mitigation scenarios (8); and “nature-based” CDR (which includes various ecosystem restoration approaches). From this, we highlight ways forward for scientists at the start of the IPCC’s seventh assessment cycle and for policy-makers and economic actors to heed the call at the December meeting (COP29) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) for deep-emission cuts to keep the 1.5°C goal in reach.

**SUSTAINABILITY LIMITS**

The latest IPCC Working Group III (WGIII) report estimates the upper “technical mitigation potential” of BECCS and A/R at 11.3 and 10 gigatonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year (GtCO<sub>2</sub>/year), respectively (8). Together, this could require converting up to 29 million km<sup>2</sup> of land—over three times the area of the United States—to bioenergy crops or trees, and potentially pack over 300 million people into food insecurity (see supplementary materials (SM)). The upper end of the IPCC’s BECCS technical potential does not take into account socioeconomic barriers or the transgression of planetary boundaries, but the A/R potential takes into consideration food security and environmental impacts.

To address these issues, we have harmonized indicators and clearly identified assumptions (see SM). For example, assumptions for BECCS include projected future bioenergy and food crop yields; available land and impacts of land conversion; conversion efficiency of biomass to energy; and capture efficiency of emitted CO<sub>2</sub> (see SM).

Accounting for biodiversity losses and other land-use impacts, we find that high risk levels for BECCS and “nature-based” CDR start well below the IPCC’s means technical potential, and the A/R threshold from medium to high risk is at the level of IPCC mean technical potential (see the figure and SM). We find that the upper bounds of low risk for BECCS from dedicated bioenergy crops and residues are 0.7 and 1.2 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/year for low and medium conversion and capture efficiencies, respectively (see the figure and SM). Corresponding upper bounds of medium risk are 1.3 and 2.8 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/year for low and medium conversion and capture efficiencies. We consider that these upper bounds of medium risk indicate the limit between acceptable and unacceptable impacts; if exceeded, there are high risks to biodiversity, water availability, biogeochemical cycles, and competition for food production, which occur when around 1.5 million km<sup>2</sup> of land is dedicated to bioenergy crops (9) (SM).

Hence, upper bounds of both low and medium risk for BECCS are far lower than

Deprez, A. et al. Sustainability limits needed for CO<sub>2</sub> removal. *Science* 383, 484–486 (2024).

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## Over-reliance on land for carbon dioxide removal in net-zero climate pledges

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Achieving net-zero climate targets requires some level of carbon dioxide removal. Current assessments focus on tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> removed, without specifying what form these removals will take. Here, we show that countries’ climate pledges require approximately 1 (0.9–1.1) billion ha of land for removals. For over 40% of this area, the pledges envisage the conversion of existing land uses to forests, while the remaining area restores existing ecosystems and land uses. We analyse how this demand for land is distributed geographically and over time. The results are concerning, both in terms of the aggregate area of land, but also the rate and extent of land use change. Our findings demonstrate a gap between governments’ expected reliance on land and the role that land can realistically play in climate mitigation. This adds another layer to the observed shortcomings of national climate pledges and indicates a need for more transparency around the role of land in national climate mitigation plans.

Dooley, K., Christiansen, K. L., Lund, J. F., Carton, W. & Self, A. Over-reliance on land for carbon dioxide removal in net-zero climate pledges. *Nat. Commun.* 15, 9118 (2024).

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Analysis

## The carbon dioxide removal gap

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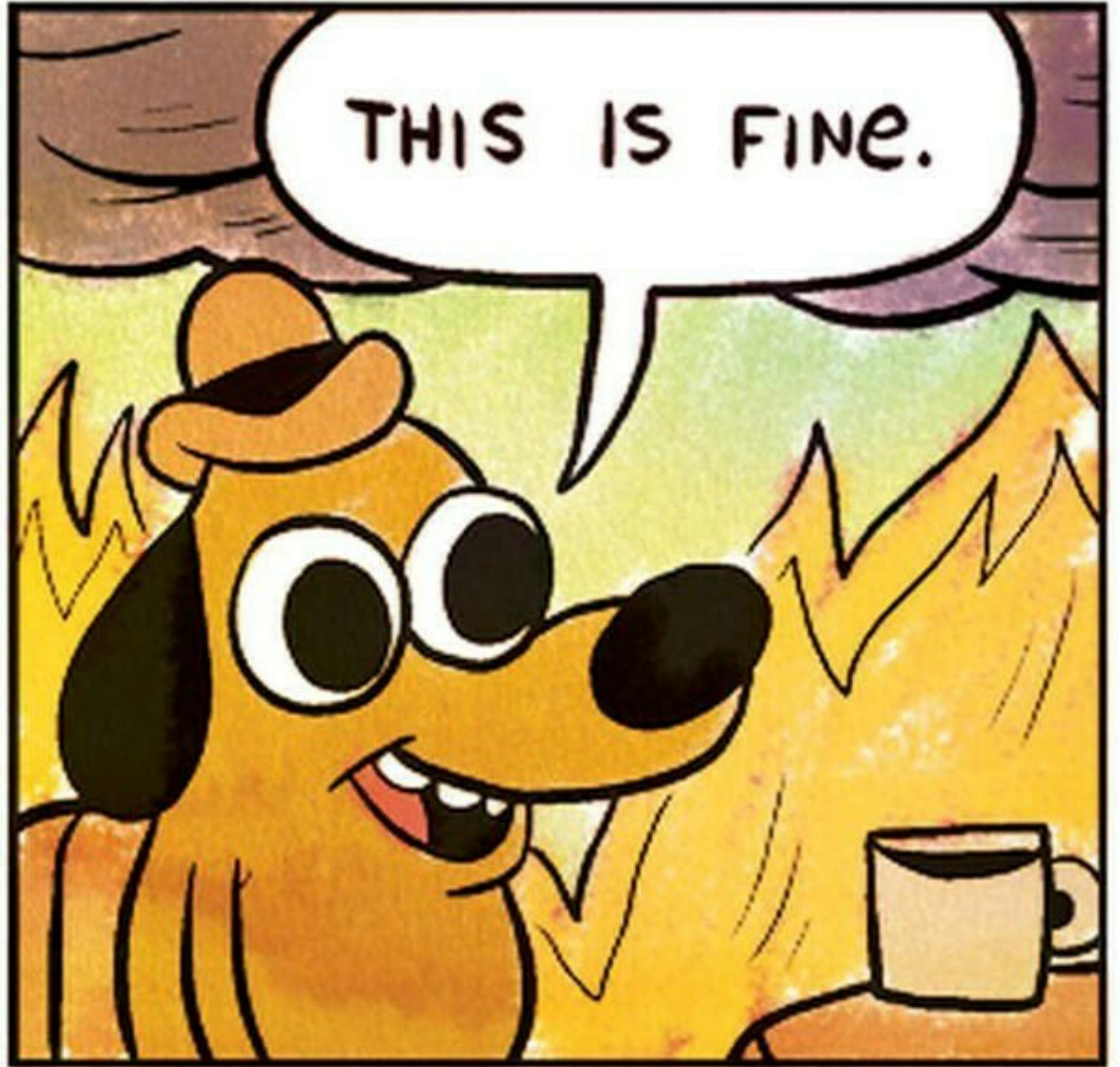
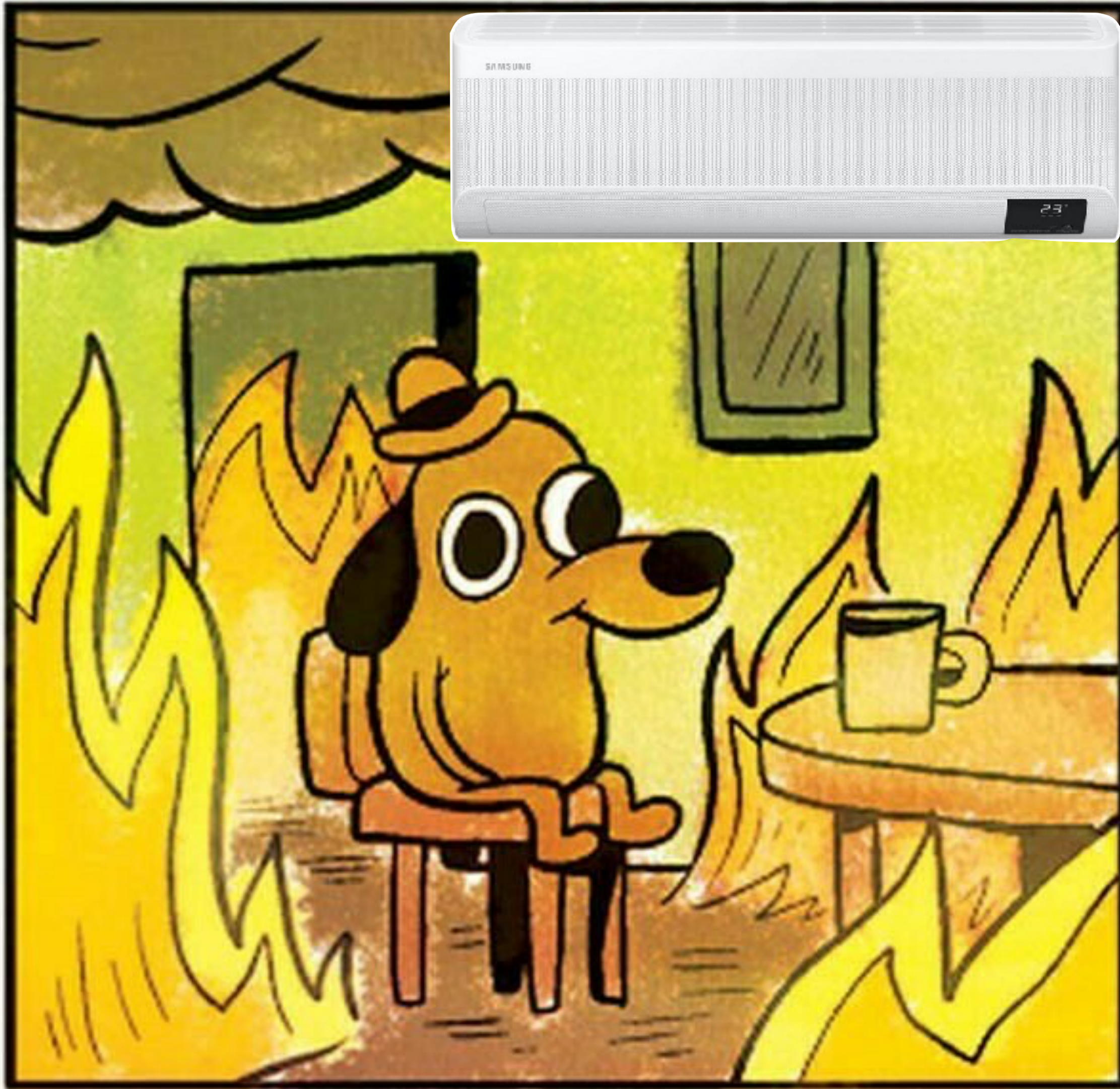
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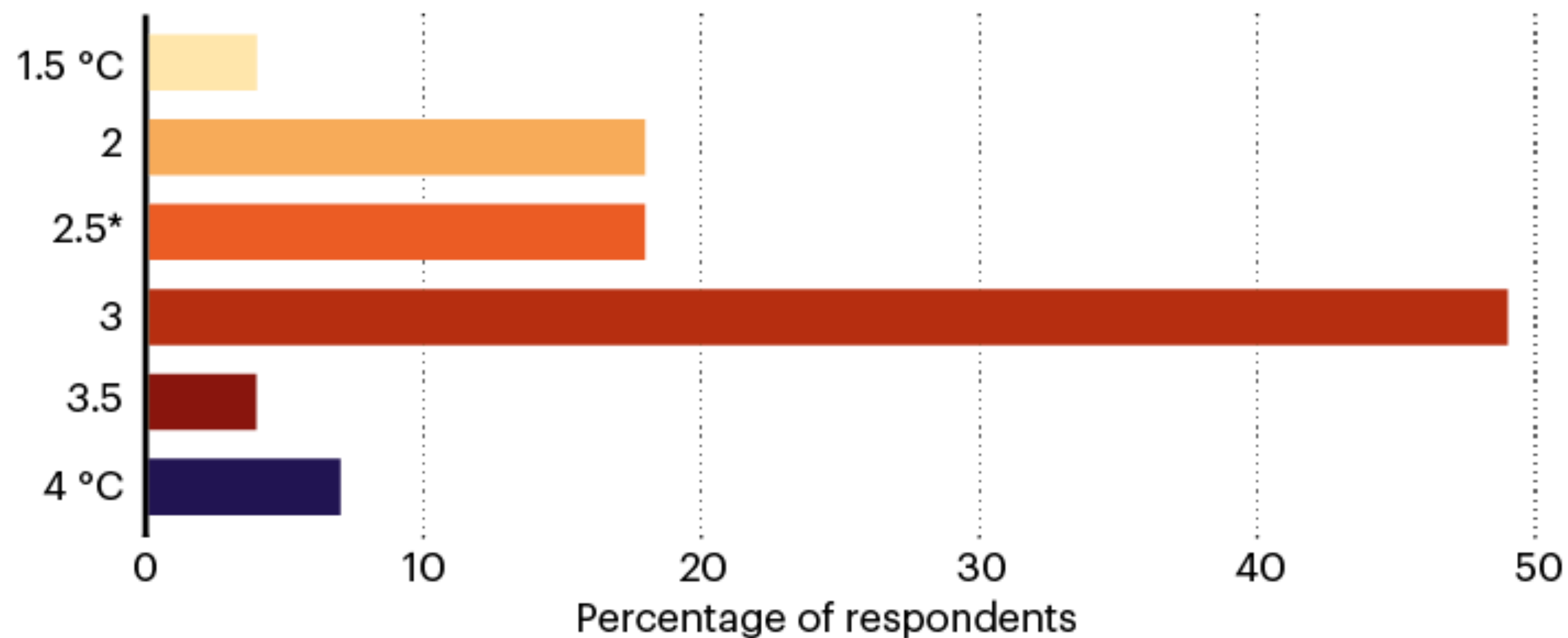
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Rapid emissions reductions, including reductions in deforestation-based land emissions, are the dominant source of global climate mitigation potential in the coming decades. However, carbon dioxide removal (CDR) will also have an important role to play. Despite this, it remains unclear whether current national proposals for CDR align with temperature targets. Here we show the “CDR gap”, that is, CDR efforts proposed by countries fall short of those in integrated assessment model scenarios that limit warming to 1.5 °C. However, the most ambitious proposals for CDR are close to levels in a low-energy demand scenario with the most-limited CDR scaling and aggressive near-term emissions reductions. Further, we observe that many countries propose to expand land-based removals, but none yet commit to substantially scaling novel methods such as bioenergy carbon capture and storage, biochar or direct air carbon capture and storage.

