

*Giving Our  
Children a Reason  
Not to Hate Us!*

# The End of the Oil Age?

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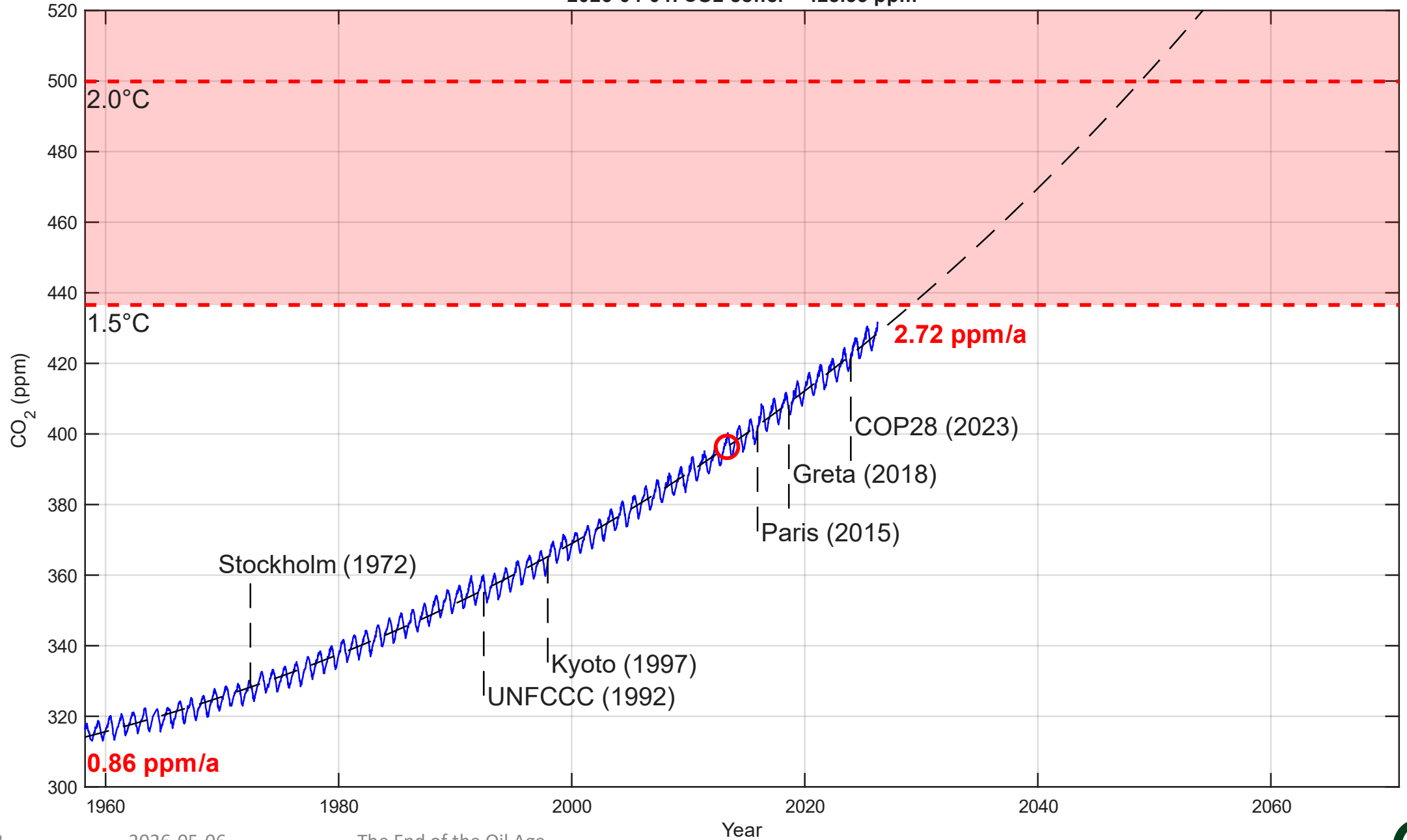
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We are rapidly destroying the only habitable planet in the known universe!



Why don't we stop this!

2026-04-04: CO2 conc. = 428.55 ppm



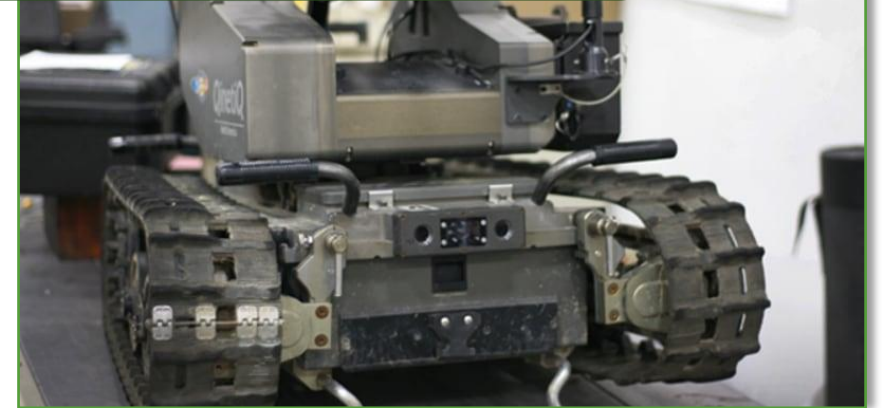
# Cutting Edge Technology of the Bronze Age

A close-up photograph of a bronze dagger lying on dark, moist soil. The dagger's shaft is decorated with a hatched or ribbed pattern. The blade is sharp and pointed, and the hilt area is visible. The lighting highlights the metallic texture and the intricate details of the hatching.

