

Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change

How we can stabilize the climate
and
improve the human condition



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The Key to Eliminating Poverty

The human condition and energy availability are closely linked

Ave. American > 10 KW



Ave. European ~ 1/2 American



Ave. African < 1/10 American



A global “European standard” by 2050, power generation must increase from 17 TW to 32 TW

Can the future of the developing world be based on fossil energy?

An overwhelming scientific consensus

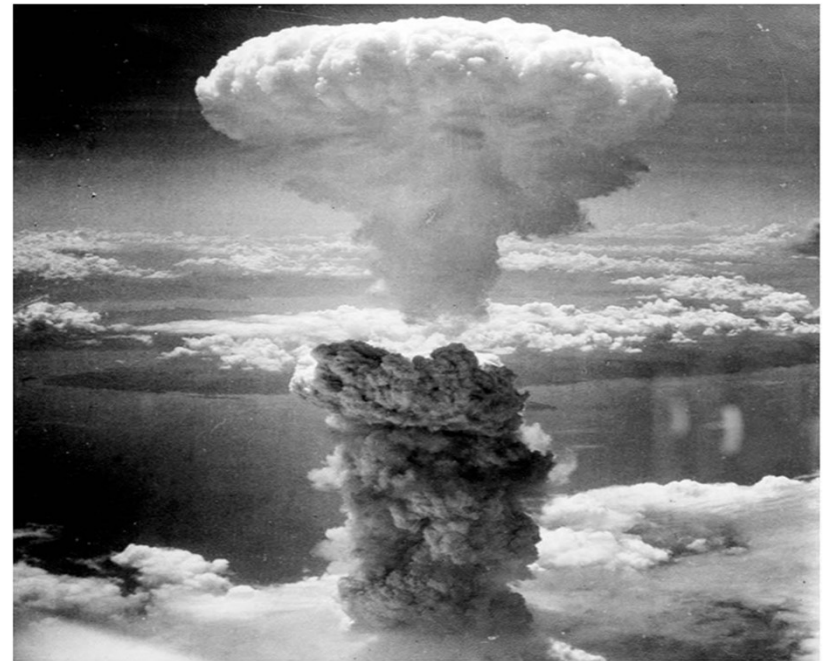
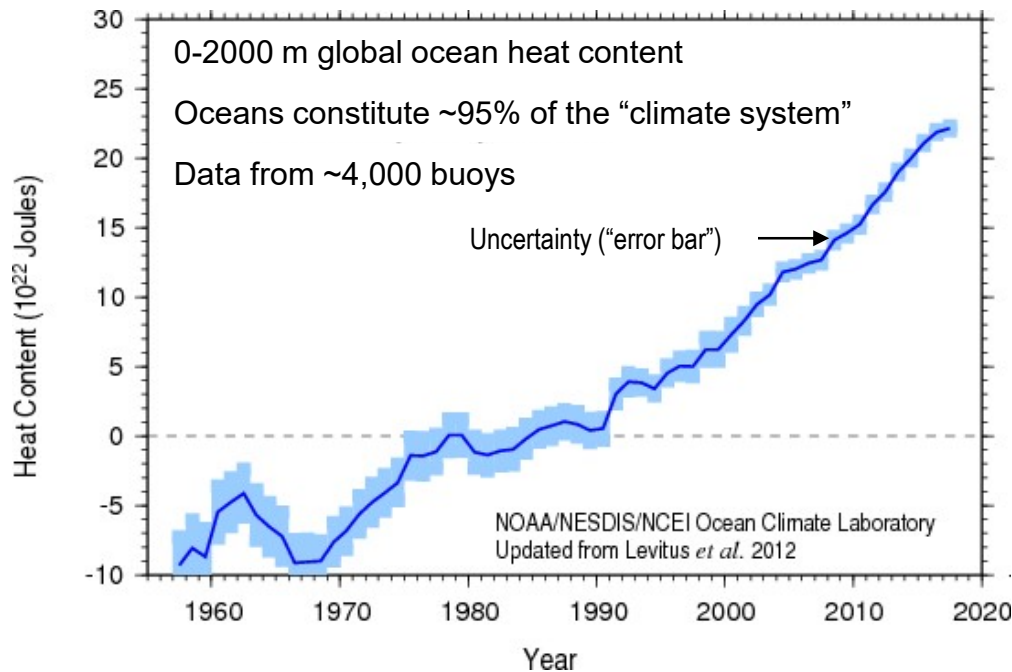
Fossil CO₂ emissions are disrupting the climate



80 national academies of science accept human-caused climate change

Why is the Earth's Climate Changing?