Lamb, W. F. et al. The carbon dioxide removal gap. *Nat. Clim. Chang.* 1–8 (2024) doi:10.1038/



## How much warming above pre-industrial times do you think is likely by 2100?



\*Includes 2 responses between 2.7 °C and 2.75 °C; 2.5 °C and 3.5 °C were write-in answers.



# Global Tipping Points

## Welcome

Global Tipping Points is led by Professor Tim Lenton from the [University of Exeter's Global Systems Institute](#) with the support of more than 200 people from over 90 organisations in 26 countries.

The Global Tipping Points Report due to be launched 6th December 2023 aims to provide an authoritative assessment of the risks and opportunities of both negative and positive tipping points in the Earth system and society.

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The Global Tipping Points Report is led by Professor Tim Lenton, Chair in Climate Change and Earth System Science in the Global Systems Institute, University of Exeter.

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### What is a Tipping Point?

We tend to expect that changes in a system that are 'forced' by a driver will be linear (for example, a steady increase in global temperature in response to carbon dioxide emissions).

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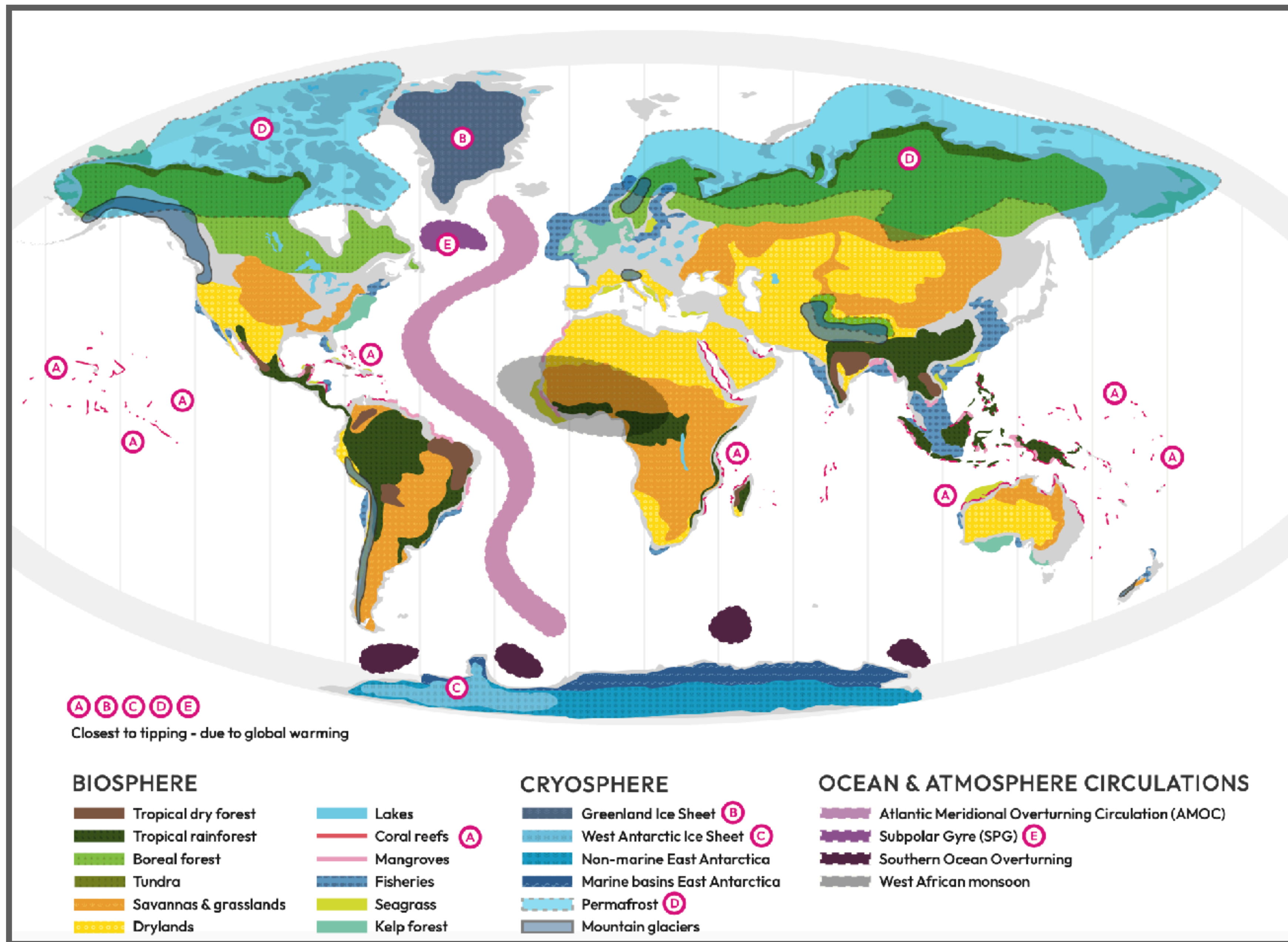