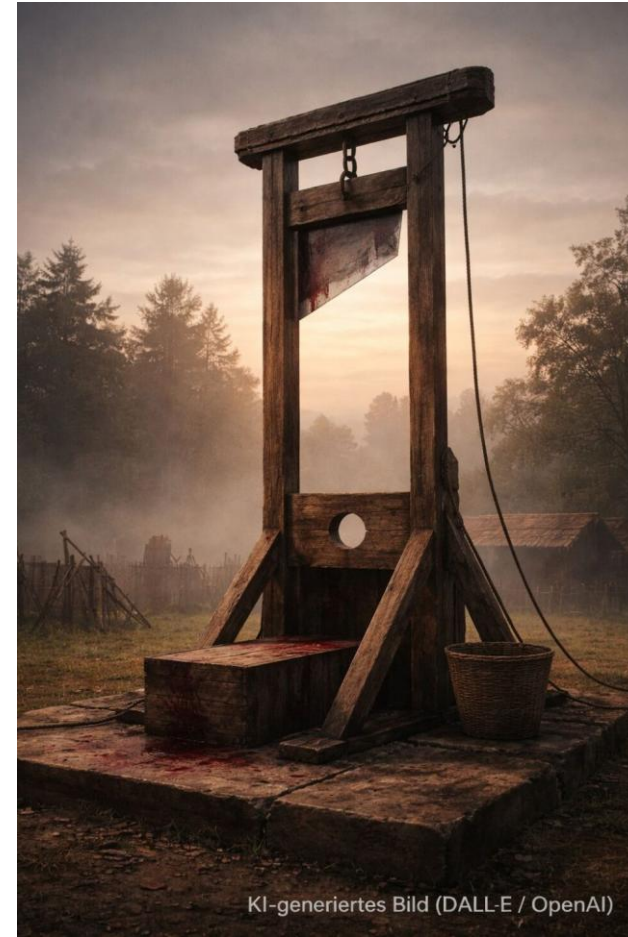
# The Technology of Power



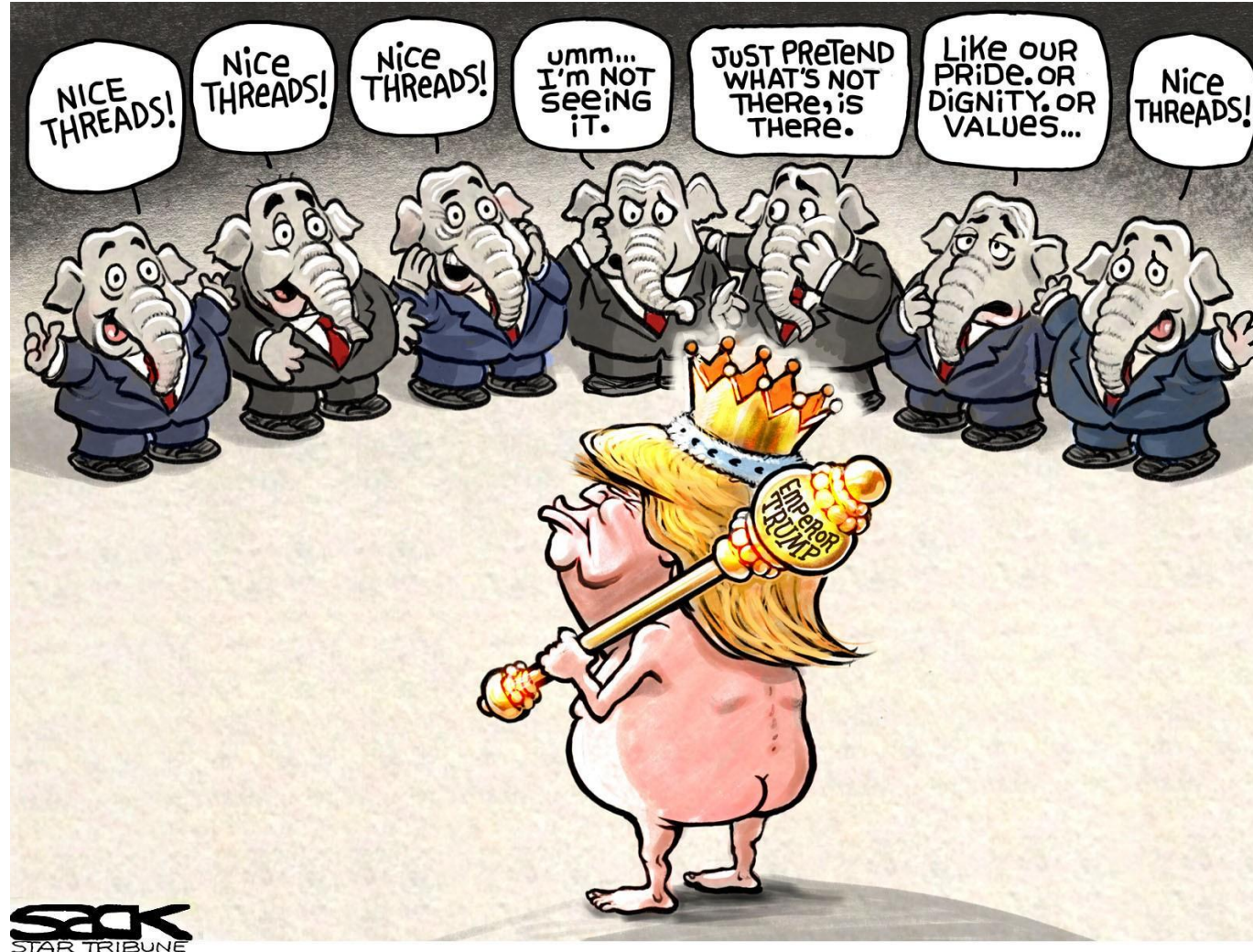
Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?  
*Who shall guard the guardians?*



# How power works ...



'Tis the time's plague when madmen lead the blind.



A society becomes totalitarian when its structure becomes flagrantly artificial: that is, when its ruling class has lost its function but succeeds in clinging to power by force or fraud. Such a society, no matter how long it persists, can never afford to become either tolerant or intellectually stable.

- George Orwell, *The Prevention of Literature* (1946).



