



Should we stop having children to save the planet?

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Eco-reproductive concerns in the age of climate change

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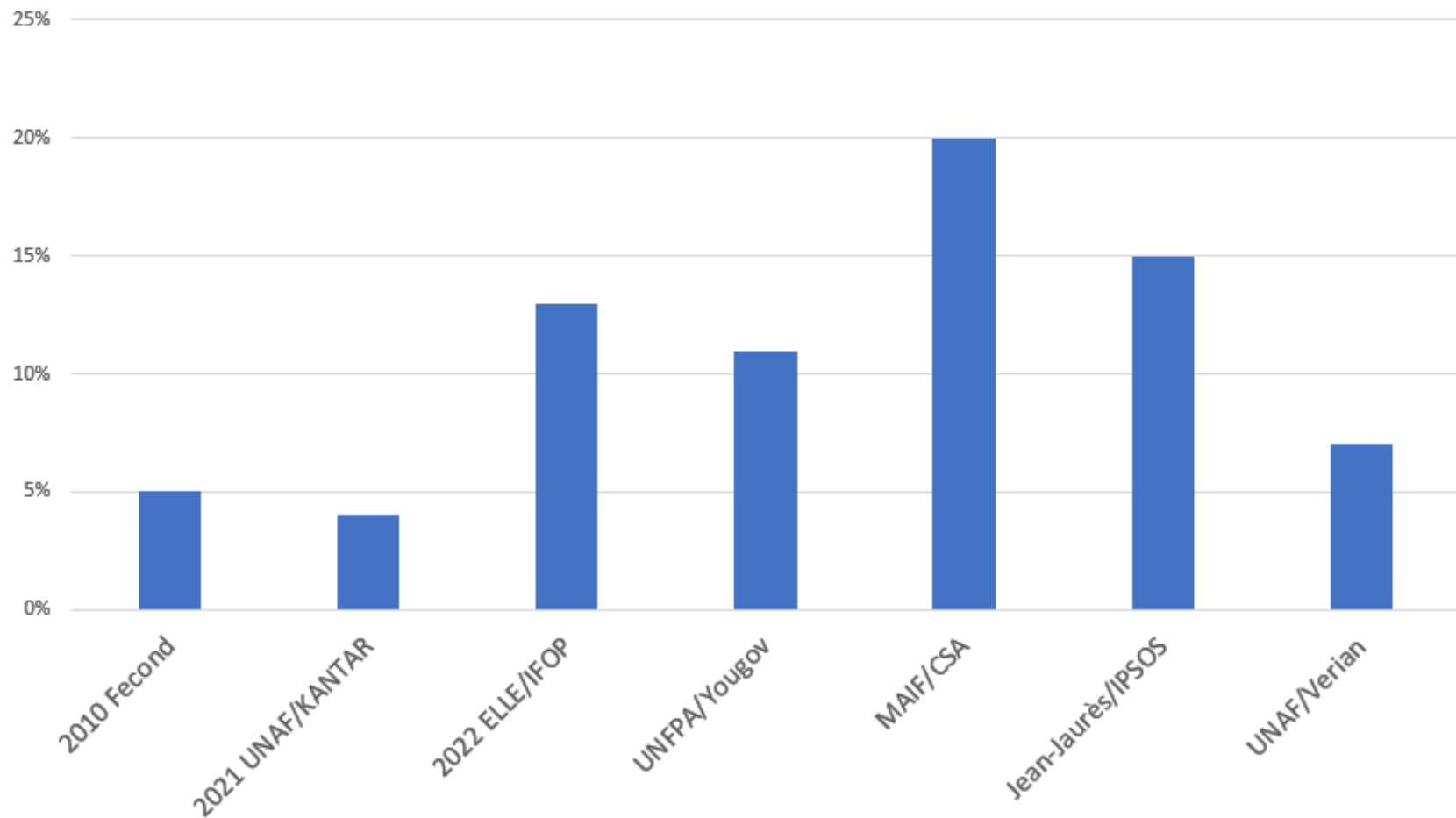
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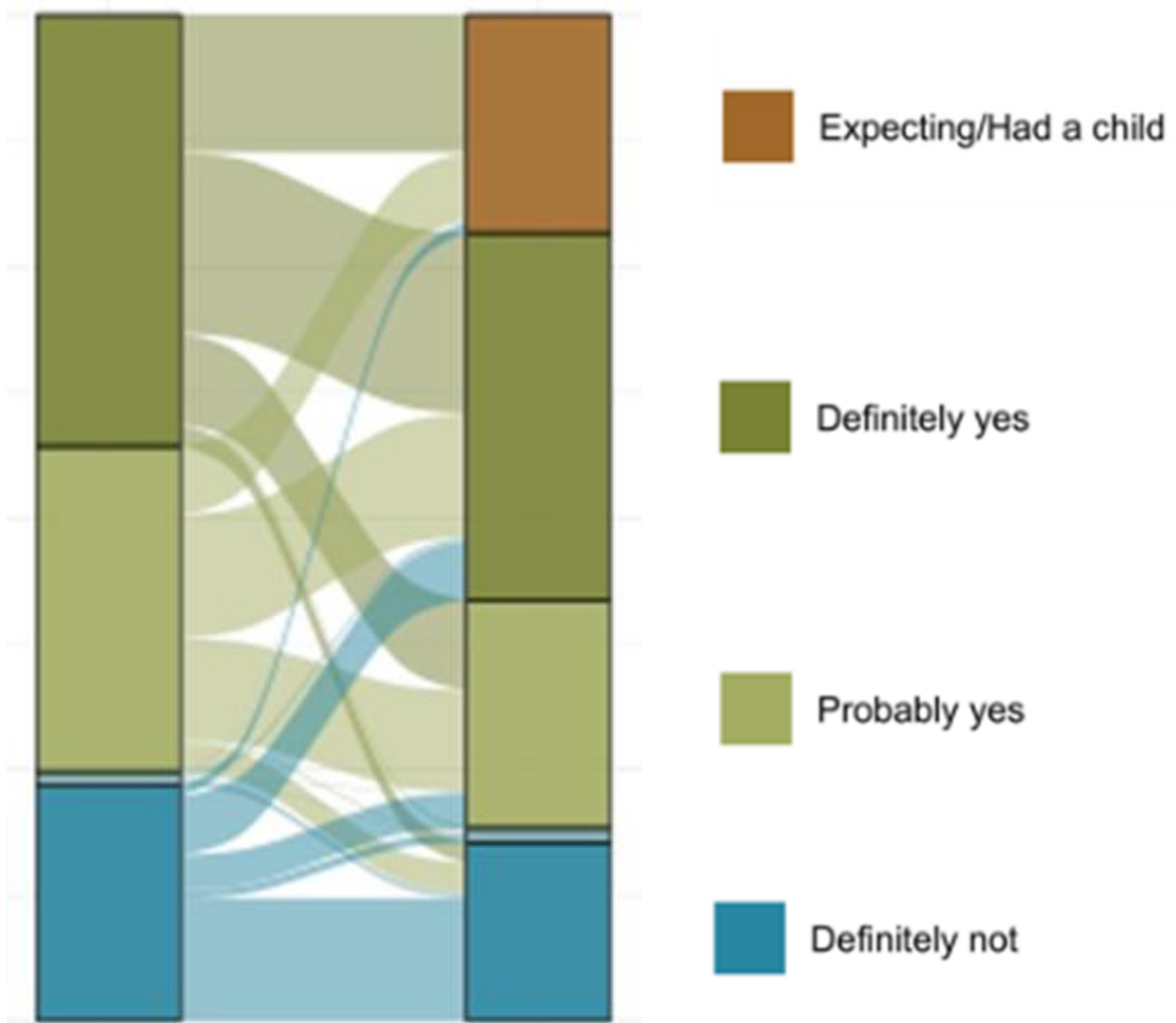