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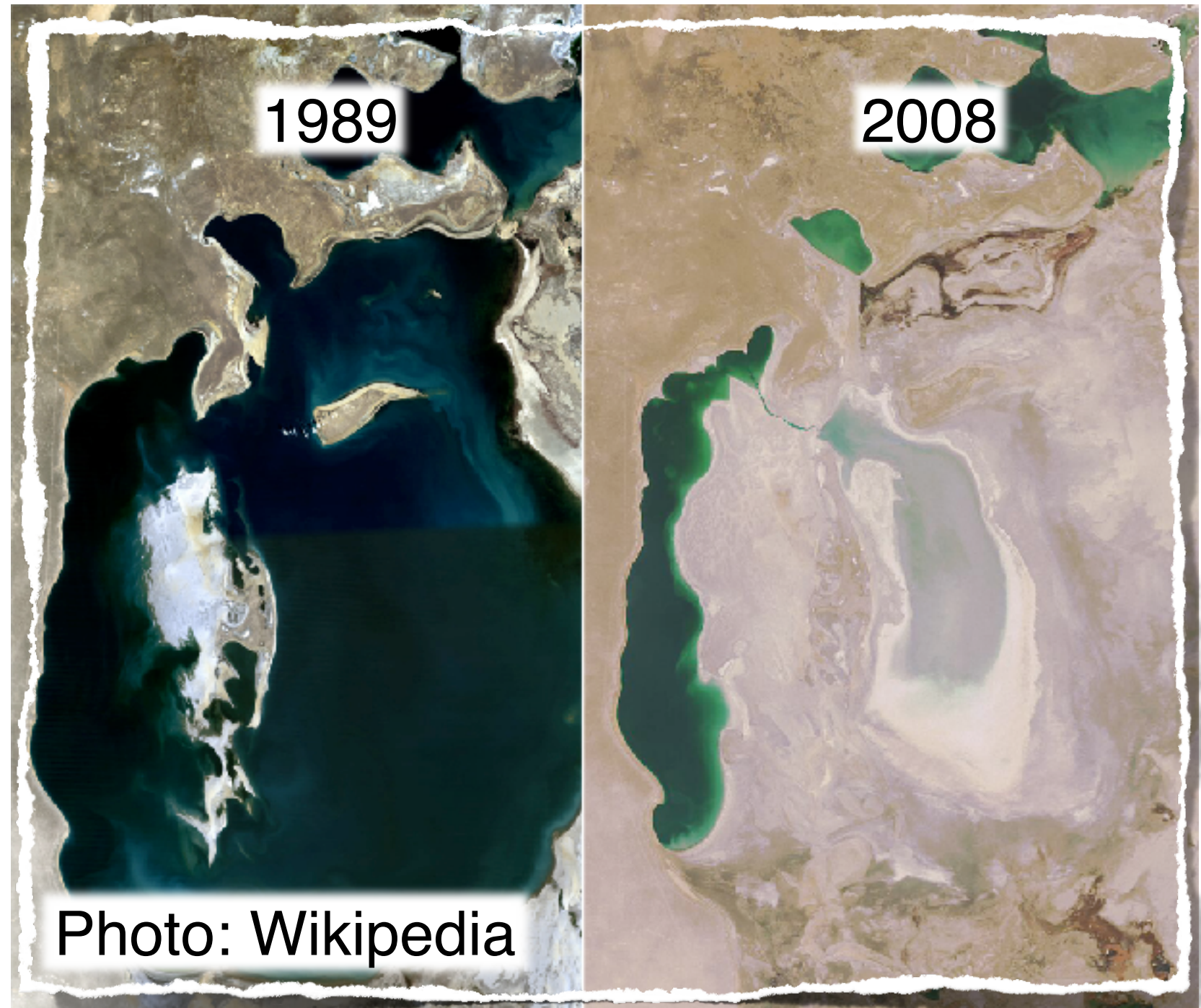


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# THE SECURITY BLIND SPOT

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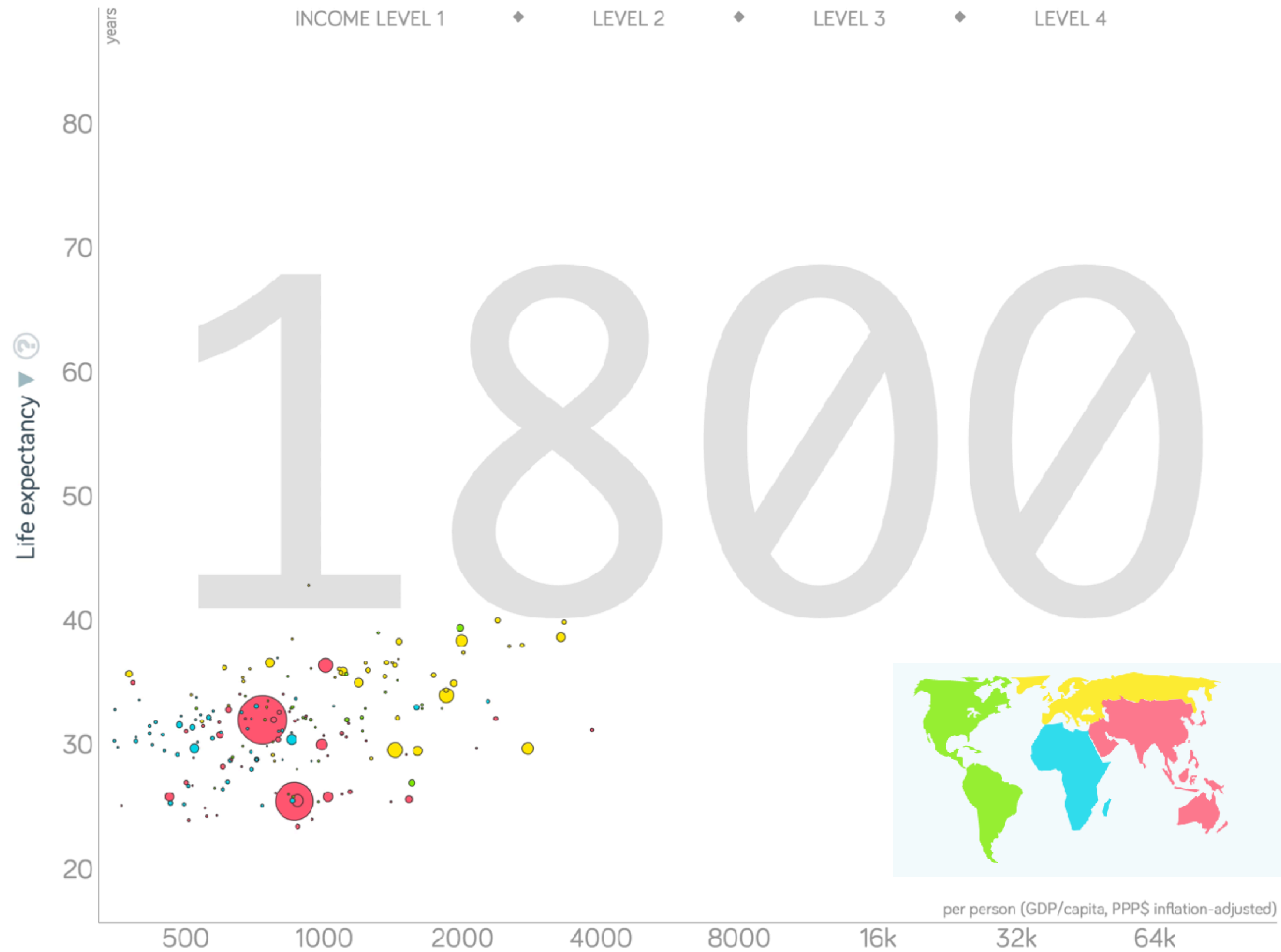
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GET HERE?**



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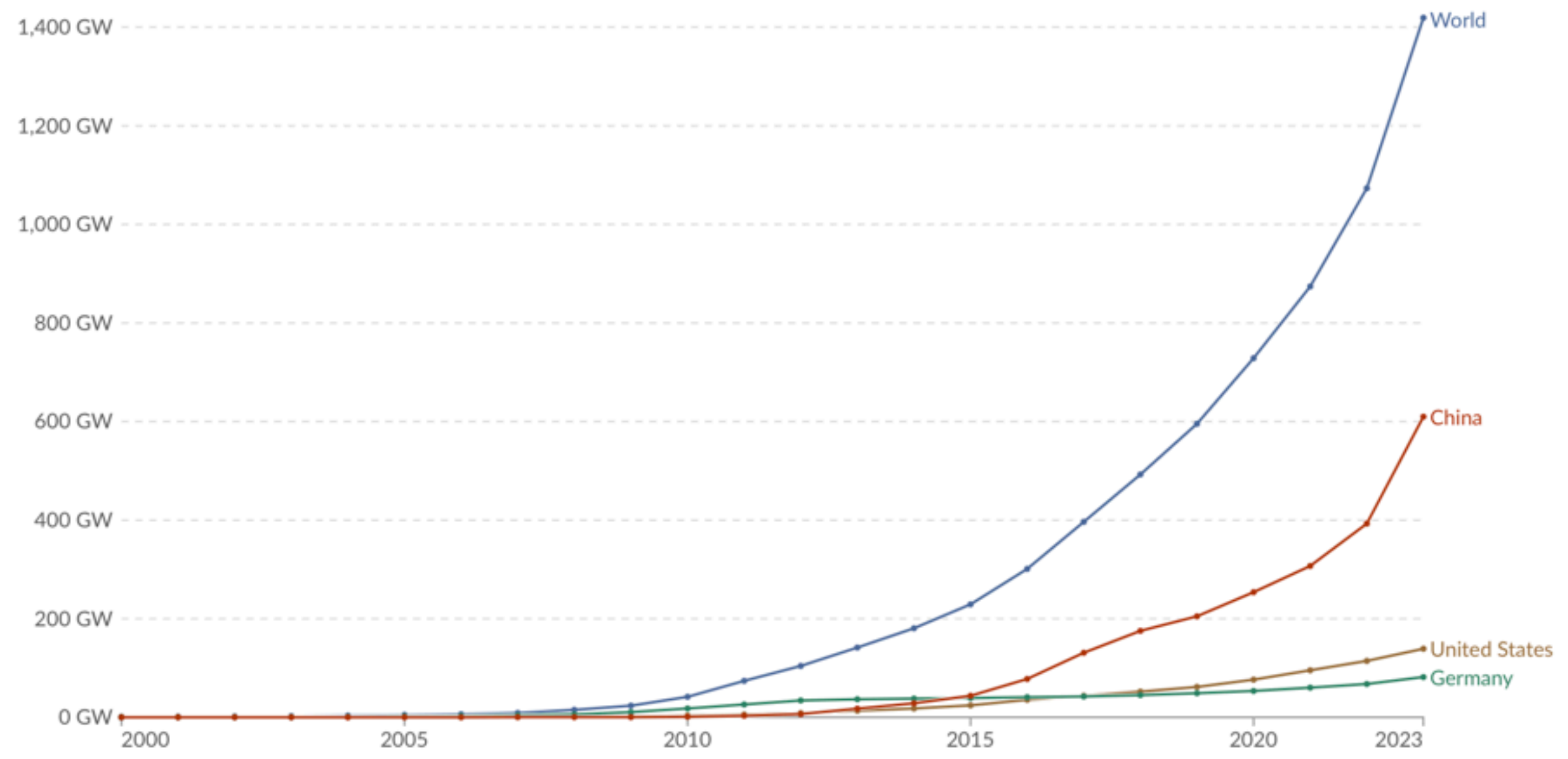


# Installed solar energy capacity

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Settings



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**CREATING hope,  
meaning, and purpose  
in the midst of a climate & ecological crisis**