# Public Relations or Propaganda



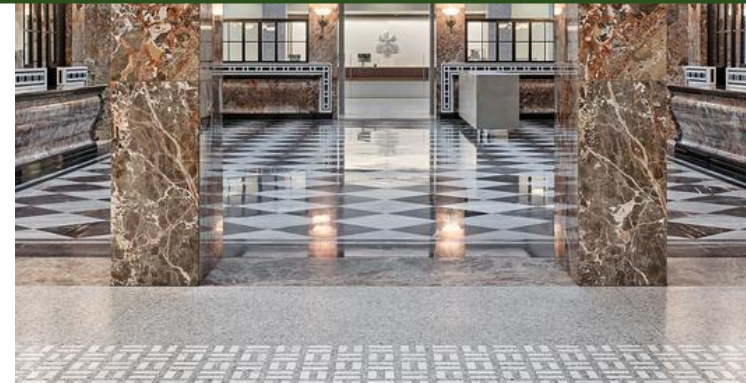
# Capitalism as religion: neoliberalism



Religion keeps the rich from being  
massacred by the poor.  
- Napoleon Bonaparte.



St Peter, the Vactican

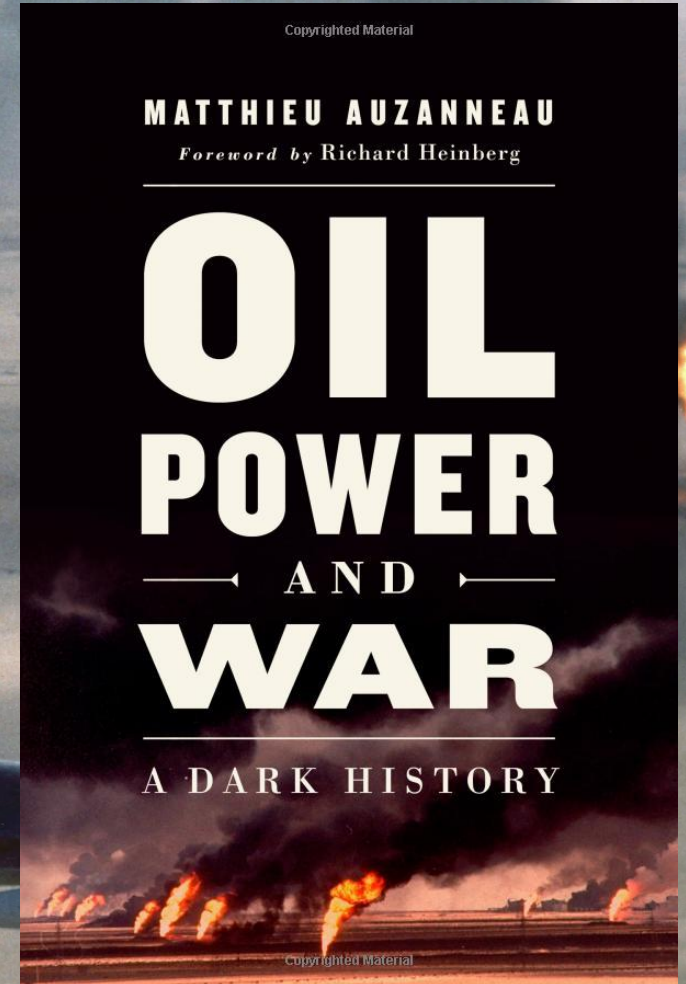


UBS, Zurich

# The Ultimate Vicious Circle

If you depend on oil,  
you need an army.

If you have an army,  
you depend on oil.



[Iran War: Is this the end of the oil era? – YouTube](#)

# The Geopolitical Truth

- The Global North is using far too many resources.
- It depends on the import (or extraction) of resources from the Global South.
- The US military and NATO exist to ensure access to these resources.
- The Global North is characterized by imperialism, colonialism, militarism, and capitalism.



Crude Oil Reserves in Billion Barrels (Gbbl)




Note: For visualization purposes we are showing only countries with 100,000,000 bbl (0.1 Gbbl) of crude oil reserves or more.  
 How to read this map: Countries appear bigger as their crude oil reserves are bigger. e.g. Venezuela. Conversely, countries that have smaller reserves of crude oil appear smaller. e.g. Côte d'Ivoire  
 Article & Sources:  
<https://howmuch.net/articles/worlds-biggest-crude-oil-reserves-by-country>  
 Central Intelligence Agency - <https://www.cia.gov/library>

A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of a massive quarry. The quarry is characterized by several distinct horizontal levels of rock walls, showing the stepped nature of the excavation. In the foreground, a yellow CAT excavator is positioned on the left, and a yellow wheel loader is in the center. To the right, there is a large pile of broken rock fragments. The ground is a mix of dirt and sand. The overall scene depicts a large-scale industrial stone extraction process.

The Stone Age did not end because  
the world ran out of stones.

No, because  
it never ended!