97% concerned about the future

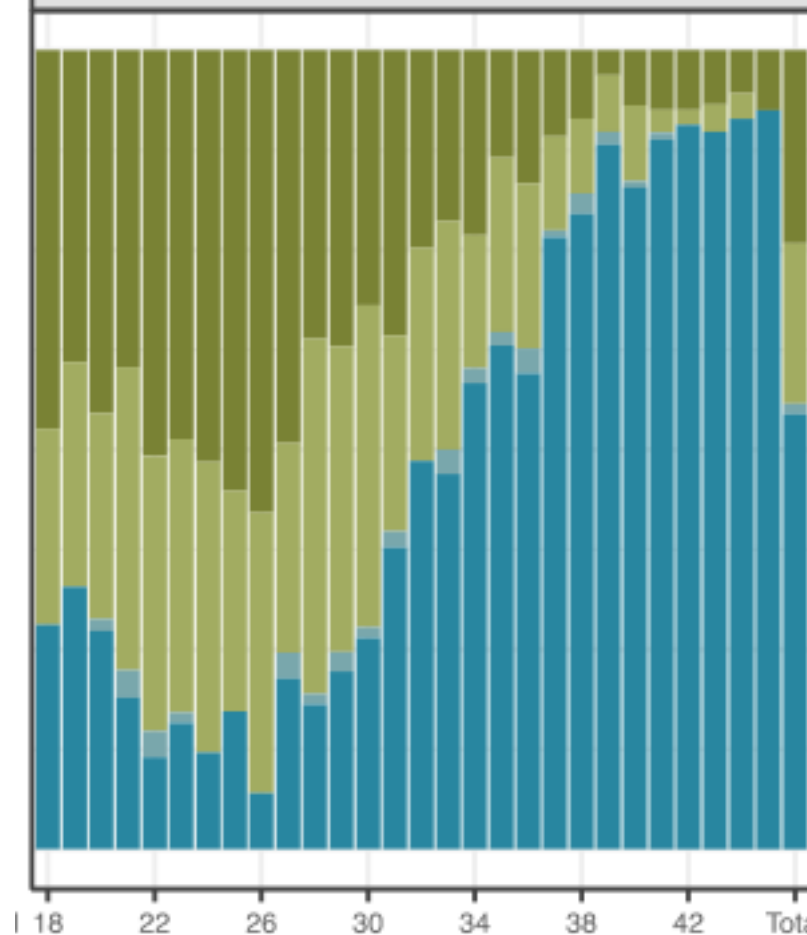
60% concerned about the ecological footprint of procreation

Do not want any children

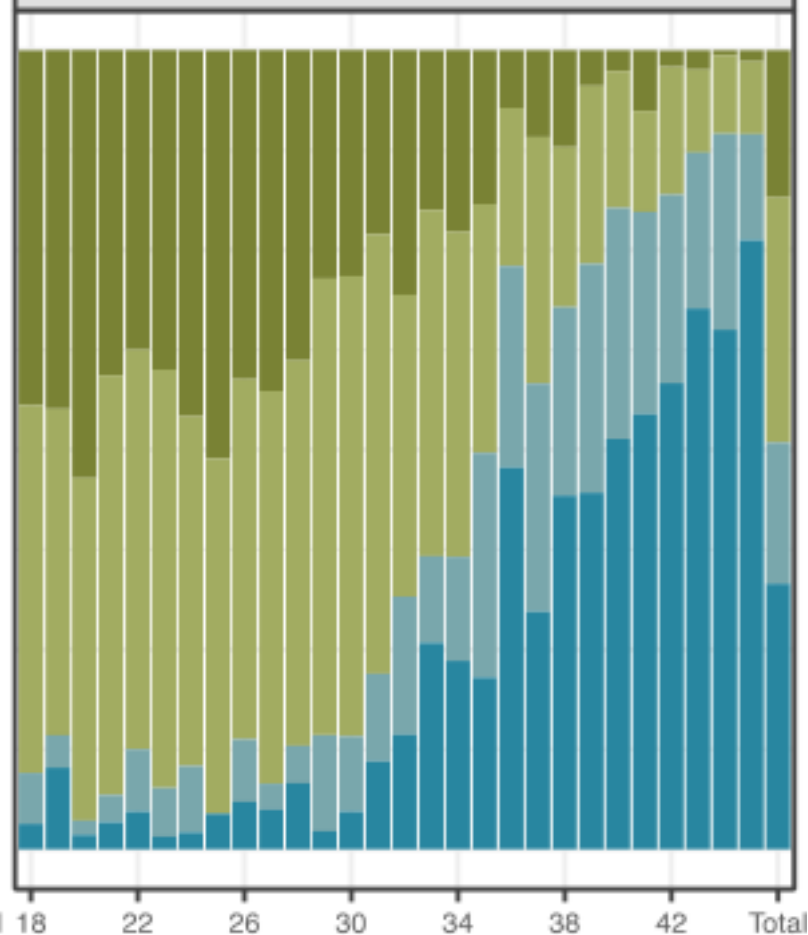




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A black and white movie poster for the film 'The Road'. The image shows two men in heavy, dark, quilted winter jackets and hoods. The man on the left is standing, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The man on the right is crouching or sitting low, looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light grey wall with some faint, indistinct markings. The overall mood is bleak and somber.