**1**

**STOP  
DOOMSCROLLING**





*When we feel out of control, doomscrolling can help us feel like we're gathering essential information – no matter how bad the news (Credit: Alamy)*

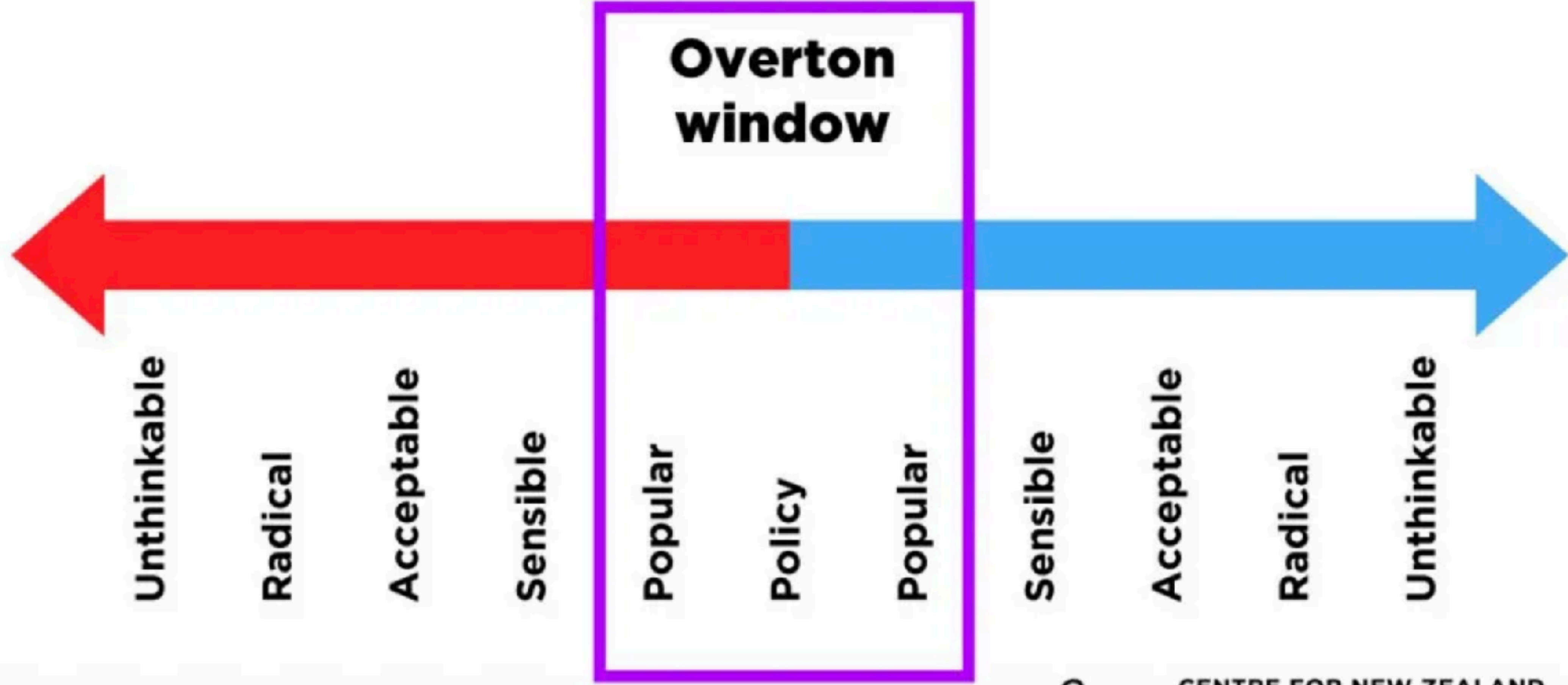
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**YOU ARE NOT THE  
PROBLEM**

**THE PROBLEM IS  
THE SYSTEM**

**ALL SYSTEMS  
CHANGE**



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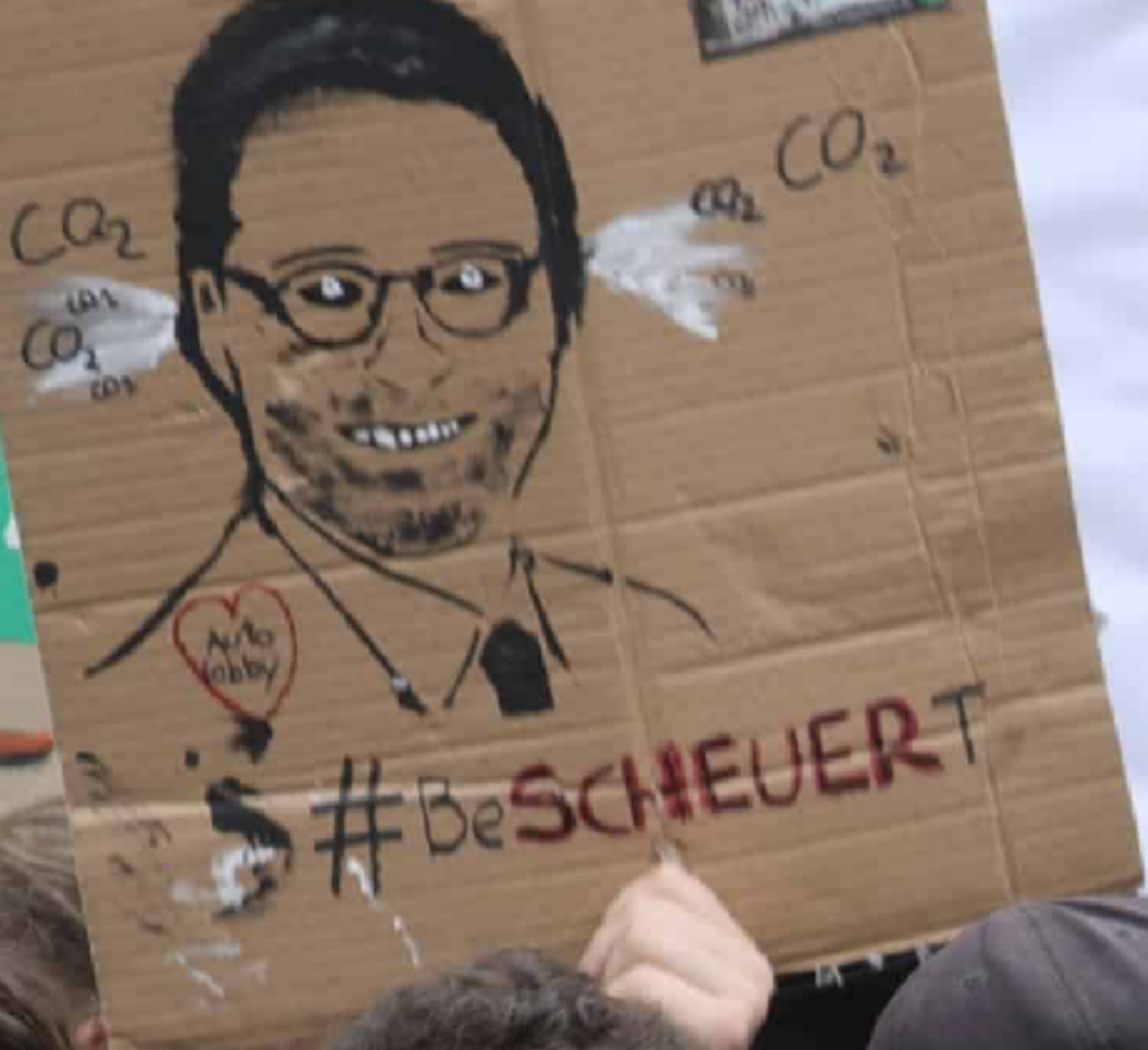
**YOU CAN CHANGE  
SYSTEMS**

One drop of water does  
not make an ocean

But an ocean is nothing  
more than drops of  
water

(With apologies to oceanographers)





CLIMATE JUSTICE

SYSTEM CHANGE



SKOLSTREJK  
FÖR  
KLIMATET





**REBEL FOR LIFE**



**VOTES FOR WOMEN**  
**MEETING**  
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of Women, and to protest against  
the exclusion of Women from a  
share in Law-Making  
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**'HEARTBREAKINGLY SUBLIME!'**  
FROM THE SONGWRITERS OF *LA LA LAND* AND *THE GREATEST SHOWMAN*

**IN CINEMAS  
OCTOBER 22**

**DEAR  
EVAN  
HANSEN**

**'HEARTBREAKINGLY SUBLIME!'**  
WITH THE SOUNDTRACK BY *LA LA LAND* AND *THE GREATEST SHOWMAN*

**IN CINEMAS  
OCTOBER 22**

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# The wins of the grassroots climate movement in the University of California

Monica Nelson<sup>1</sup>, Cathy Gere<sup>2</sup>, Adam Cooper<sup>3</sup>,  
Varykina G. Thackray<sup>4</sup> and Adam R. Aron<sup>5\*</sup>



# The wins of the grassroots

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Varykina G. Thackray<sup>4</sup> and Adam R. Aron<sup>5\*</sup>