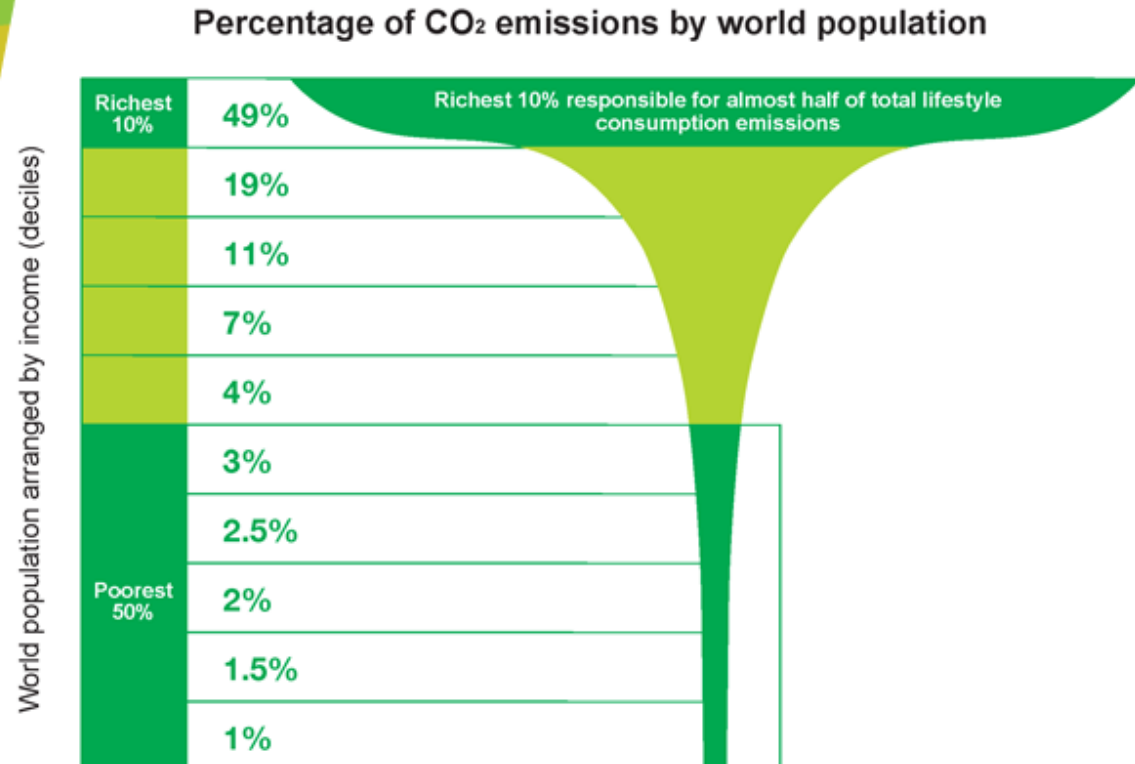
# Climate Injustice: The Elephant in the Room



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The poorest **50%** is only responsible for around **10%** of total lifestyle consumption emissions.

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EXTREME CARBON INEQUALITY**



# The Churning of the World Order

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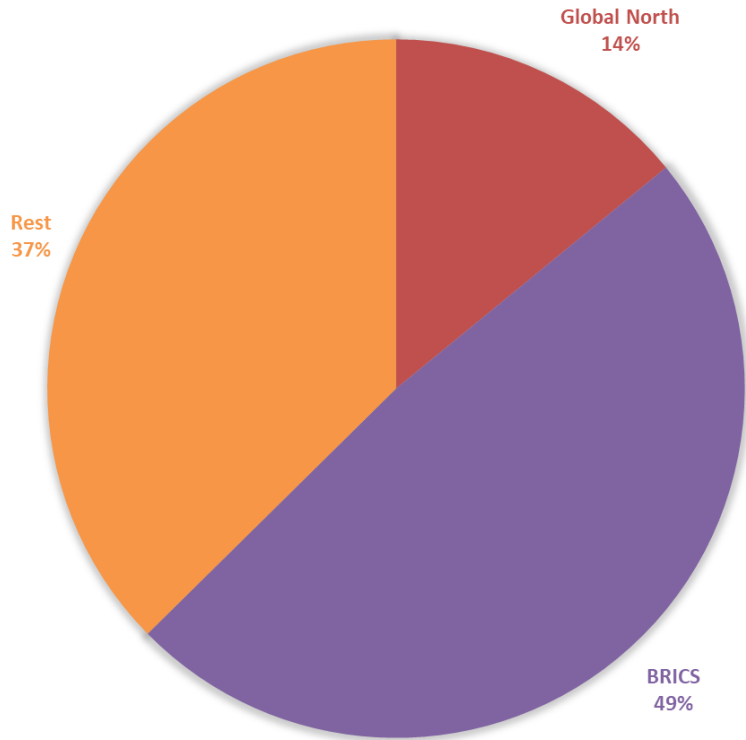
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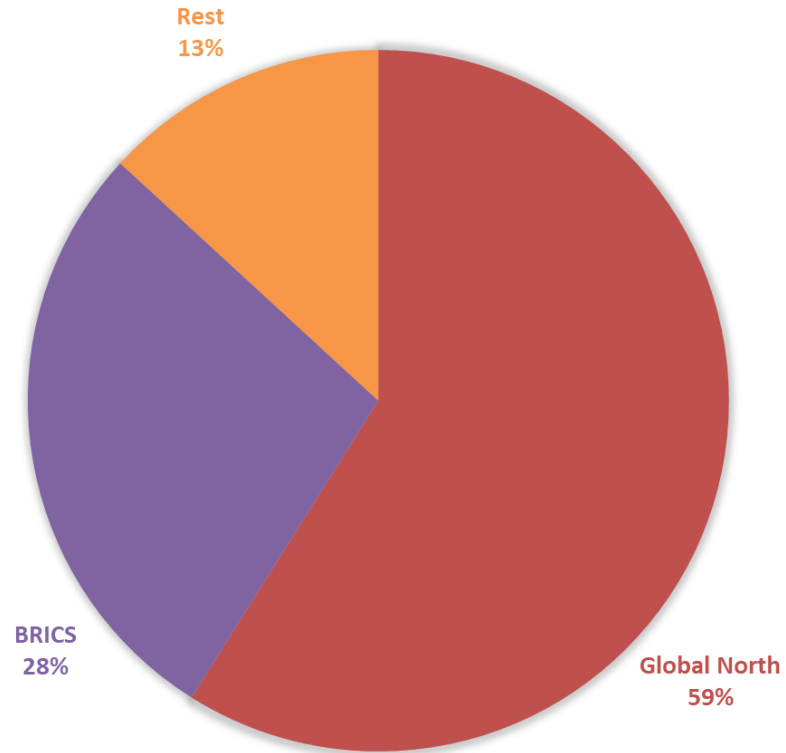