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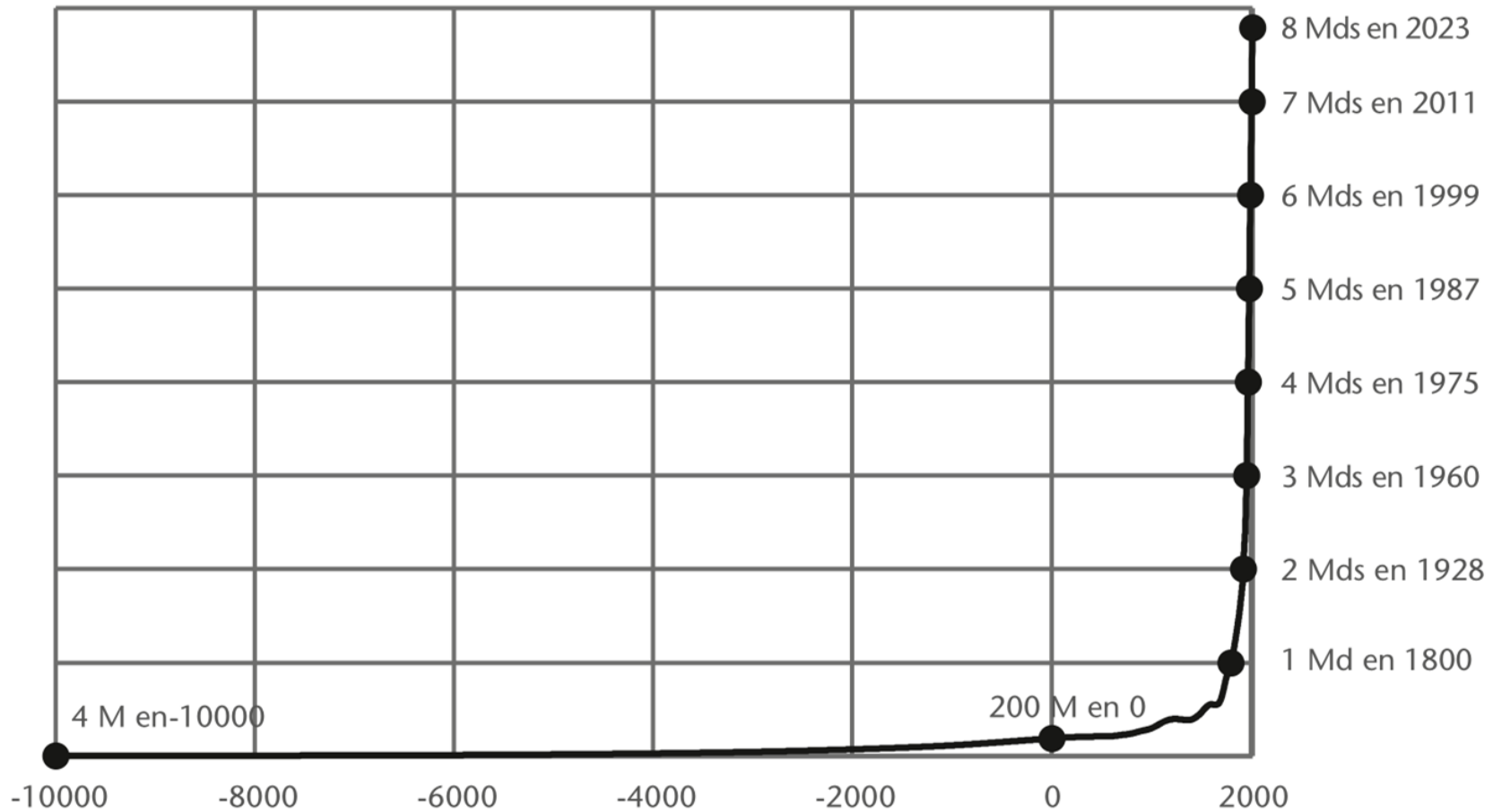
THE POPULATION BOMB

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STARVATION. MOST OF THEM CHILDREN.