**4**

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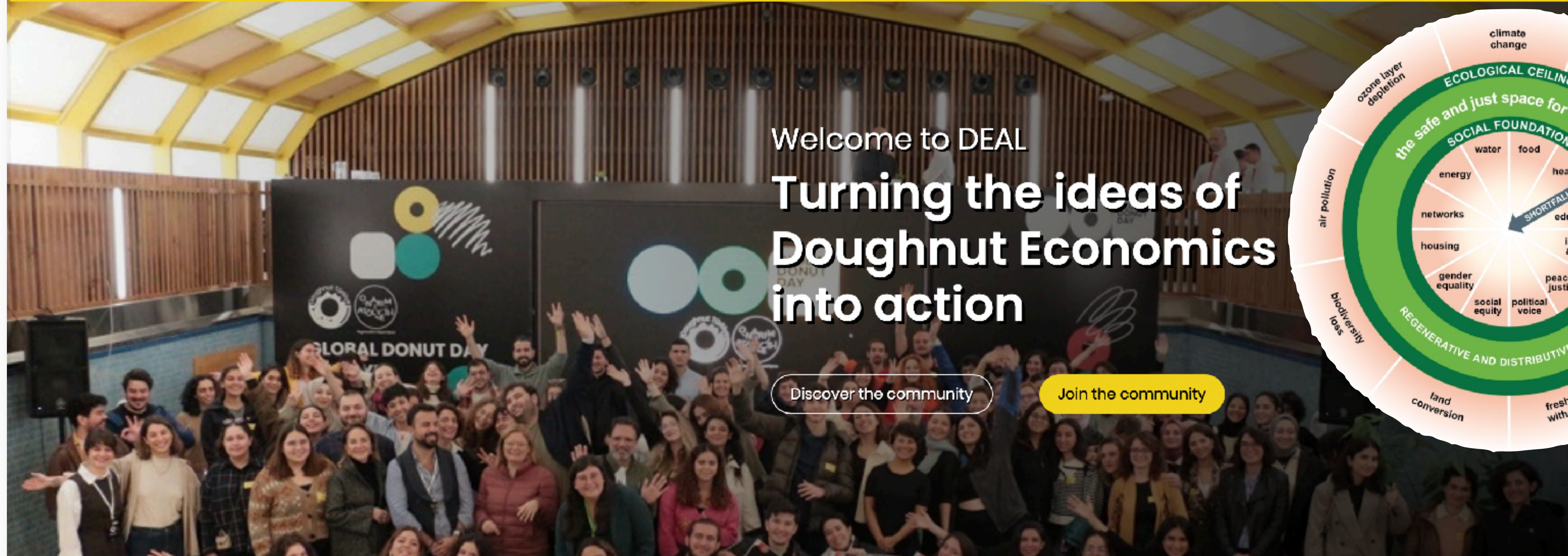
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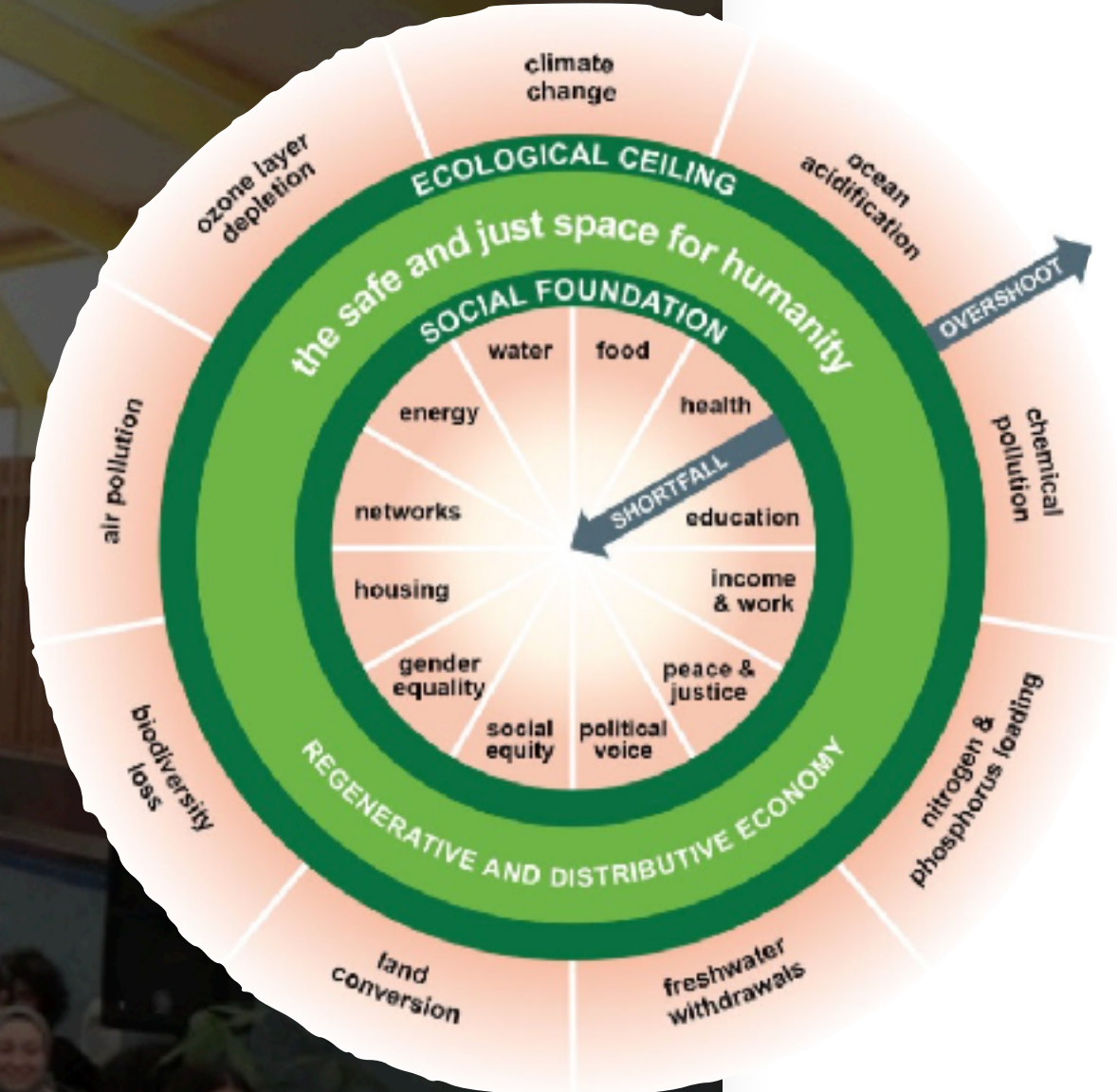


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- Module 8: Building capacity and accountability for wellbeing
- Module 9: Wellbeing economy impact assessments

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**Tool**

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The first set of Doughnut

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**WORK  
COLLECTIVELY**



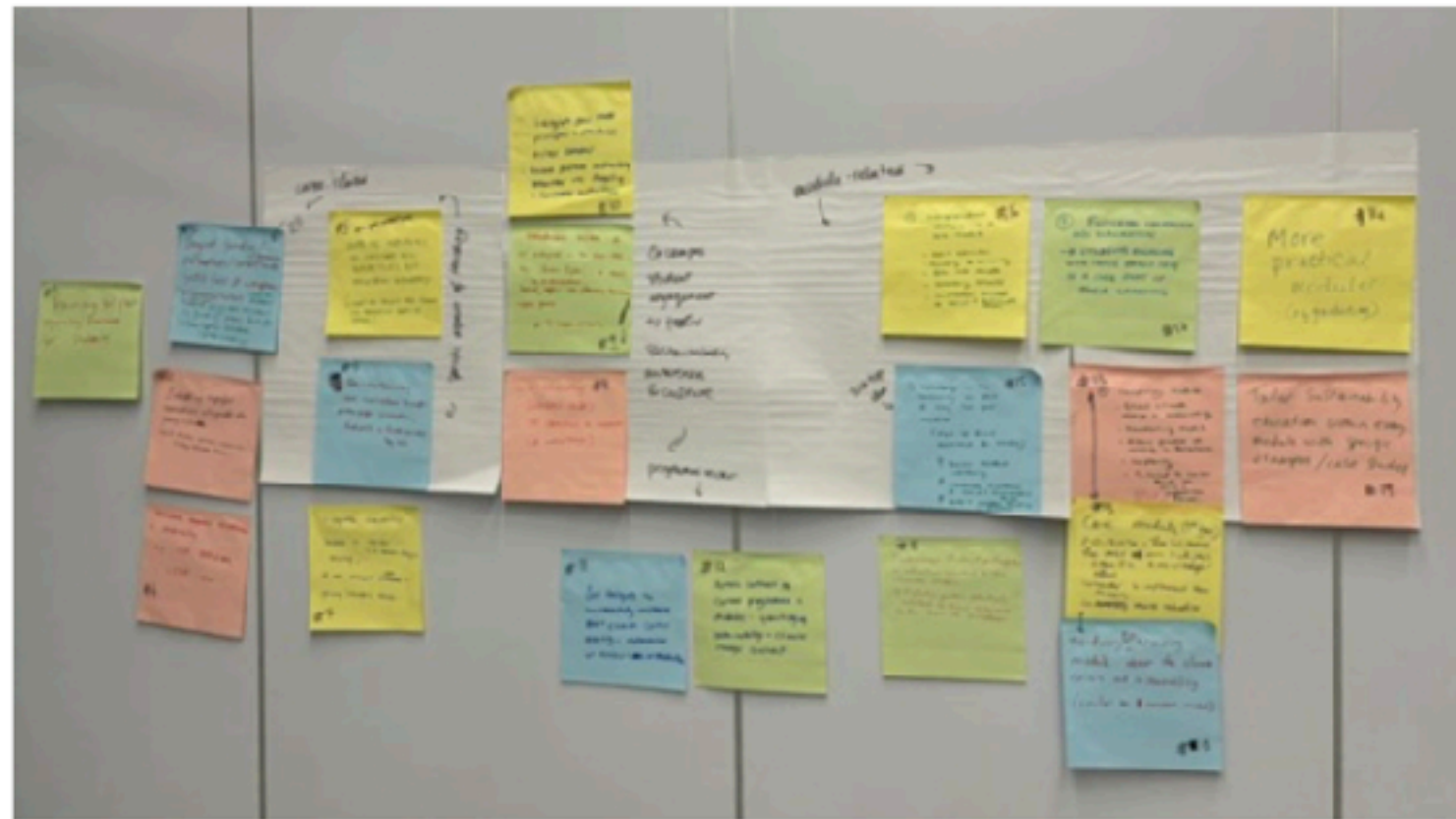


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## How can we embed sustainability and climate change in the curriculum? A GSI Assembly from a facilitator perspective



<https://sites.exeter.ac.uk/gsi/how-can-we-embed-sustainability-and-climate-change-in-the-curriculum-a-gsi-assembly-from-a-facilitator-perspective/>

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PROJECT

Testing Hypotheses about  
Meaning Systems in Real-  
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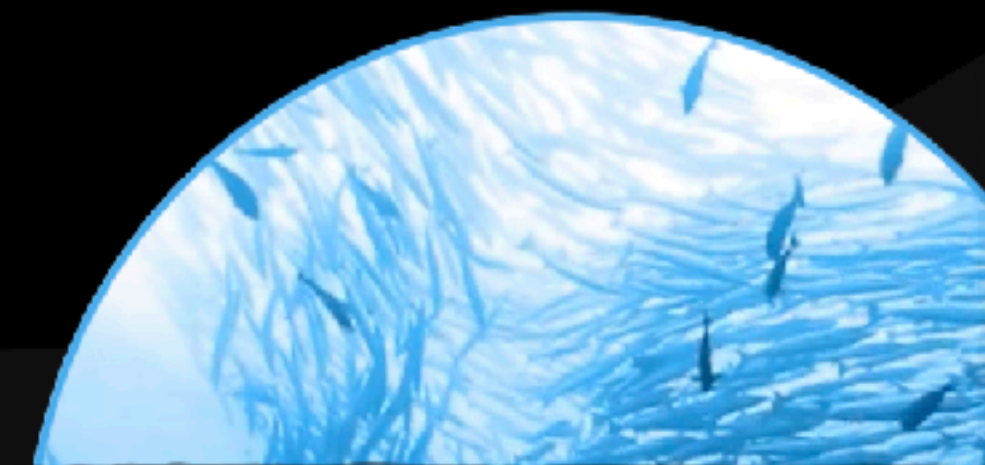
Final Report