# Our unequal world

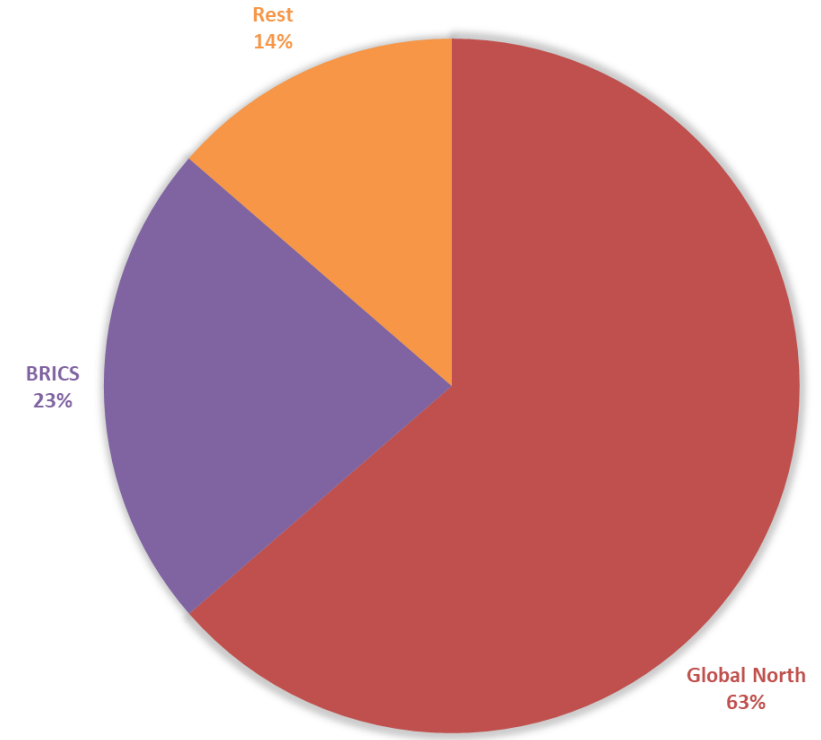
POPULATION



GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)



MILITARY EXPENSES



# EARTH'S GREATEST ENEMY

A FILM BY ABBY MARTIN



# Don't take my word for it ...

**We have about 50% of the world's wealth but only 6.3% of its population.** This disparity is particularly great as between ourselves and the peoples of Asia. In this situation, we cannot fail to be the object of envy and resentment. Our real task in the coming period is to devise a pattern of relationships which will permit us to maintain this position of disparity without positive detriment to our national security. **To do so, we will have to dispense with all sentimentality and day-dreaming; and our attention will have to be concentrated everywhere on our immediate national objectives.**

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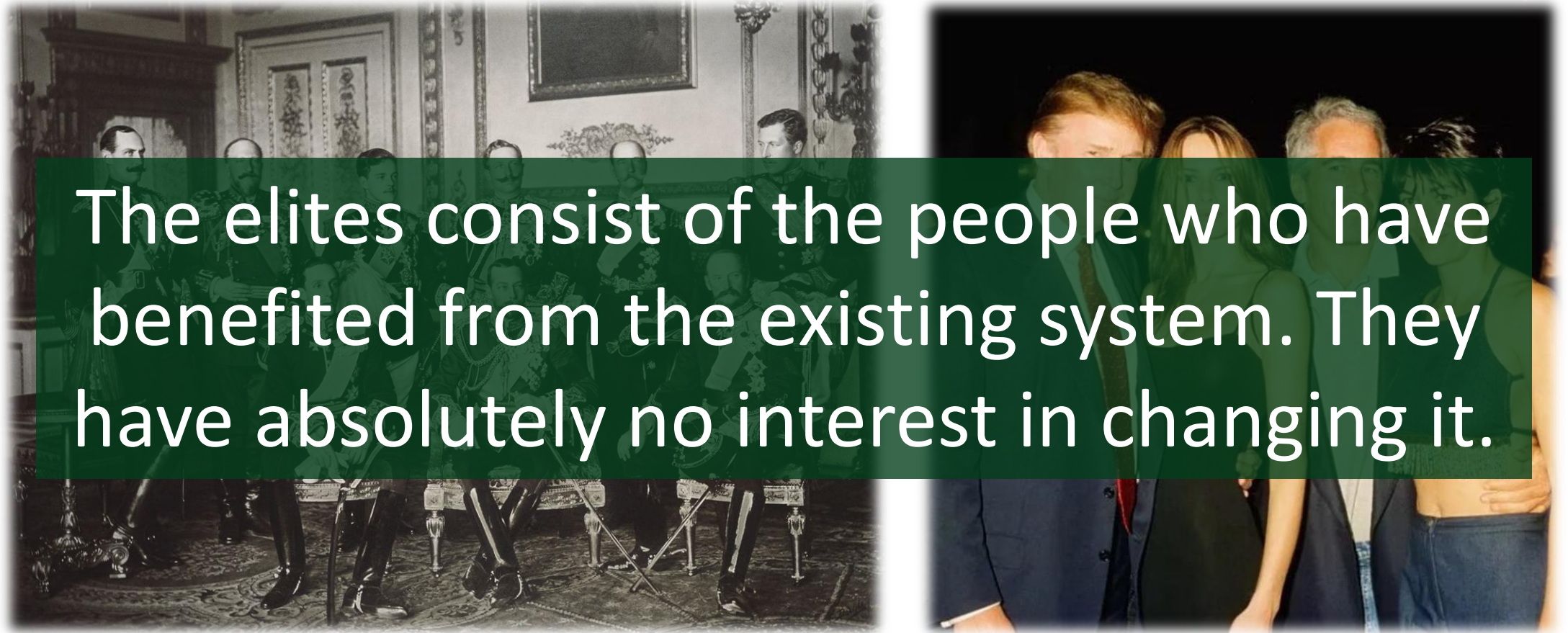
We should cease to talk about vague and -- for the Far East -- unreal objectives such as human rights, the raising of the living standards, and democratization. **The day is not far off when we are going to have to deal in straight power concepts. The less we are then hampered by idealistic slogans, the better.**

– George Kennan, 1948 ([Historical Documents - Office of the Historian](#))

**The American way of life is not up for negotiations. Period.**

– George H.W. Bush, 1992

# The Mendacity of the Elites



[The Mendacity of the Elites - by Rachel Donald](#)

# The Elixir of Power

Oil is the elixir of power. It makes you powerful but ultimately kills you. It is a deadly weapon you cannot afford to give up



# Transitioning away from Fossil Fuels



## First Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels

Energy transition >

### Colombia summit marks 'historic' step toward phase-out of fossil fuels

A photograph showing two women embracing on a stage. The woman on the left is Irene Vélez Torres, Colombia's environment minister, and the woman on the right is Stientje van Veldhoven, the Dutch Minister for Climate Policy and Green Growth. They are both wearing white blouses. The background is a blue stage backdrop with the conference logo and text: '1st Conference Transitioning away from Fossil Fuels Colombia - The Netherlands' and the Colombian coat of arms.