DR. PAUL R. EHRLICH



Foreword by David Brower—
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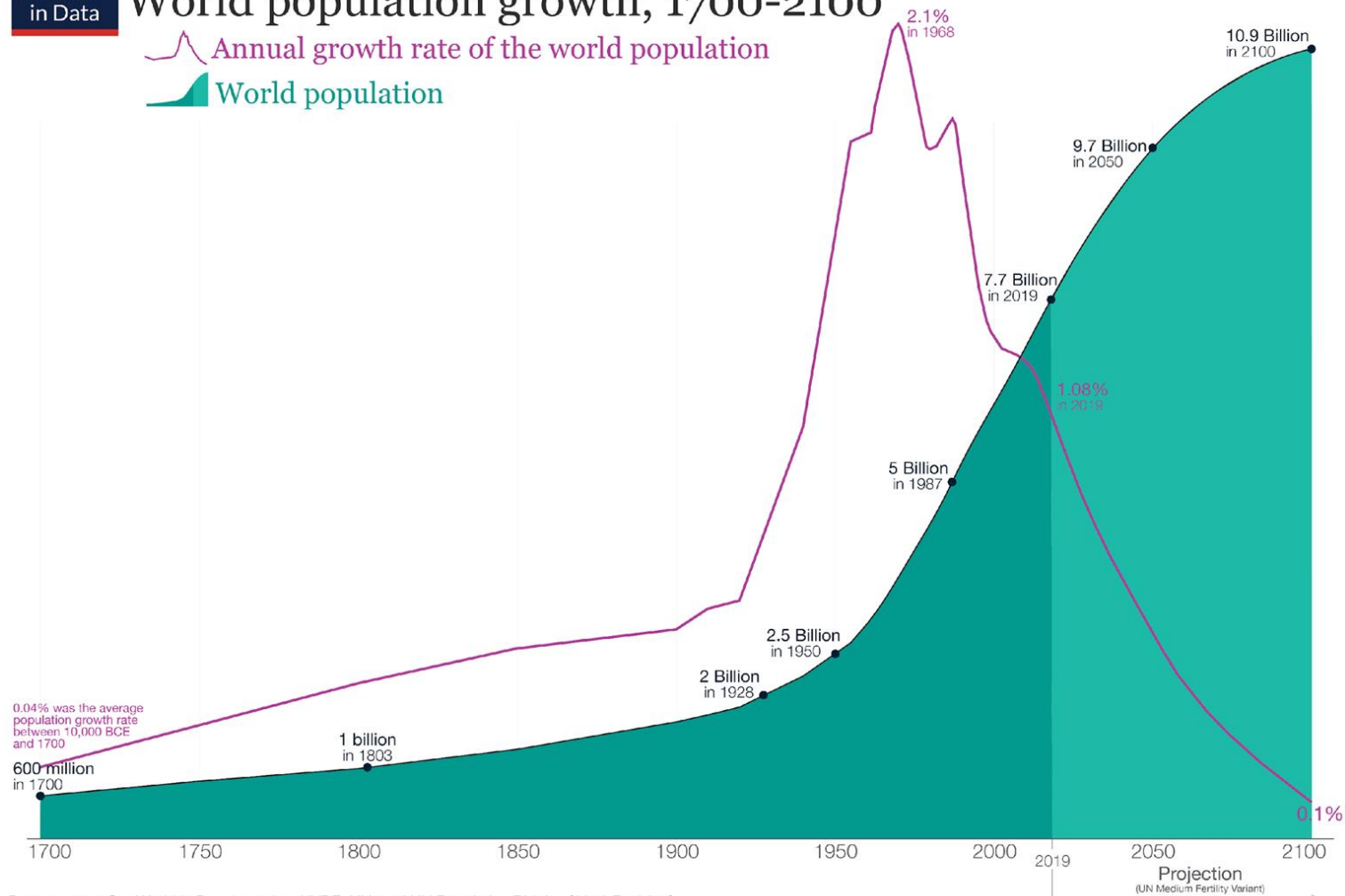


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World population growth, 1700-2100

Annual growth rate of the world population

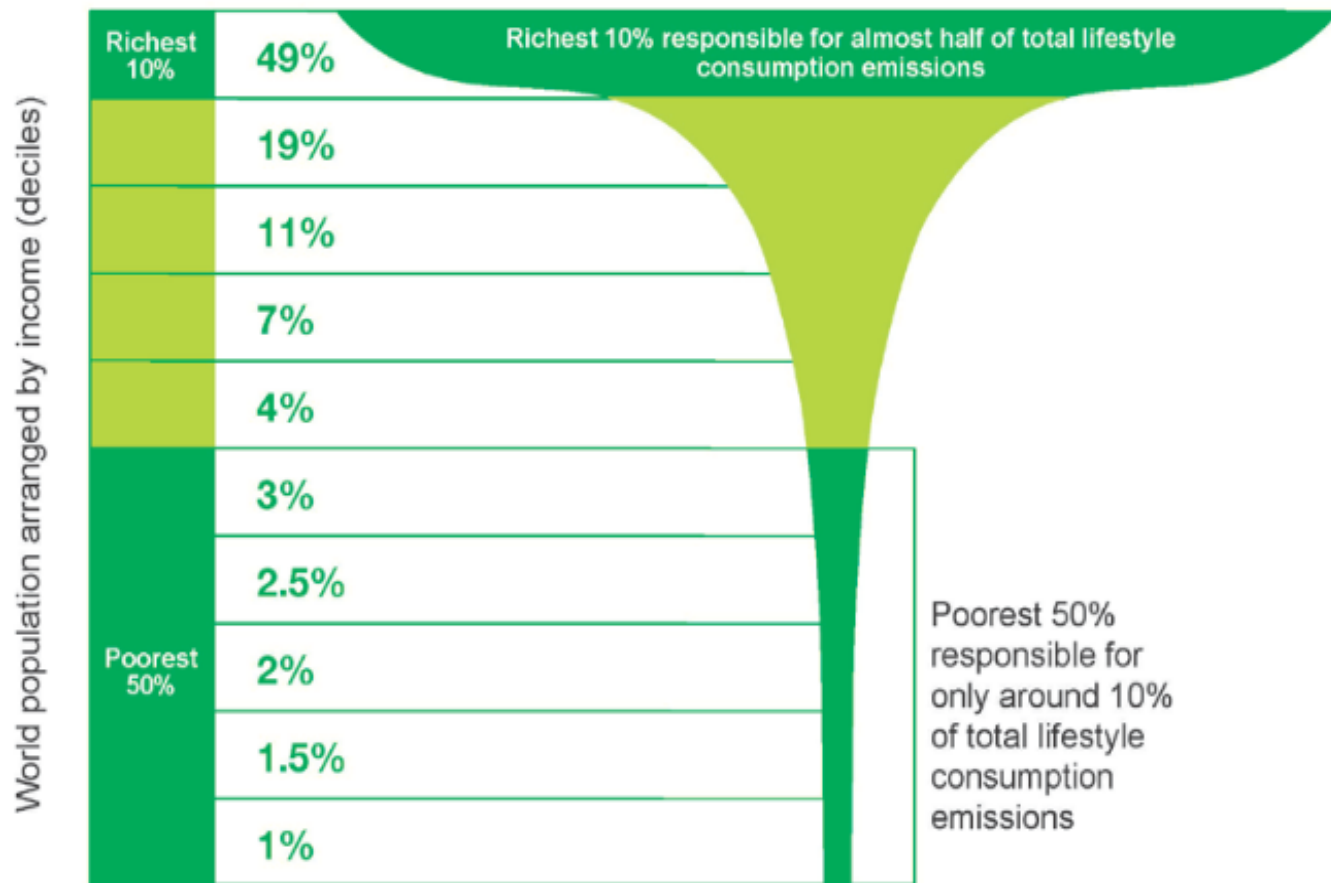
World population



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Percentage of CO₂ emissions by world population