< The aim of this proposal was to integrate science and spirituality in real-world settings, based on the conceptual foundation of modern evolutionary science and a practical framework for working with groups pioneered by the nonprofit organization ProSocial World. Full report and video available to view. Project supported in part by the Templeton Religion Trust (TRT). >

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MEANING SYSTEMS  
IN REAL-WORLD

SETTINGS

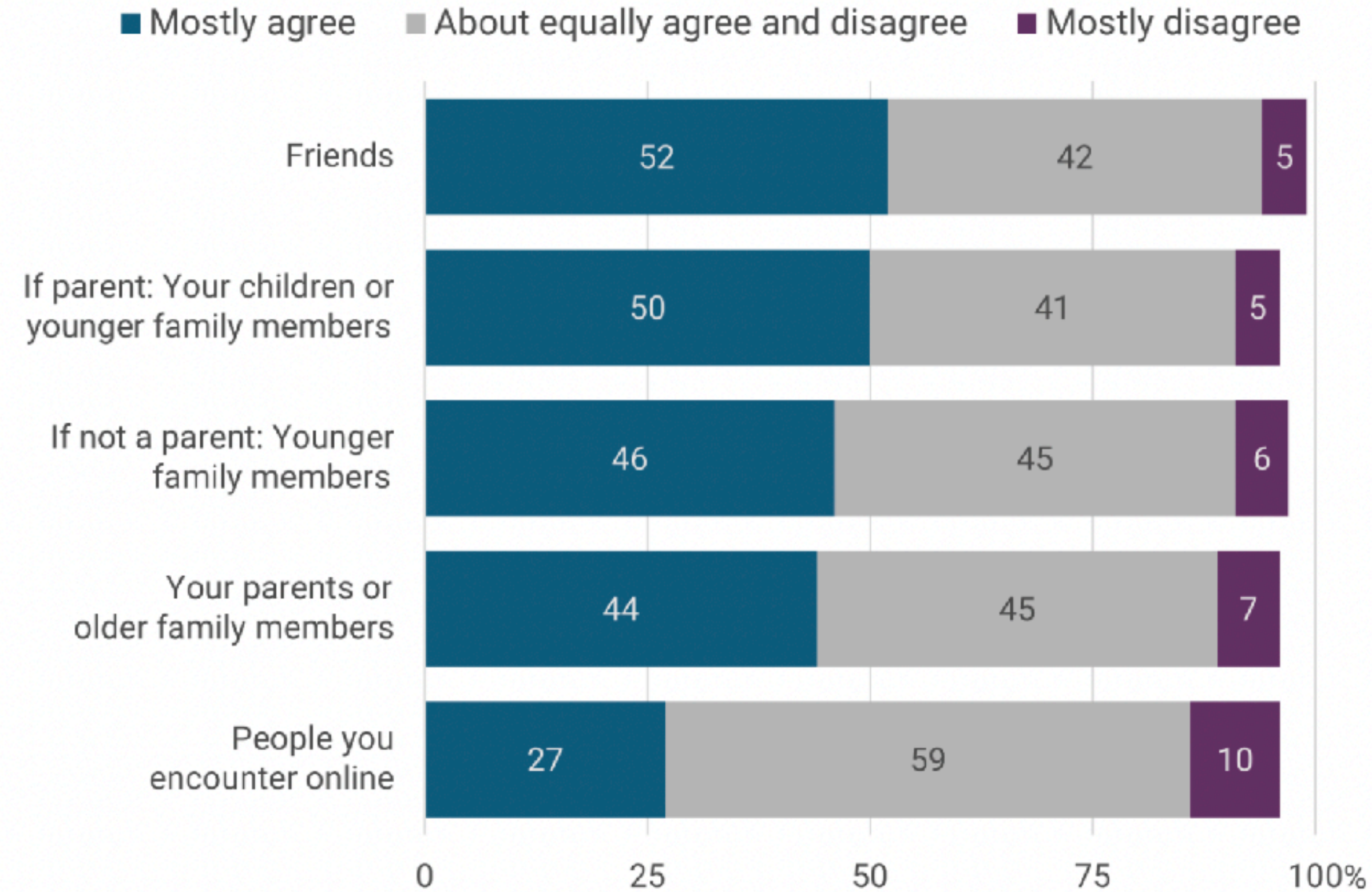


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**REACH OUT  
TO PEOPLE**

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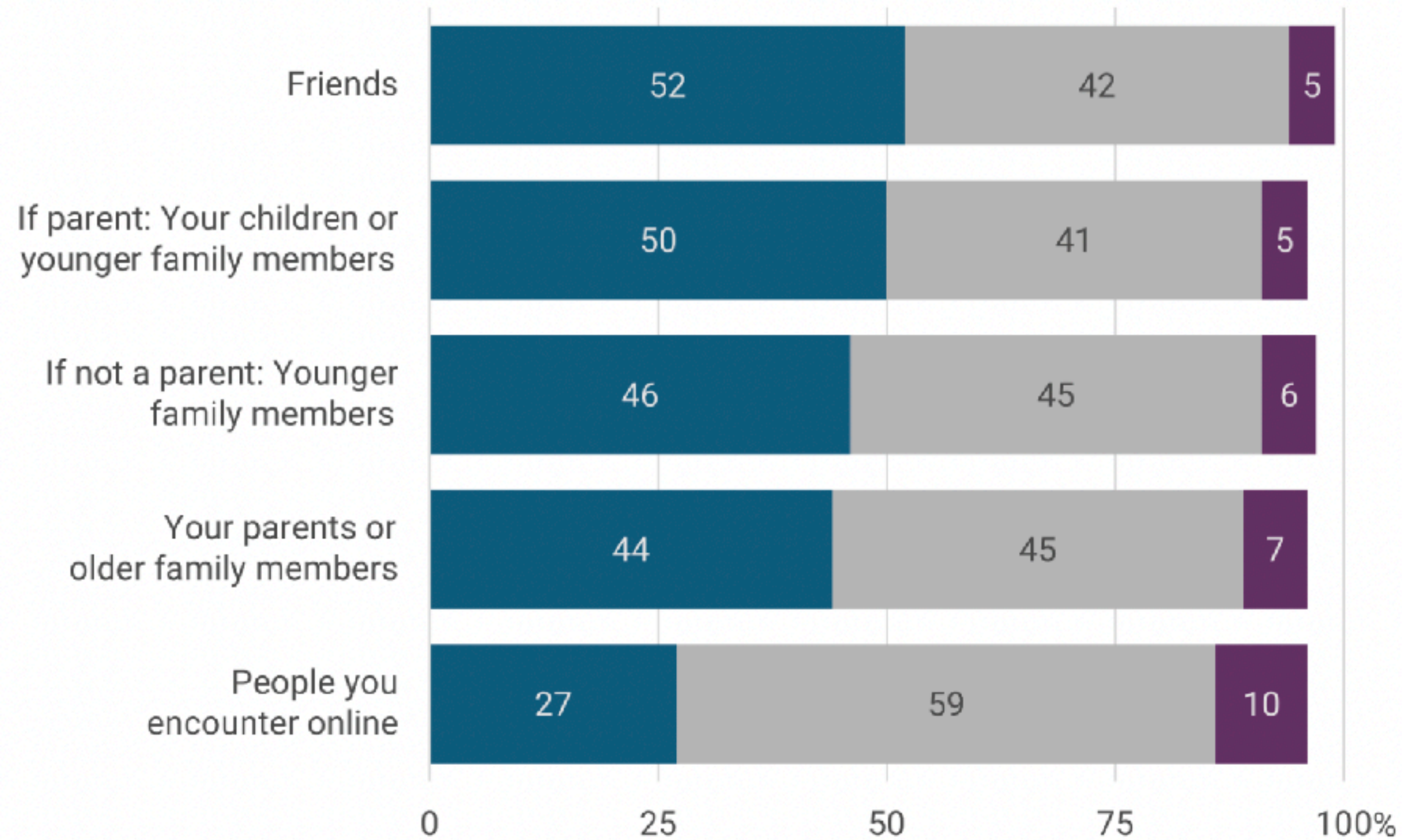


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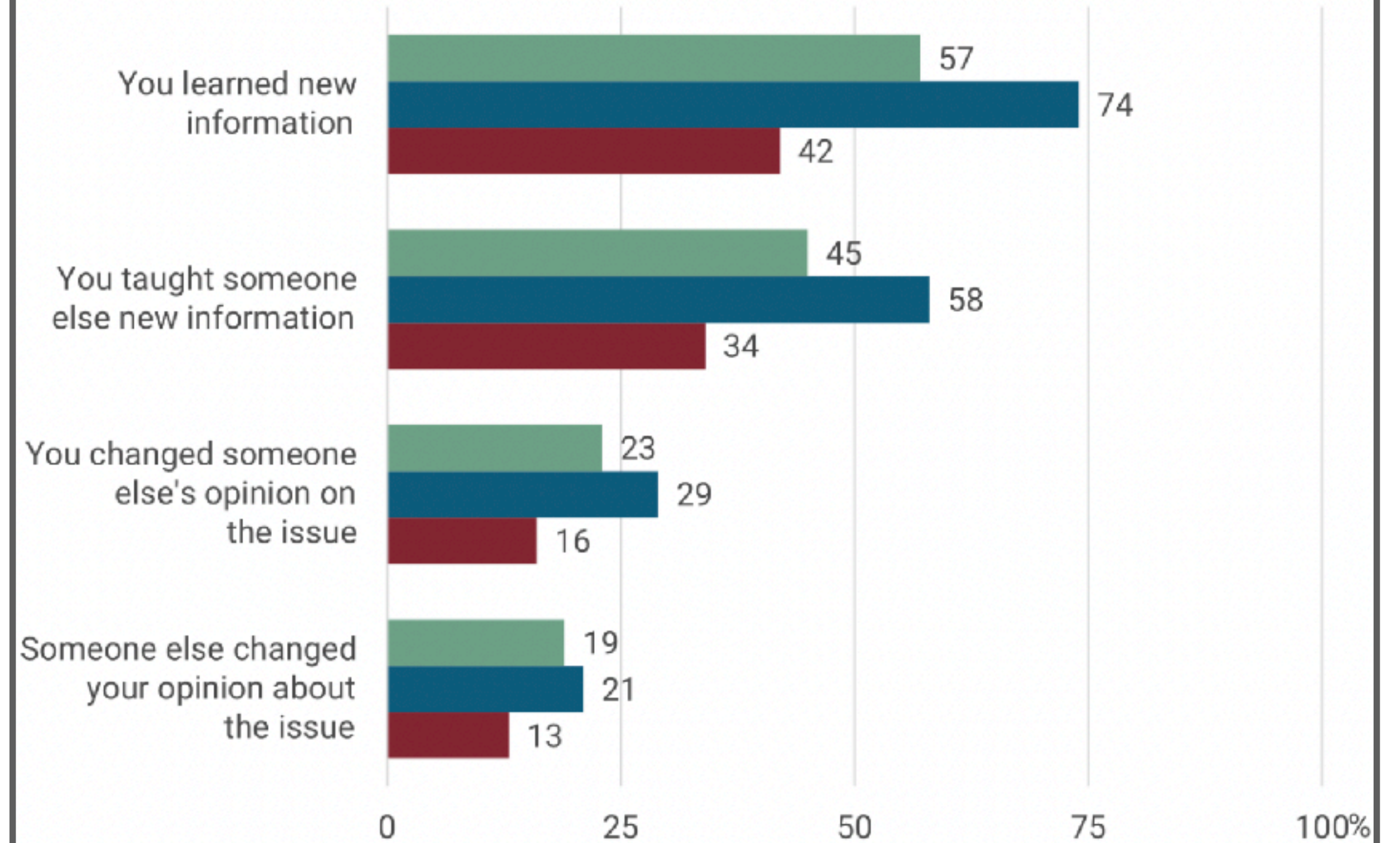