▲ Colombia's environment minister, Irene Vélez Torres (left), embraces Stientje van Veldhoven, the Dutch Minister for Climate Policy and Green Growth, at the end of the fossil-fuels phase-out conference in Santa Marta, Colombia, on April 29, 2026. Copyright 2026 The Associated Press. All Rights Reserved

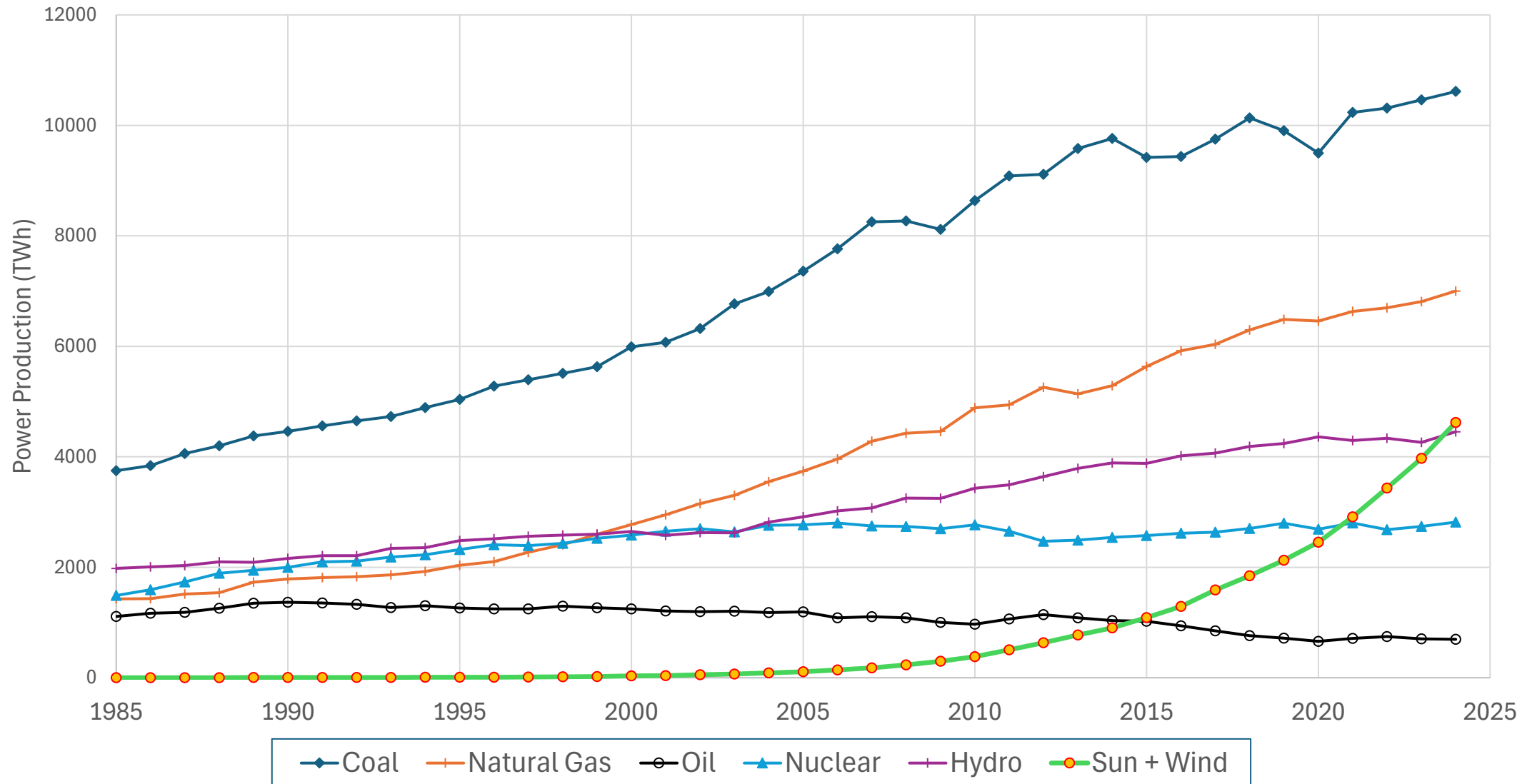
# Do international agreements work?

The Assemblies of those early years were worth attending, for the Foreign Ministers of the Great Powers had not yet realised how easily, by means of a little tact and some elegant camouflage, the League might be used as a stage on which they could play the skilled game of the Old Diplomacy circumspectly dressed up in international costume. Before 1925, perhaps as many as fifty per cent of the delegates who went to Geneva honestly believed that the organisation of international peace was a workable proposition.

