

Visualising the Environment & the Politics of Representation

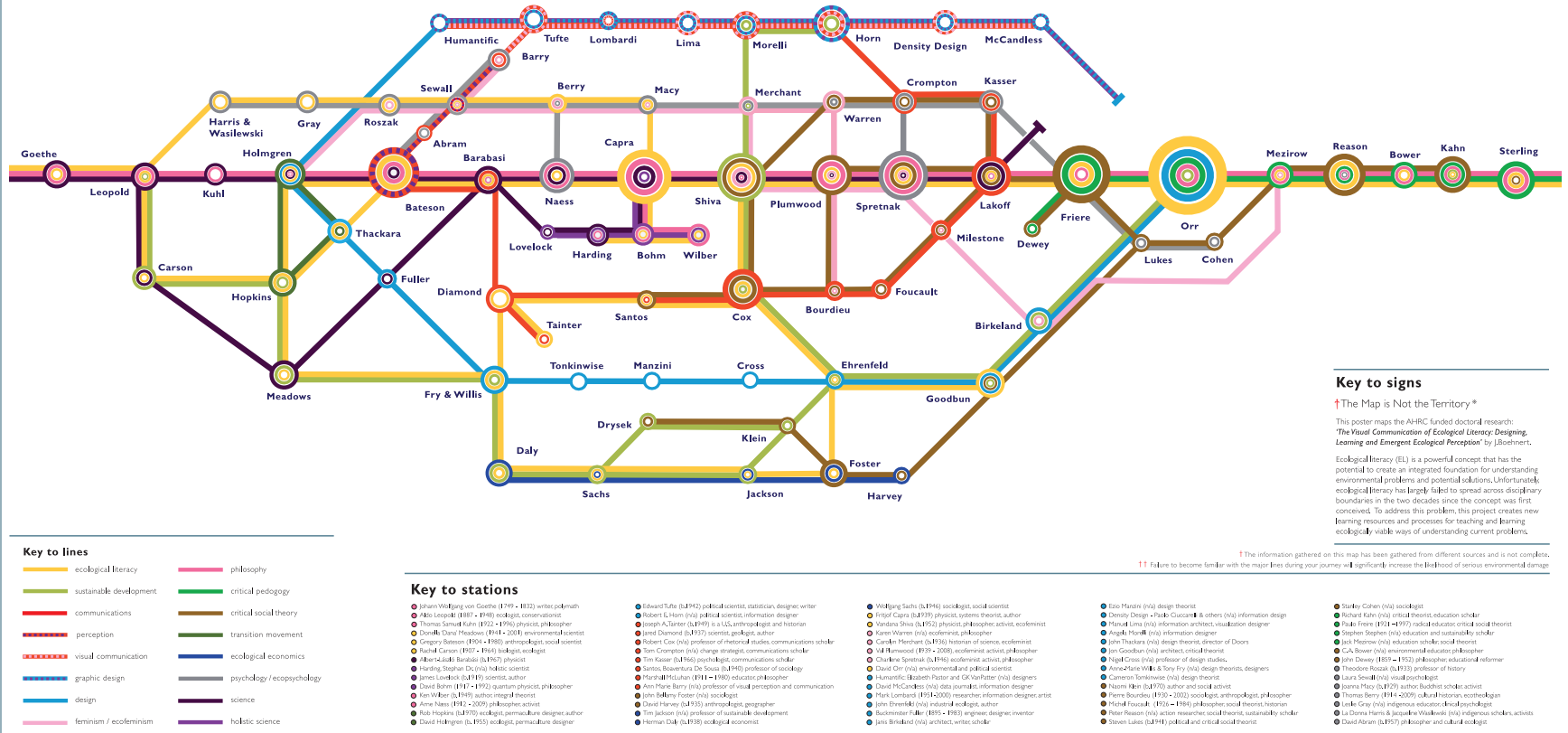


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Eco-Literacy Map



Key to Lines: Summary of Disciplinary Lines

Ecological literacy Ecological literacy (EL) describes a capacity to think in terms of whole systems. Ecological literacy recognizes humankind's embeddedness within the ecological systems and thereby organizes cultural, political, legal and economic systems to prioritise the well-being of the ecological systems.