Carbon footprints

Want to fight climate change? Have fewer children

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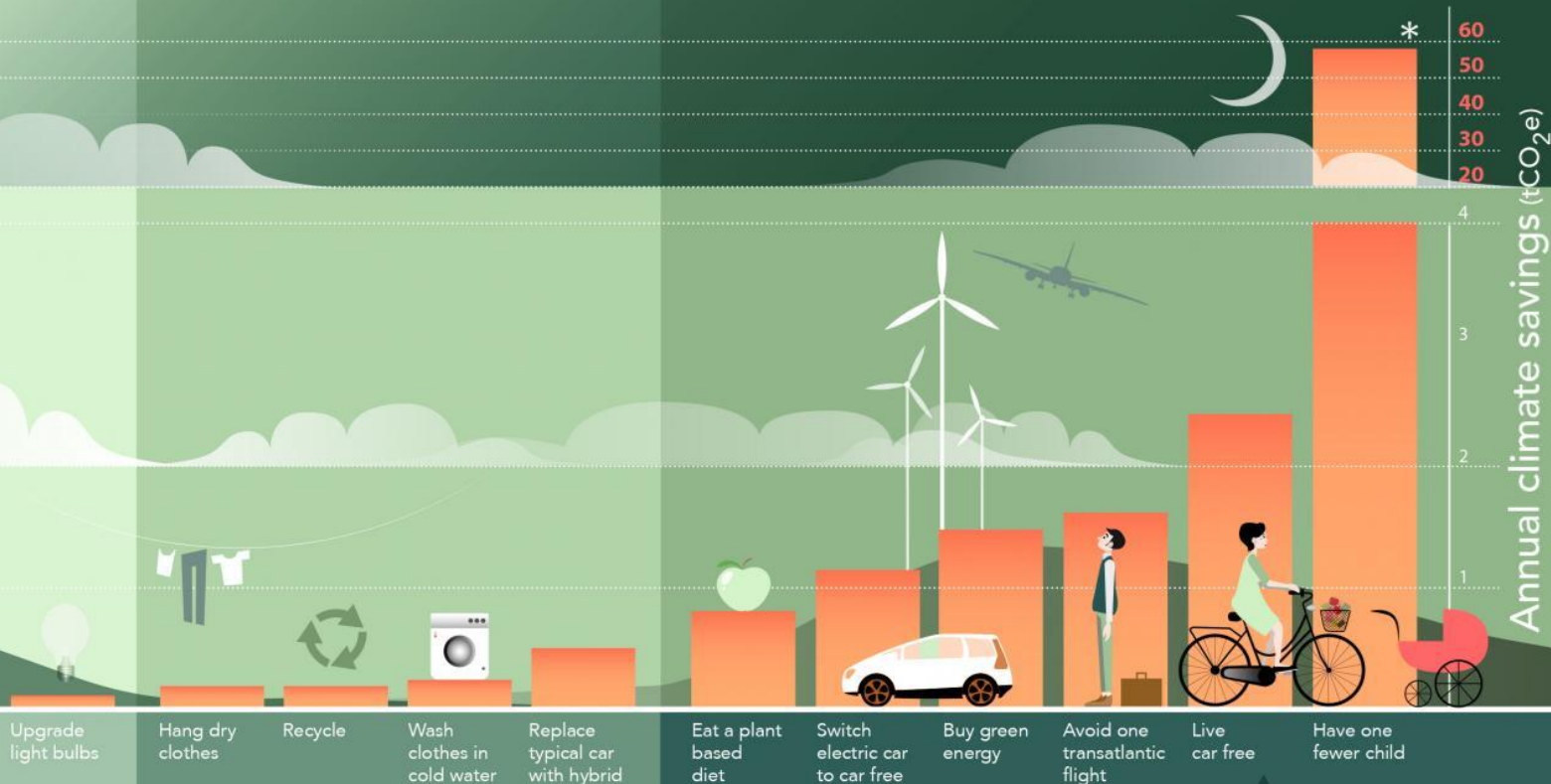


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Personal choices to reduce your contribution to climate change

* Cumulative emissions from descendants; decreases substantially if national emissions decrease.

Average values for developed countries, based on current emissions.



Low Impact

< 0.2 tCO₂e

Moderate Impact

0.8-0.2 tCO₂e

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> 0.8 tCO₂e

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In 2017, climate scientist Kimberly Nicholas coauthored a **study** trying to answer this question: What are the most effective changes you can make to your lifestyle if you want to reduce your carbon footprint and help save the planet?

She found that for individuals in high-emitting countries, choices like flying less, driving less, and eating less meat are all helpful. But there's another lifestyle choice that is much more effective over the long term: having fewer kids.

Yet in her new book, ***Under the Sky We Make***, Nicholas says that if you really want to be a parent, you should go ahead and have kids anyway.