*Vera Brittain on the League of Nations*

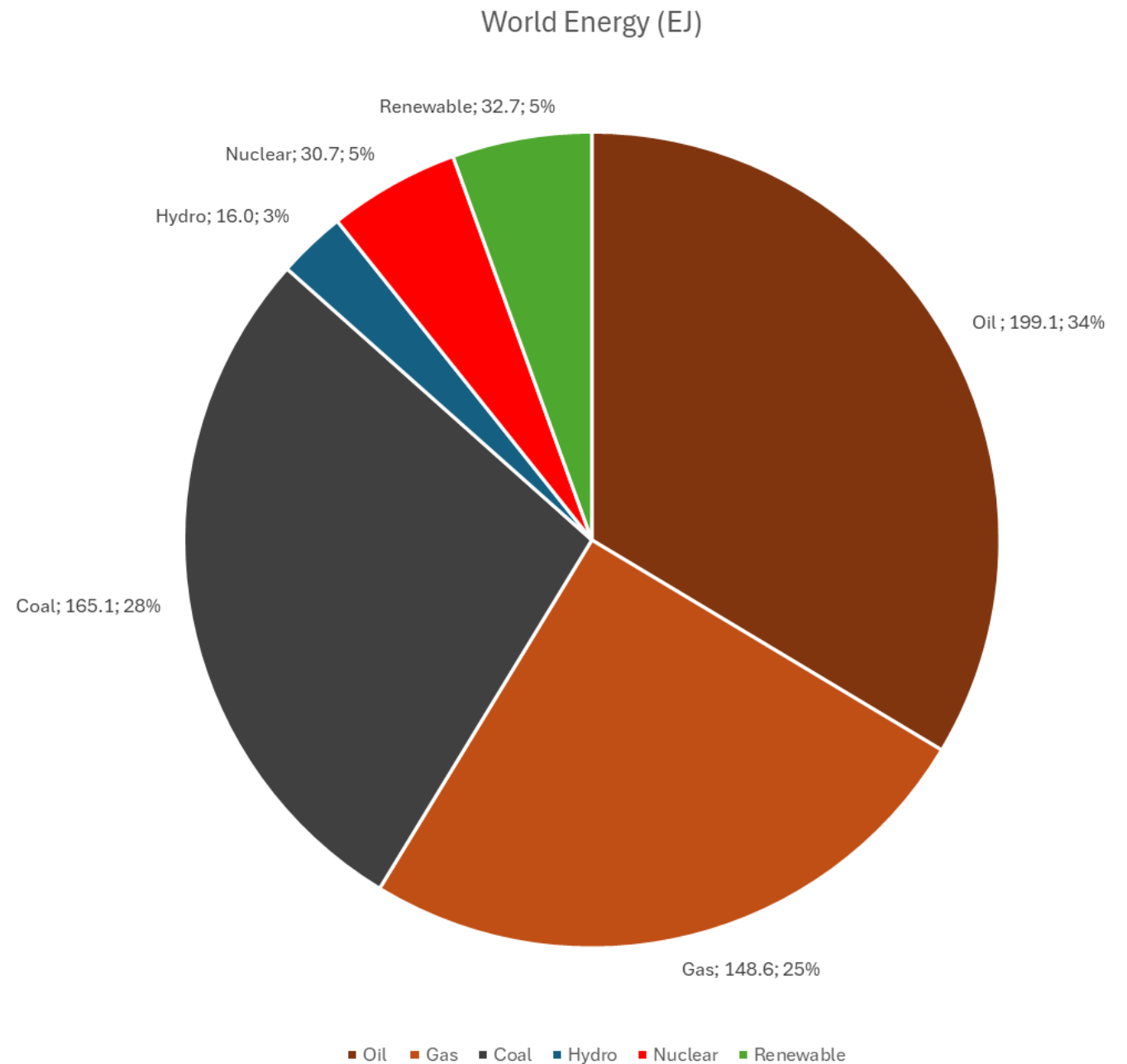


# Global Power Production

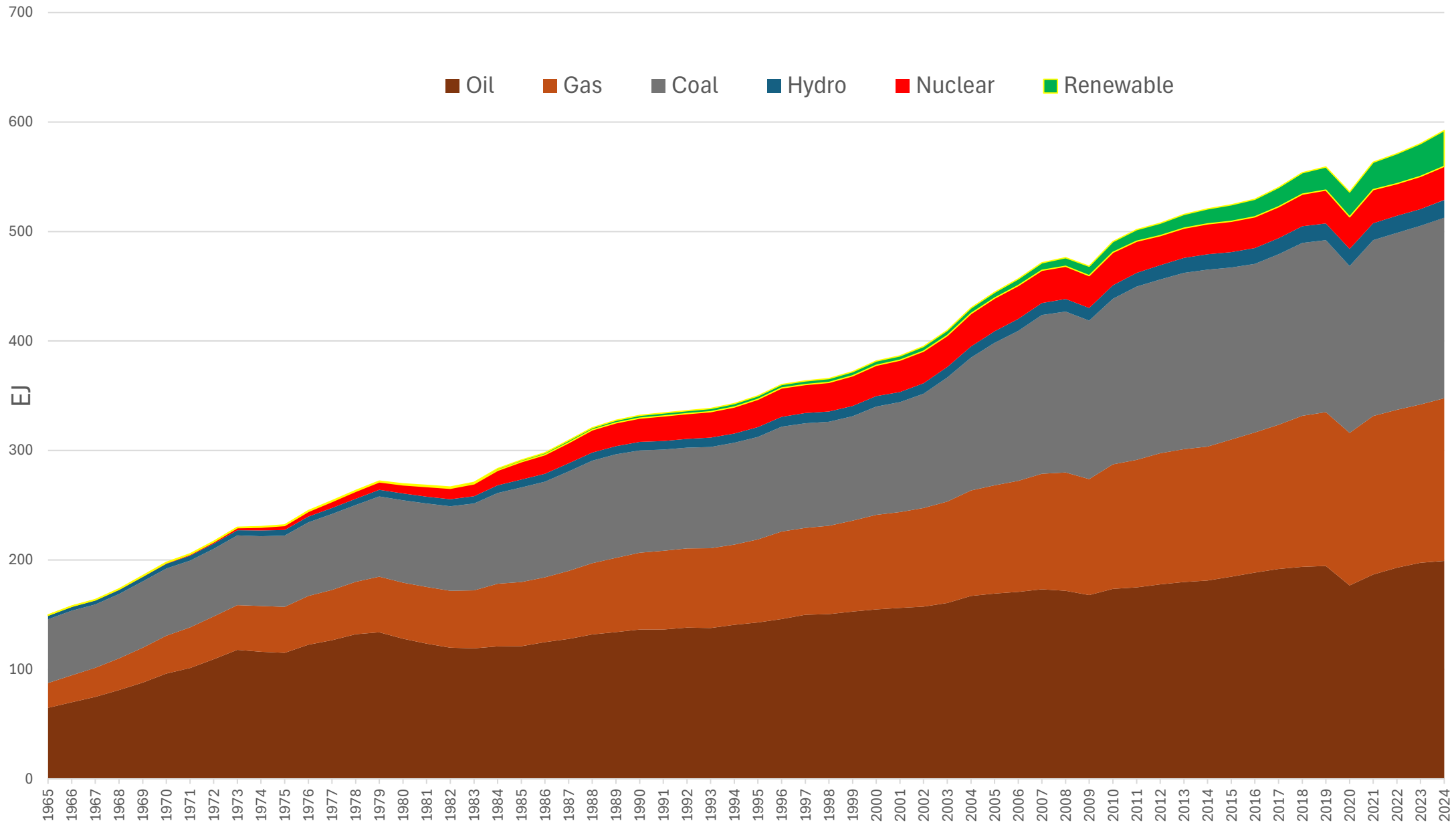


# We are still very reliant on fossil fuels!

Carbon-based fossil fuels: 87 %  
Wind and Solar: 5.5 %



# Global Energy Consumption (in EJ)



# How do we get out of this mess?



# Step 1: Our (once) Vital Planet

We need a new Scientific Revolution with sustainability being defined through non-equilibrium thermodynamics and entropy production.

# Step 2: No More Wars!

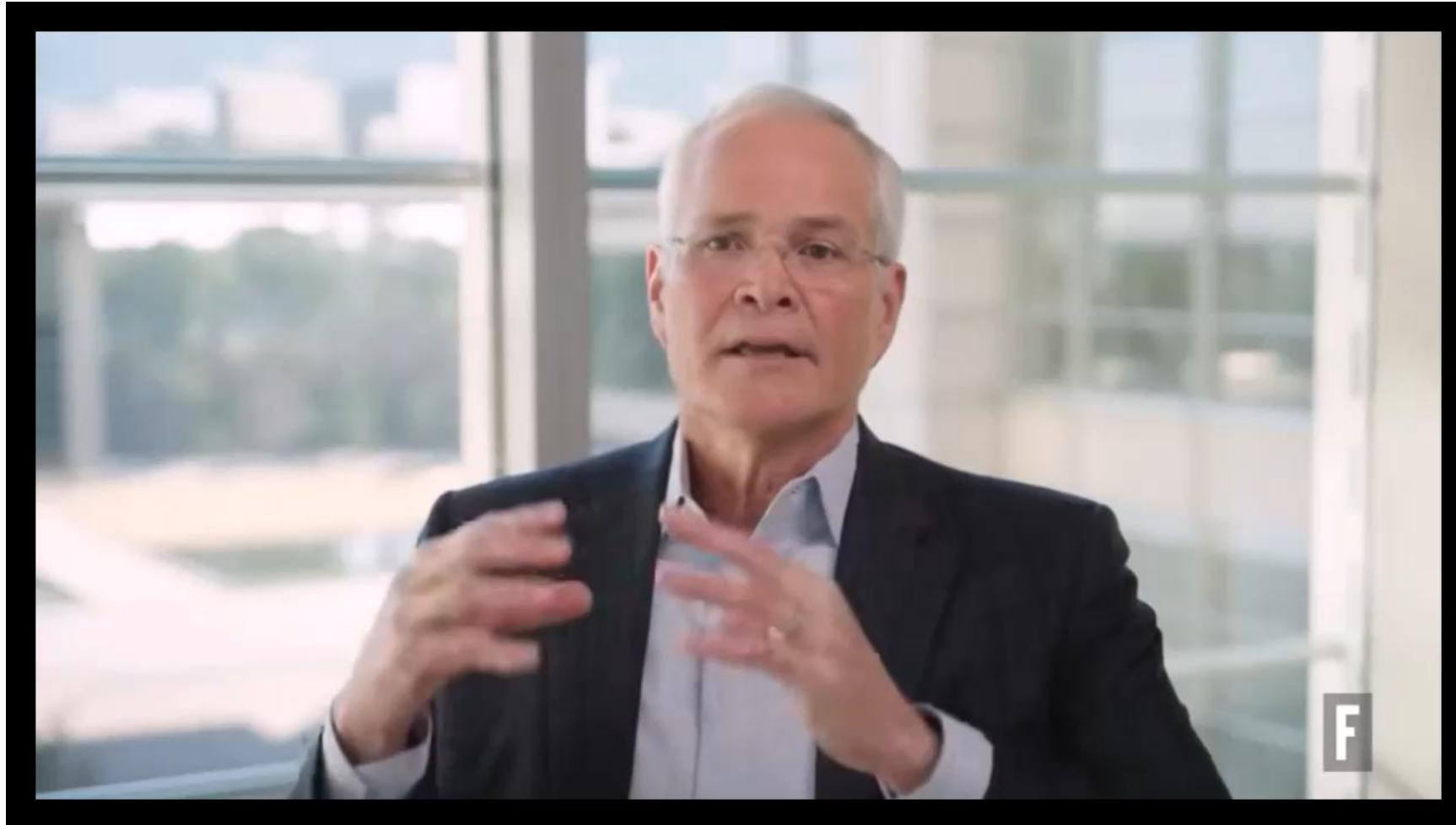
So, let us not be blind to our differences—but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal.

- John F. Kennedy



# Step 3: Introduce a Global Carbon Tax

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[Exxon CEO Shares "Dirty Secret" Keeping Us From Net Zero Goals | Leadership Next](#)

# Step 4: Consumer Strike



We were not to be called upon as citizens—only as consumers.

- Toni Morrison

Wake up! It does not have to be this way.

*From the beginning of time there have been two flames burning in the human heart. The flame of anger against injustice, and the flame of hope you can build a better world. And my job is to go round fanning both flames.*

*- Tony Benn*

# Doing What is Right!

Once we cut through the lies, the greenwashing, and propaganda, what remains is the simple choice to do the right thing.

We should start tomorrow!



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