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### Many adults learn or teach new information in conversations about climate change, though fewer report changing opinions.

Percent of adults who say each of the following has happened to them because of a conversation about climate change

■ Overall ■ Democrat ■ Republican



**Question:** Has each of the following ever happened to you because of a conversation you had about climate change?

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# James Dyke

- Contributor, [The Independent](#)
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## ARTICLES

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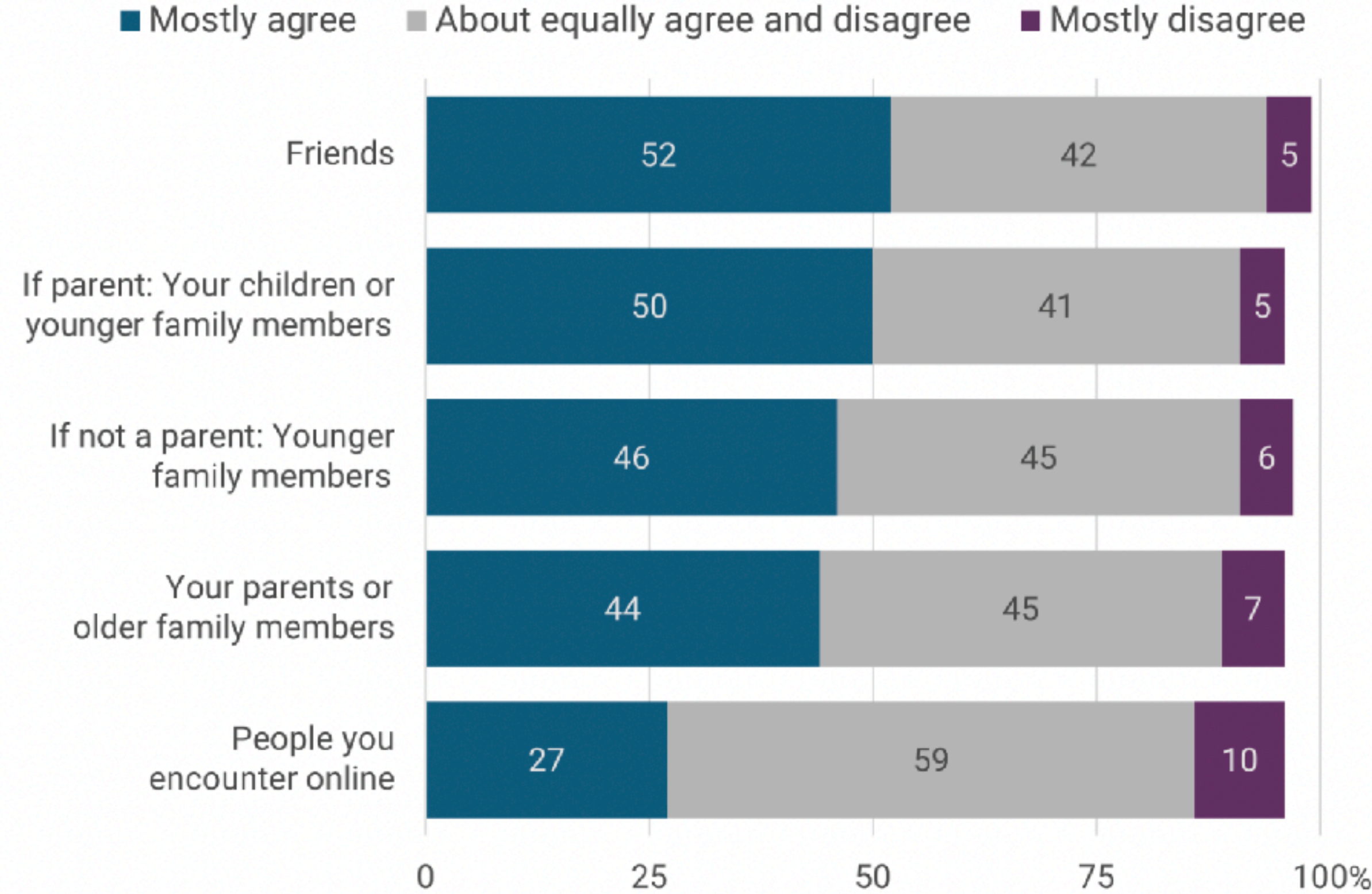
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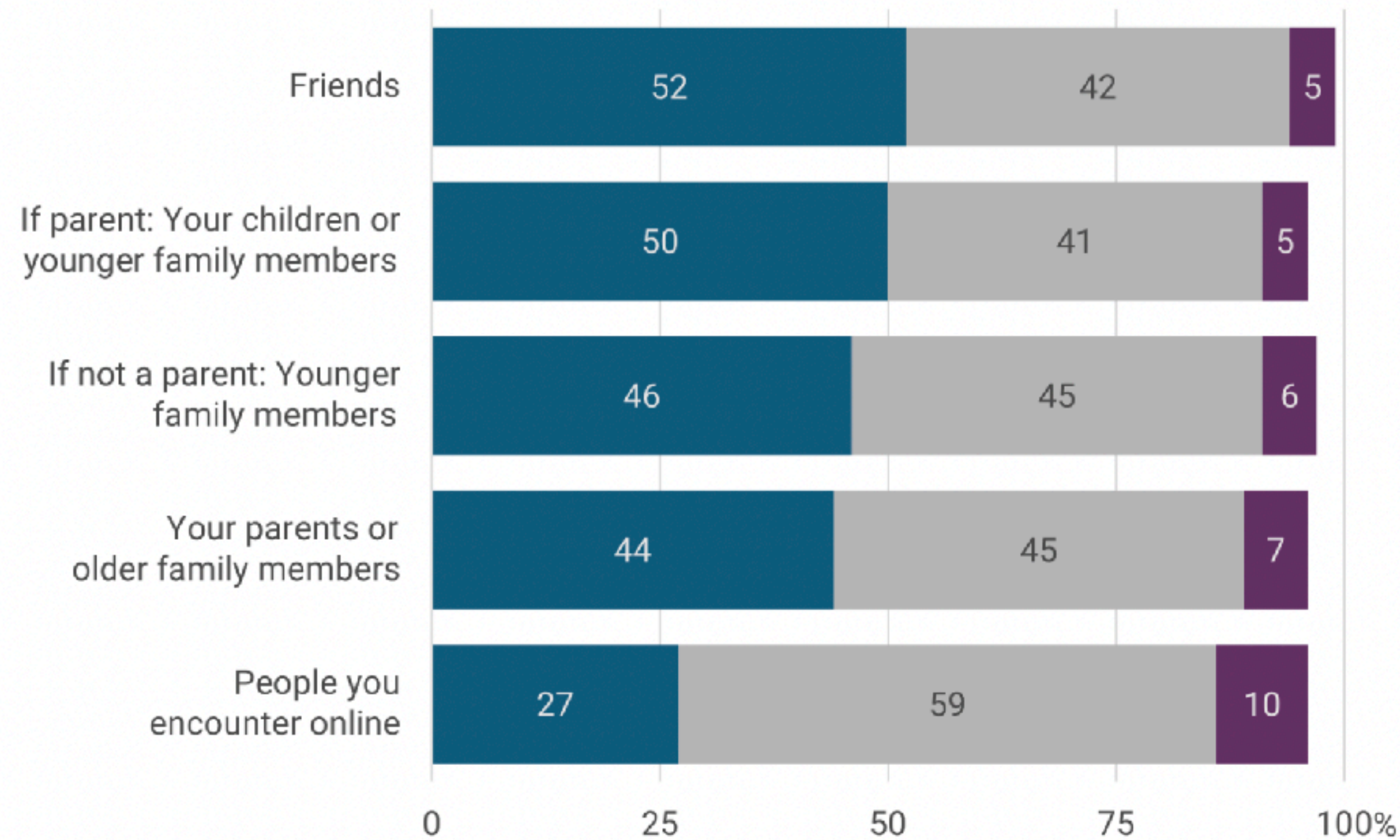
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OPINION

### The UK is as woefully unprepared as Spain for climate change

If we fail to take adaptation seriously, further tragedies are inevitable

OPINION

### If you try to recycle perfectly, you'll recycle nothing

OPINION

### Forever chemicals are making British fish less safe to eat



OPINION

### No, the cold summer doesn't mean climate change has 'stopped'

OPINION

### Bamboo can destroy your home, but it will help us battle climate change

OPINION

### Parasites in our taps are the terrible legacy of water privatisation

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### April was wet and miserable – but the warmest on record. Here's why

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### The damage forever chemicals in our water could be doing to our health

<https://inews.co.uk/author/james-dyke>

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**USE THE TOOLS  
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*Charlotte McNichol-Fardon, Head of Sustainability, UK Hydrographic Office and Chair of NERC's advisory panel, The Future Leaders Council.*