X Lifecycle analysis <> carbon heritage

X Emissions hypothesis

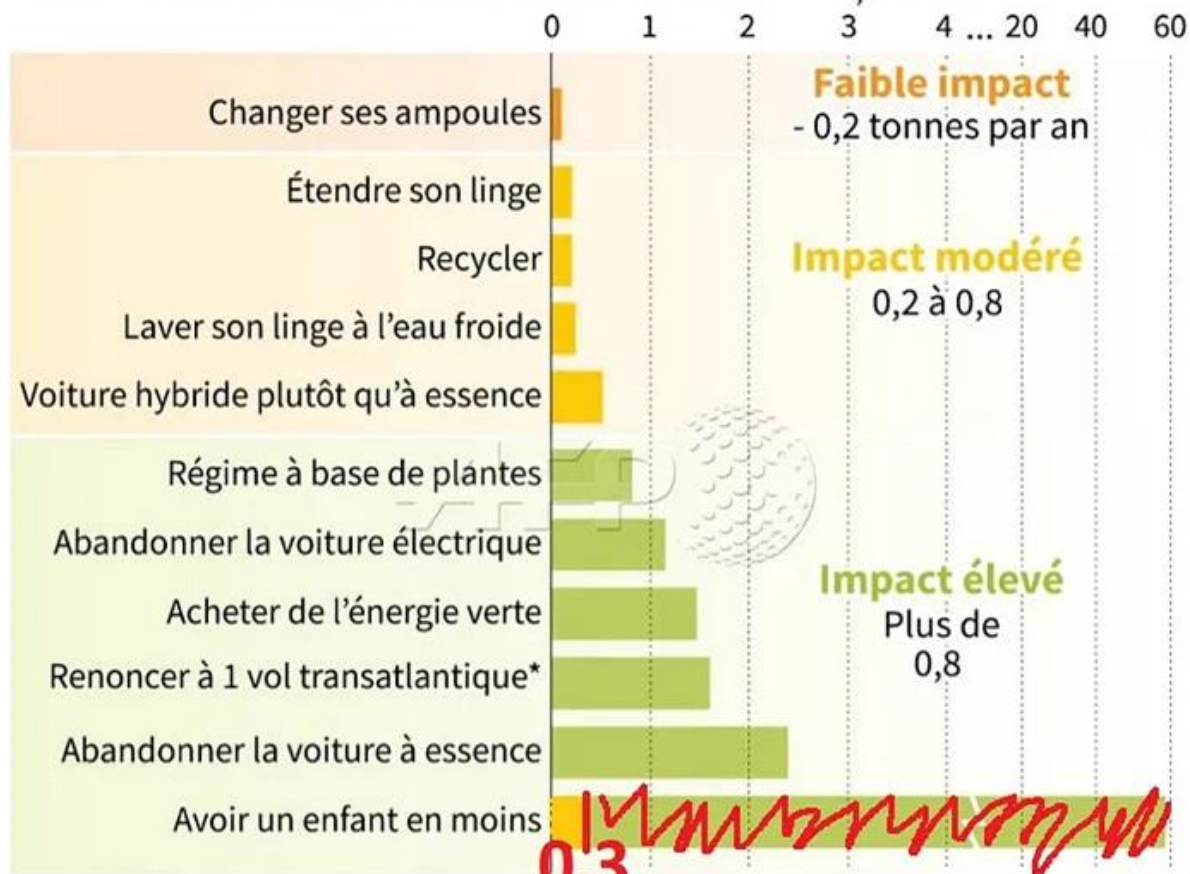
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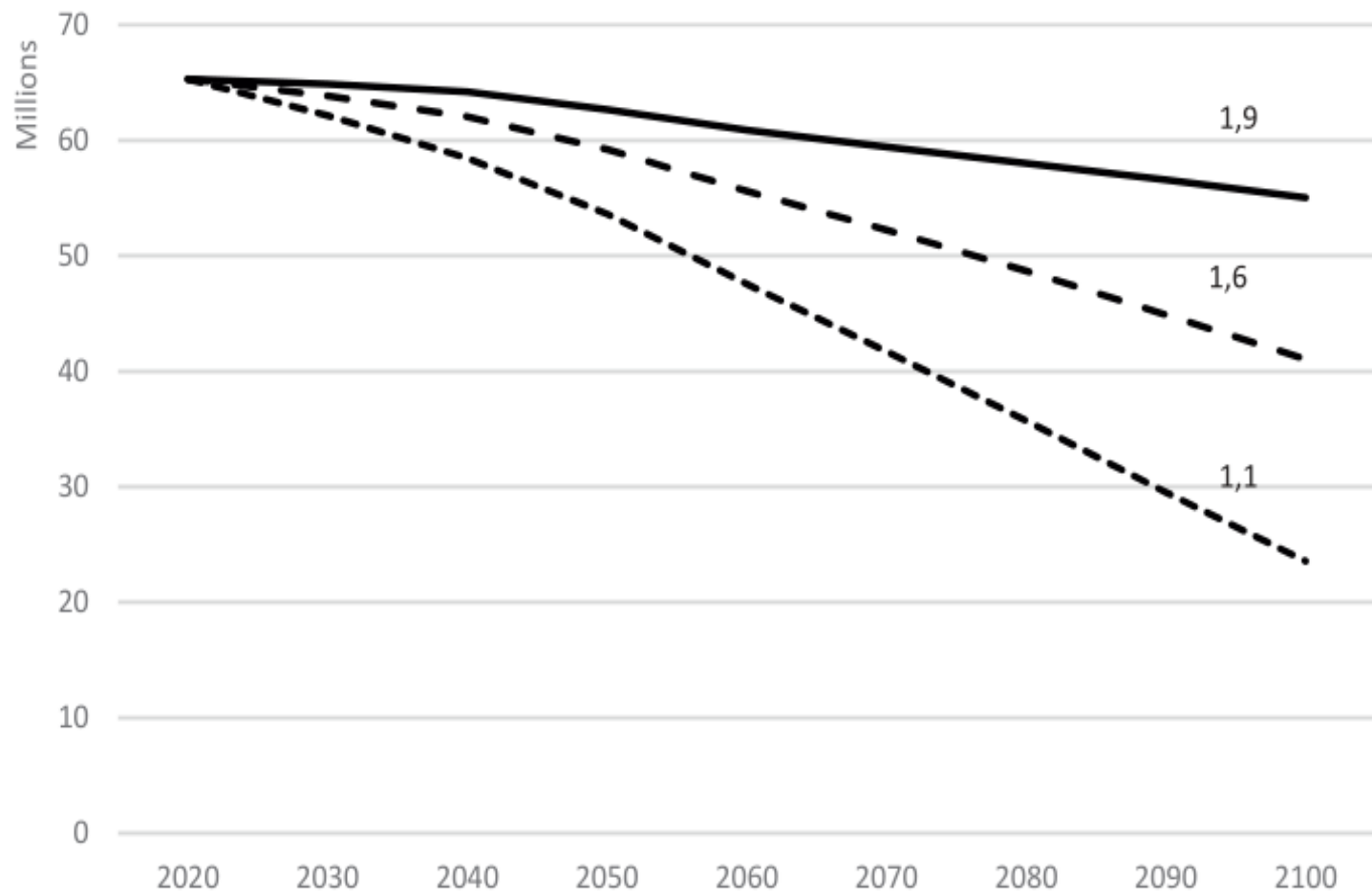