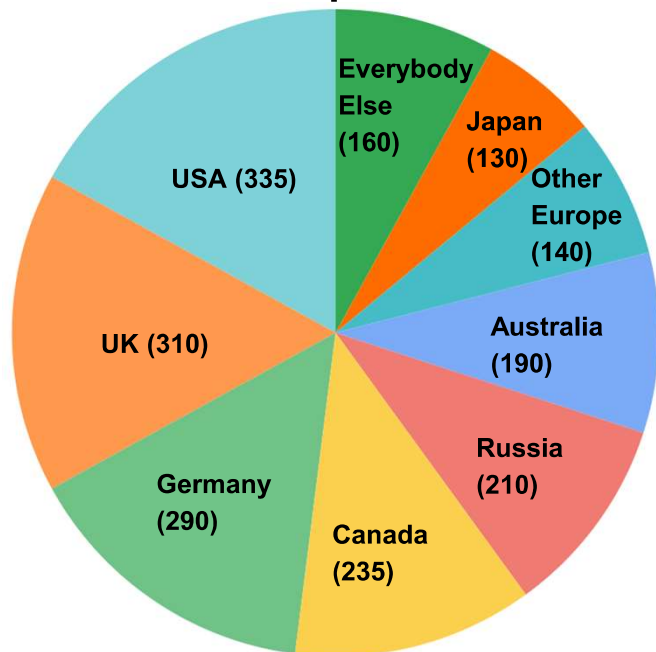
CO₂ in the atmosphere acts like a blanket



Equivalent to > 400,000 Hiroshima atomic bombs per day, 365 days per year

Who's Responsible for this CO₂?

The developed world has “eaten” most of the fossil energy pie



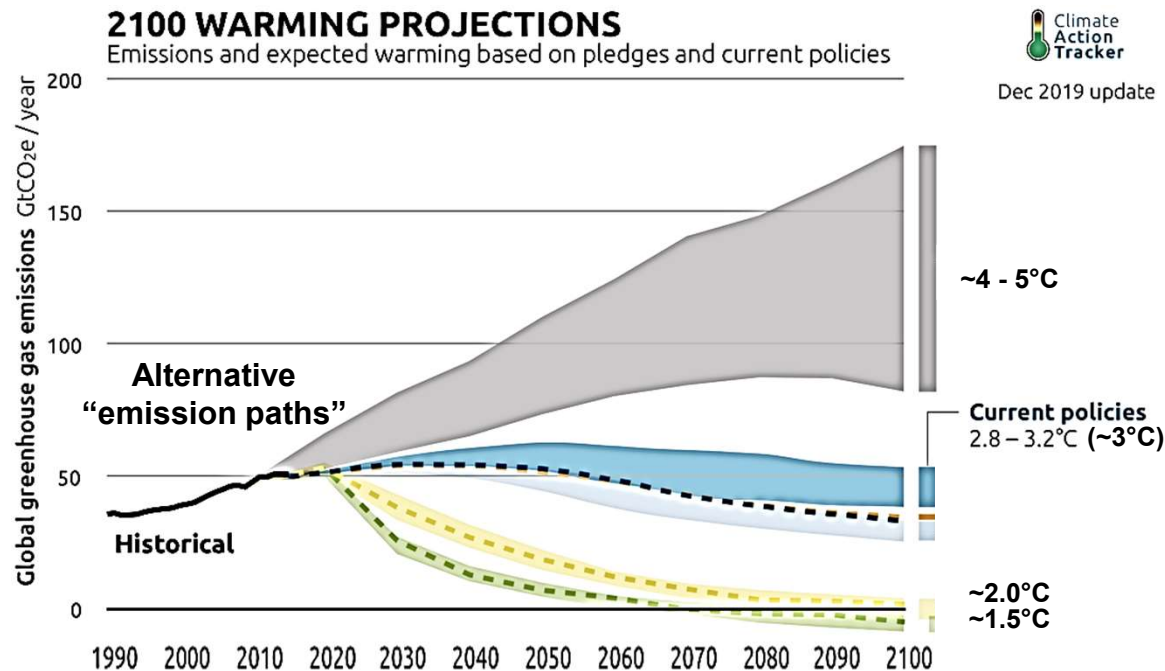
Developed countries are responsible for over 90% of per capita cumulative CO₂ emissions