**More alumni profiles**



**Tom Doidge**

**Year of graduation:** 2023

**Employer:** ITV

**Current role:** Sustainability Analyst



**Eloise Conley**

**Year of graduation:** 2022

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**Zach Clarke**

**Year of graduation:** 2023

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**Current role:** Carbon Projects Officer

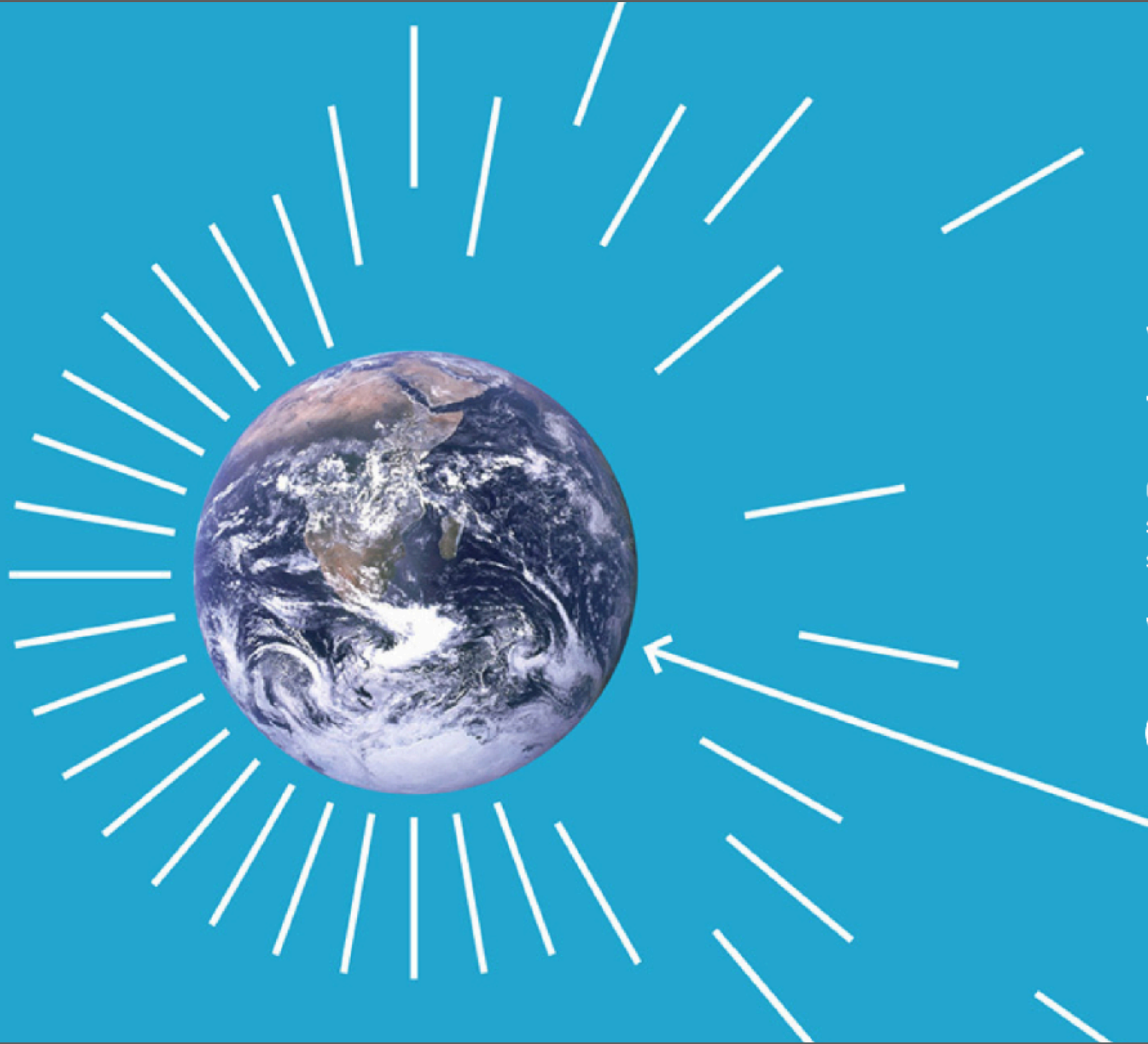


**Jen Guy**

**Year of graduation:** 2022

**Employer:** Galapagos Conservation Trust

**Current role:** Finance & Operations Officer



## We all have a responsibility to future life

Crises are colliding. Academia is not set up to help society navigate towards a safer, fairer, and more sustainable future.

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**WALK THE TALK  
PEOPLE NOTICE**



Flight Free **UK** presents:

# Travel, flying and the climate crisis

How and why to fly less

with

Stewart Barr and Ewan Woodley **University of Exeter**

Sarah Finch **Climate campaigner**

James Dyke **Academic and writer**

Vipul Patel **Exeter Changemakers**

Anna Hughes **Flight Free UK**

**Start time:**

**7pm**



# Walking the talk



- From 2026, Geography at the University of Exeter will **only offer no-fly field courses to Europe**
- Changes Geography has made to field course travel emissions (to and from the destination):
  - 2019 estimated tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e: 249.21
  - 2025 estimated tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e: 13.75

<b>2026 Destination (calculations based on travel to and from destination, based on 44 people per trip)</b>	<b>Total no-fly tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e</b>	<b>Comparison total tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e by flying</b>	<b>No-fly % carbon saving</b>
Freiburg, Germany	1.58	11.55	86.32
Avignon, France	1.65	15.56	89.36
Paris, France	1.28	6.48	80.20
Antwerp, Belgium	1.25	8.34	84.97
Picos de Europa, Spain	9.53	17.37	45.14
<b>All trips</b>	<b>15.30</b>	<b>59.30</b>	<b>74.20</b>

*Table: Indicative comparison between no-fly and flight-based carbon emissions for 2026 field courses (all Geography field courses in 2026 will be no-fly)*



# We have officially advised our university to ditch carbon offsets – and focus on cutting emissions

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As climate and Earth scientists, we are acutely aware that action on climate change is desperately needed. It is now almost certain that 2024 will not only be the warmest year ever recorded, but also the first year that will be 1.5°C warmer than pre-industrial levels.

The Paris climate agreement pledged to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”, but that now looks to be a forlorn hope. The effects of climate change increase with the level of global warming, such that every 0.1°C adds to the suffering of those most vulnerable. As recent devastating storms in Spain have shown, those people may be much closer to home than many had assumed.

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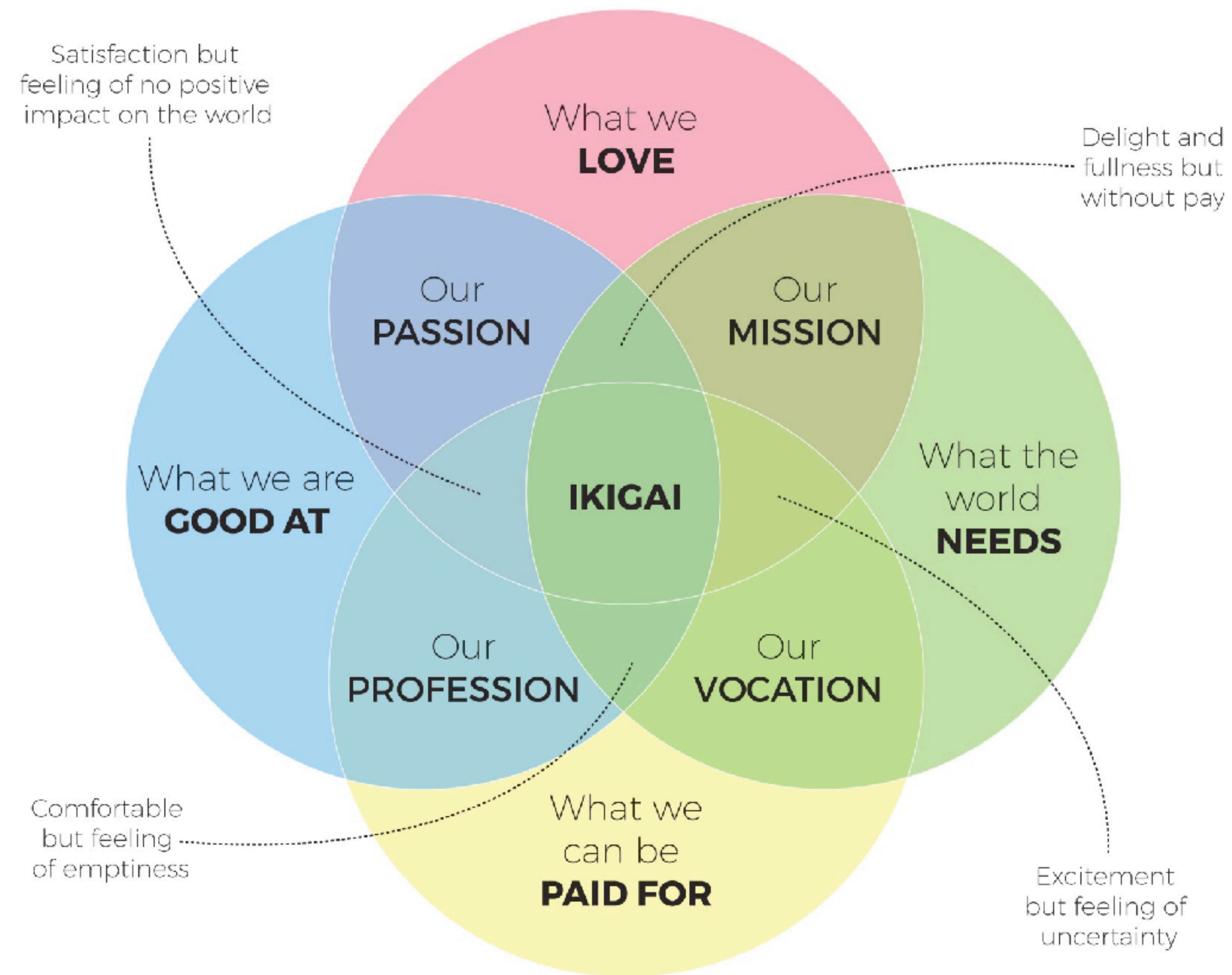
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**USE YOUR  
PRIVILEGE TO  
FIND YOUR IKIGAI**

# IKIGAI

A Japanese concept meaning 'a reason for being'



**10**

**START TODAY**

What does success mean to you?

Image a future world that you would love to live in. What does it look like?

**10**

**RESPECT YOUR  
MORAL COMPASS**





**NEVER**

**GIVE UP**

**Finding hope,  
meaning, and purpose  
in the midst of a climate & ecological crisis**