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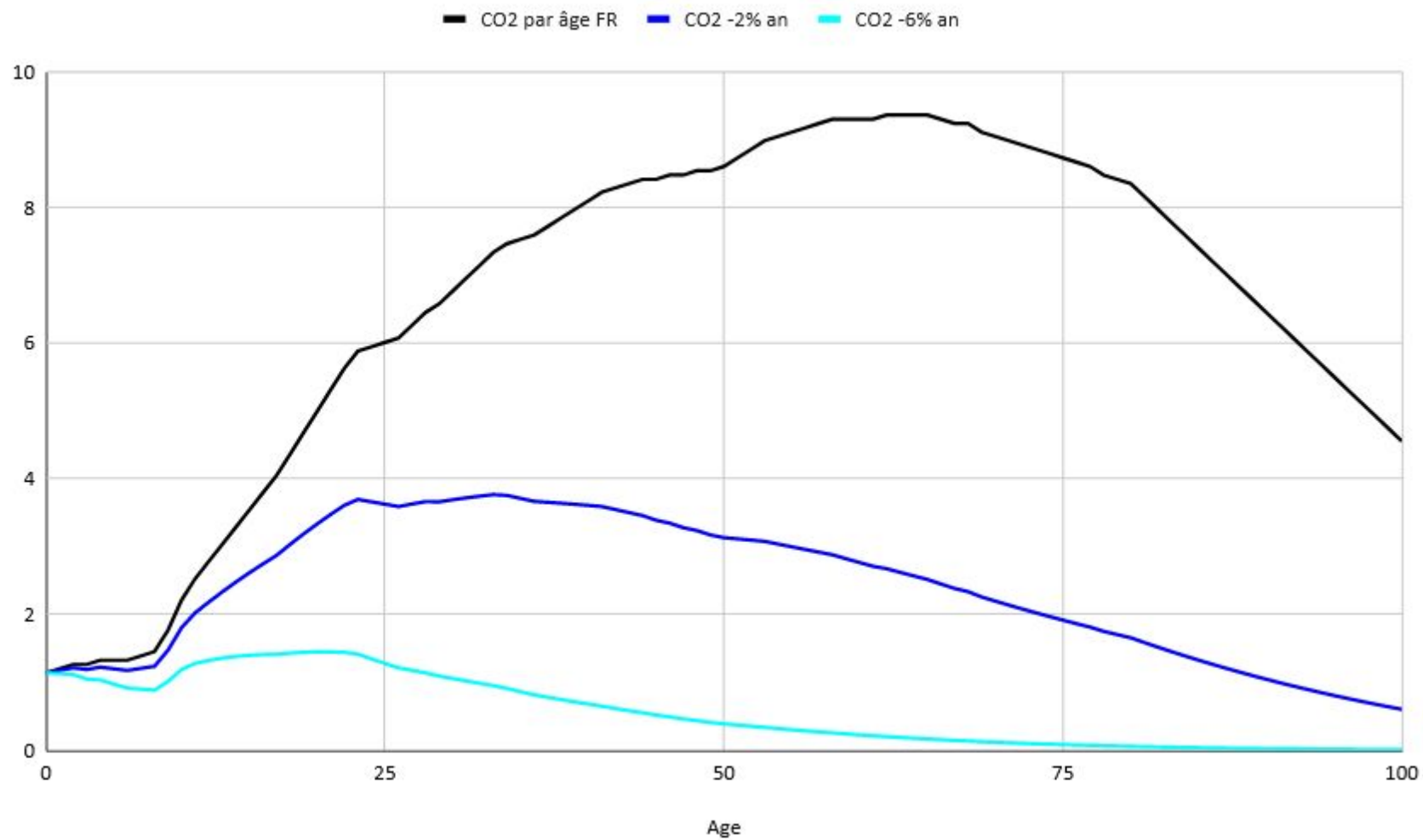
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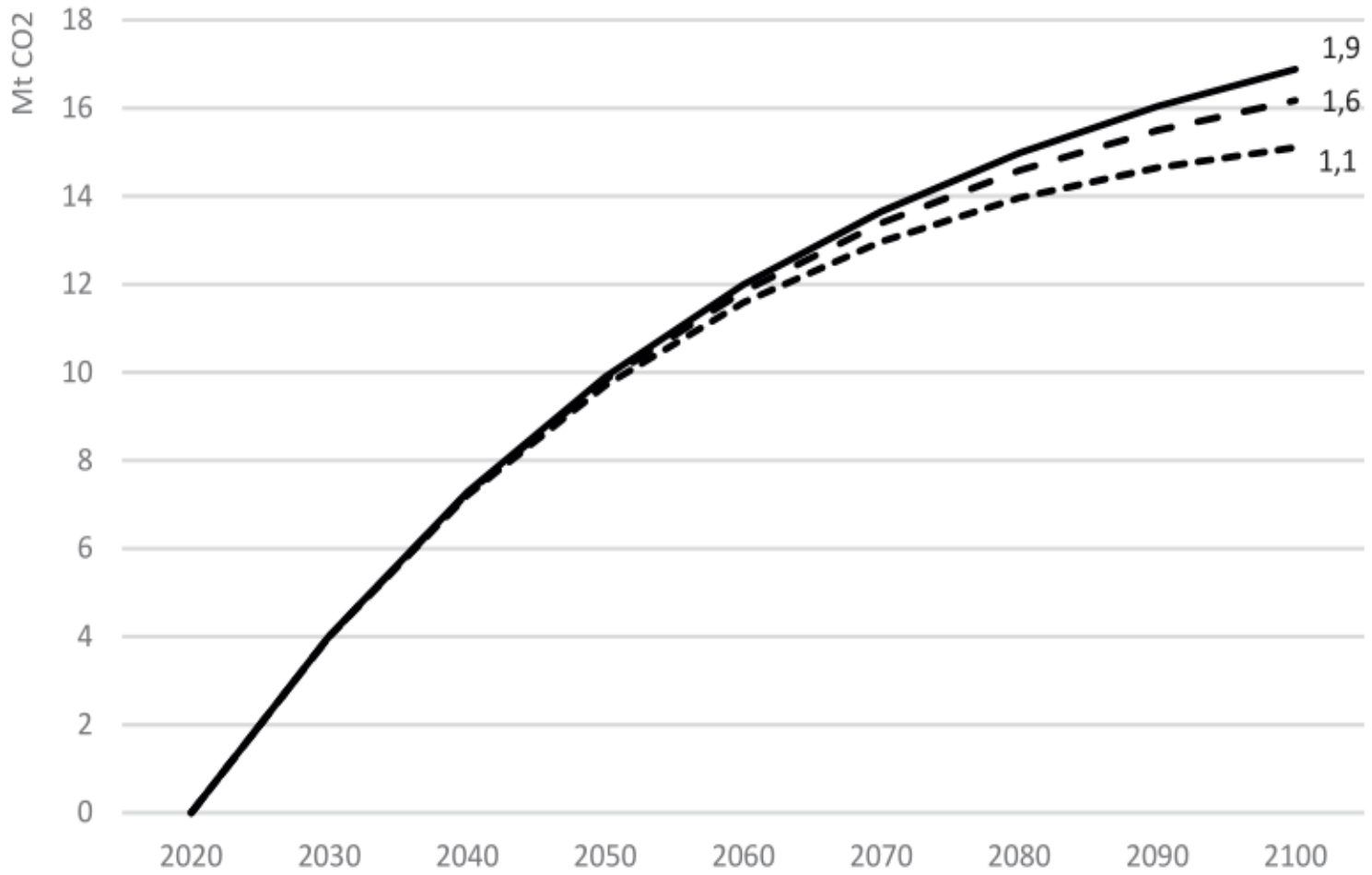