Per capita cumulative emissions 1750-2018 (tons carbon)

Current warming is due to the >1,620GT CO₂ already in the climate system

The Effect of Future CO₂ Emissions

Most growth in CO₂ emissions *could* be in the developing world



The developed world has been and will be responsible for most climate change

The Impacts Are Just Beginning

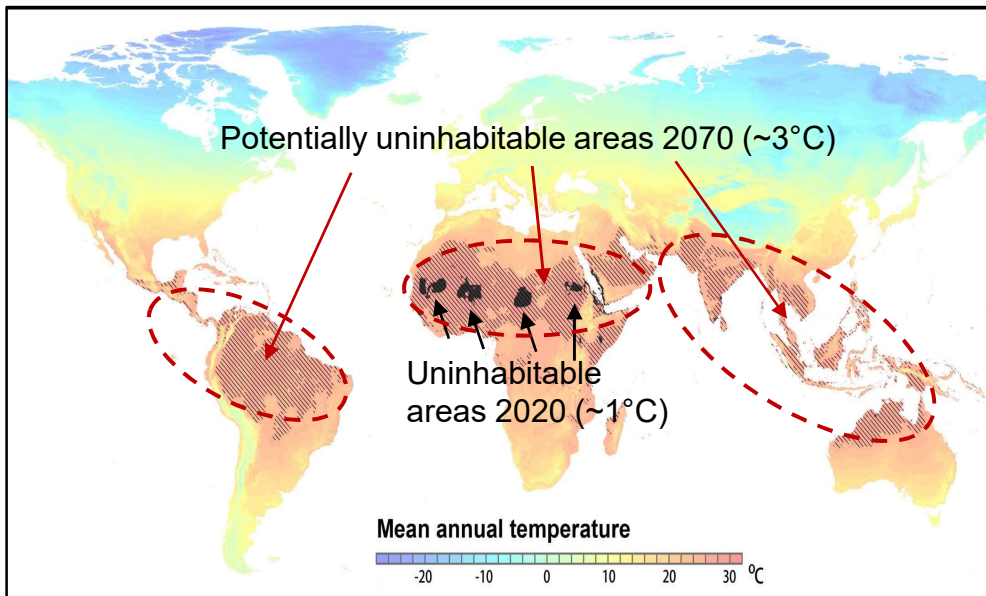
Impacts expected from 3°C of warming

- More severe heat waves and droughts
- More intense storms and floods
- 2-6 feet sea level rise by 2100, several meters more by 2300
- Wildfires
- Declining forests
- Loss of coral reefs
- Mass extinctions on land and at sea
- **Food and water scarcity**
- **Climate refugees**

Some of these impacts are particularly troubling

The Worst Impacts Have Begun

With 3°C of warming, over 1.5 billion climate refugees



How can we stop this from happening?

Climate Change is a due to a Market Failure

Treat CO₂ as a waste disposal problem, *not* a moral failure



Pricing CO₂ pollution must be the foundation of any effective policy

Energy Innovation AND Carbon Dividend Act

CCL's Non-partisan and “technology agnostic” bill

- 1 Place a predictable, steadily rising fee on fossil fuels at the source (mine, well or port)
- 2 Return all of the revenue to households equally
- 3 A border adjustment on goods imported from or exported to countries without an equivalent price on carbon



Carbon pricing means **energy innovation**, *not* energy deprivation

Conservative Estimates of Benefits (US)

Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. (REMI) study highlights

Employment

- **2 million more jobs**

Climate

- ***Dramatically* reduces CO₂ emissions**

Fiscal

- **Increases household incomes**

Health

- **Saves 295,000 lives over 10 years**

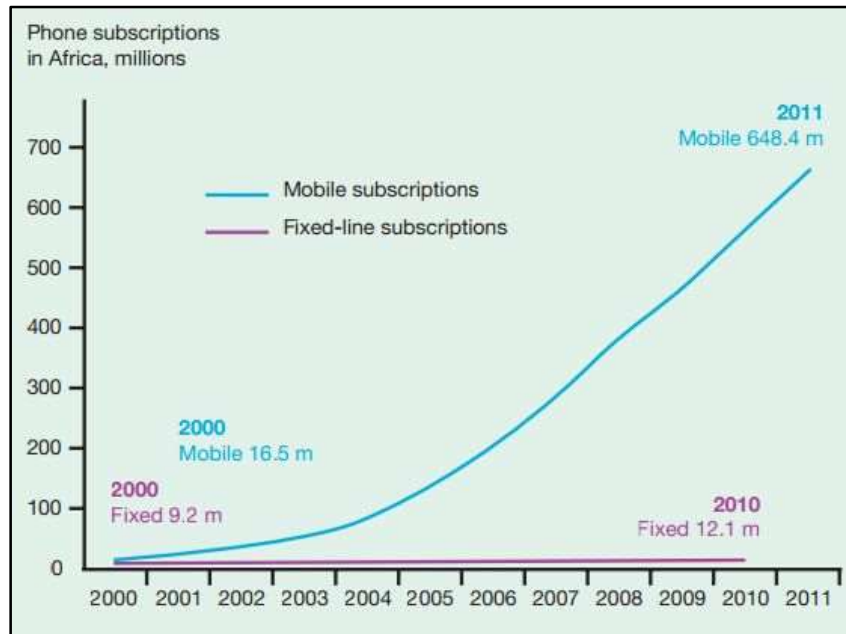
Economic

- **\$1.3 trillion more GDP**

Results are similar for all economic models

Reaching the Developing World

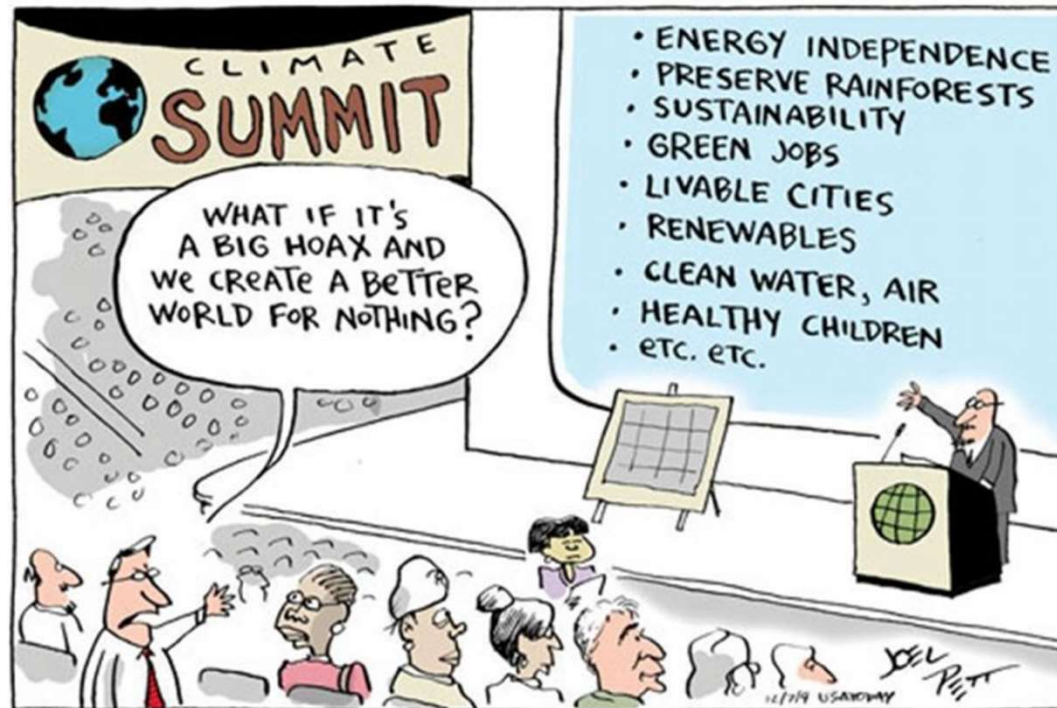
Cellular technology can provide a precedent



Most of the developing world is awash in accessible solar energy

The Alternative “Risk”

Kinda says it all....



What are we waiting for?

Political Will

CCL: Respectfully building political will for a ***price on carbon***

**Our solution to
climate change?
Democracy.**

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