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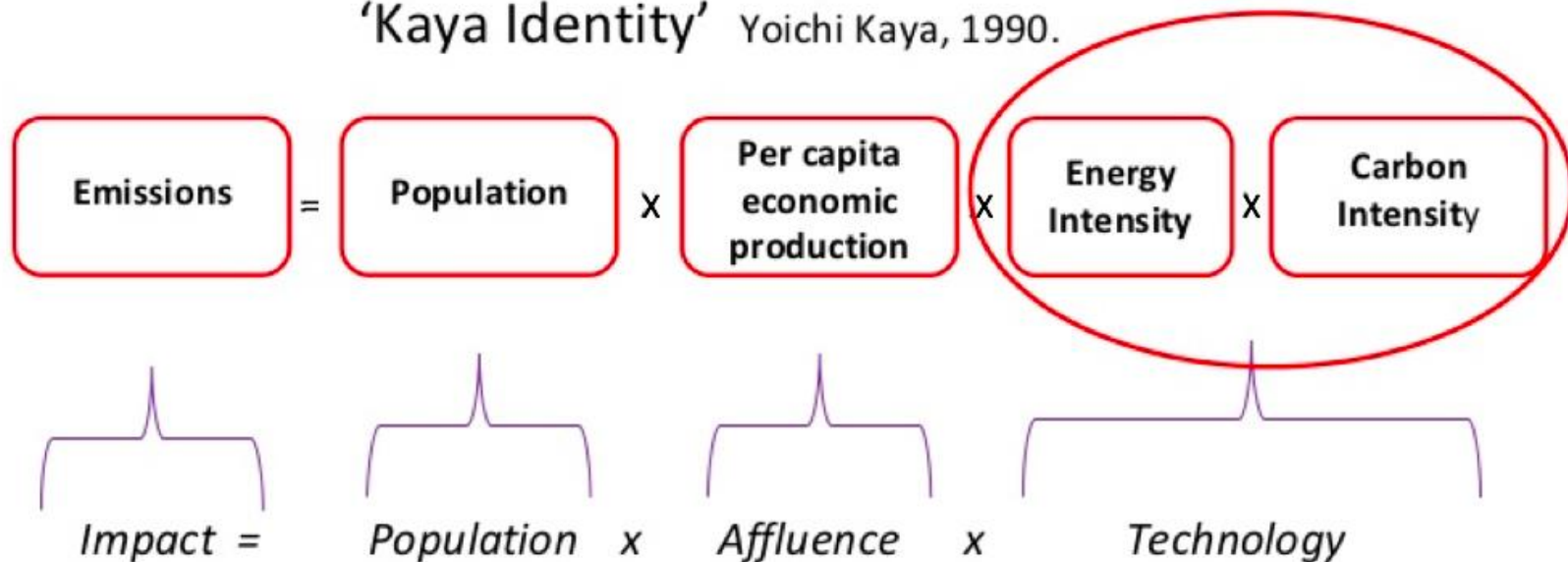
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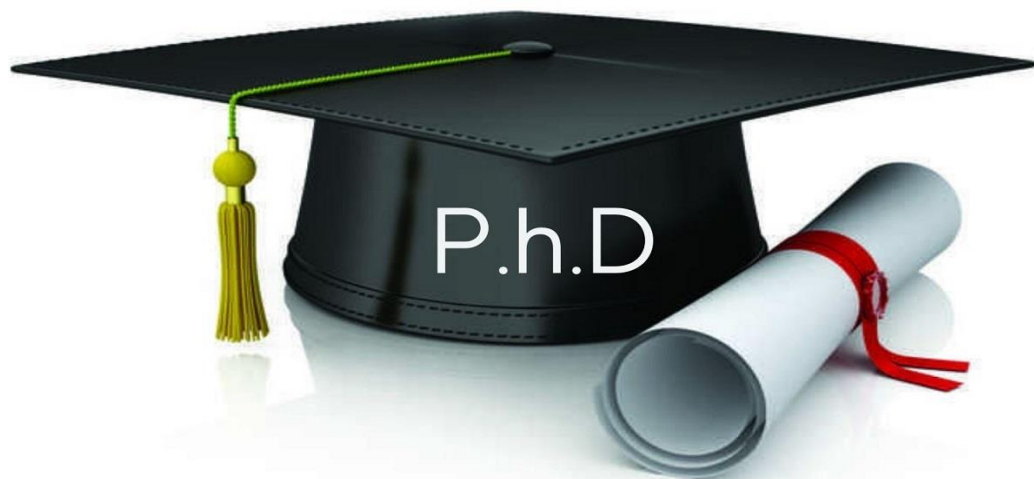
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