Environment (David Orr) Current models of development based on infinite quantitative economic growth within a finite ecological system are entirely unsustainable. Development must reflect growth in nature where physical growth occurs to maturity then look off towards qualitative growth.

Communications mediate the human-nature relationship and have a vital role to play in responding to environmental problems. Communication is central to a civilisation's capacity to avoid collapse. Environmental communication is considered to be a crisis discipline responding to the crises in the earth sciences.

Design is uniquely positioned to engage in a process of moving from theory to practice and moving between sectors to facilitate transdisciplinary actions and the design of new ways of living. Design is a problem solving profession with a wide variety of tools and techniques to address complex problems.

Graphic Design aims to strategically change human understanding and behaviour through the use of visual communication. Graphic design can communicate complex webs of interdependence and help audiences perceive relationships, context, causality and connections in dynamic systems.

Science Ecological literacy emerges out of the movement away from science characterized by atomism, mechanism, objectivism, anthropocentrism, rationalism and dualism. Postnormal science reflects a shift in epistemological premises following Kuhn's theory of paradigm shifts in science.

Philosophy We have inherited a tradition based on a radical disconnection with the natural world resulting in epistemological error: a crisis of reason and ethical foundations. Ecological literacy describes a worldview that supports an ecologically embedded ontology, epistemology, rationality and ethics.

Critical Pedagogy is an educational movement that originated from Paulo Freire's educational practices focused on conscientization or critical consciousness. These teaching practices have been integral to the profound change witnessed in social movements globally including women's liberation.

Social Theory offers powerful tools of analysis that describe how power functions in society exposing how and why ecological literacy remains marginal. Symbolic violence describes forms of social control where environmental discourses reflect the interests of powerful economic/political interests.

Transition is a social movement and community design practice based on local responses to climate change and peak oil, vis-a-vis depletion of fossil fuel reserves. Transition has its origins in permaculture which developed strategies for the design of systems for local resilience and energy descent.

Ecological Economics is economic theory that recognizes the economic system is embedded within the ecological system and having to function within the carrying capacity of the earth. It describes quantitative growth as no longer delivering prosperity in rich countries. Instead we must aim for qualitative growth.

Ecopsychology offers powerful tools of analysis that describe how power functions in society exposing how and why ecological literacy remains marginal. Symbolic violence describes forms of social control where environmental discourses reflect the interests of powerful economic/political interests.

Ecofeminist analysis asserts that historically both women and nature have been oppressed by a logic of domination. Feminism is a fundamental building block for a social transformation of enlarging the community of concern to include the wider ecological community as it has emancipatory strategies that proven to work.

Indigenous Science Holistic science dramatically challenges assumptions and methodological approaches of positivist science. Indigenous science unites both quantities and qualities in a paradigm shift in science from physics to the life sciences. Holistic science understands the earth as composed of living systems.

Visual Communication Within the context of an increasingly visual culture, visual communications can facilitate ecological understanding through display of complexity, context, connections and causality. Visually can nurture qualitative whole systems thinking and even, potentially, an emergent ecological perception.

Key to signs

† The Map is Not the Territory *

This poster maps the AHRC funded doctoral research: *The Visual Communication of Ecological Literacy: Designing, Learning and Emergent Ecological Perception* by J. Bicknell. Ecological literacy (EL) is a powerful concept that has the potential to create an integrated foundation for understanding environmental problems and potential solutions. Unfortunately, ecological literacy has largely failed to spread across disciplinary boundaries in the two decades since the concept was first conceived. To address this problem, this project creates new learning resources and processes for teaching and learning ecologically viable ways of understanding current problems.

† The information gathered on this map has been gathered from different sources and is not complete.
†† Future to become familiar with the major lines during your journey. ††† significantly increase the likelihood of serious environmental damage

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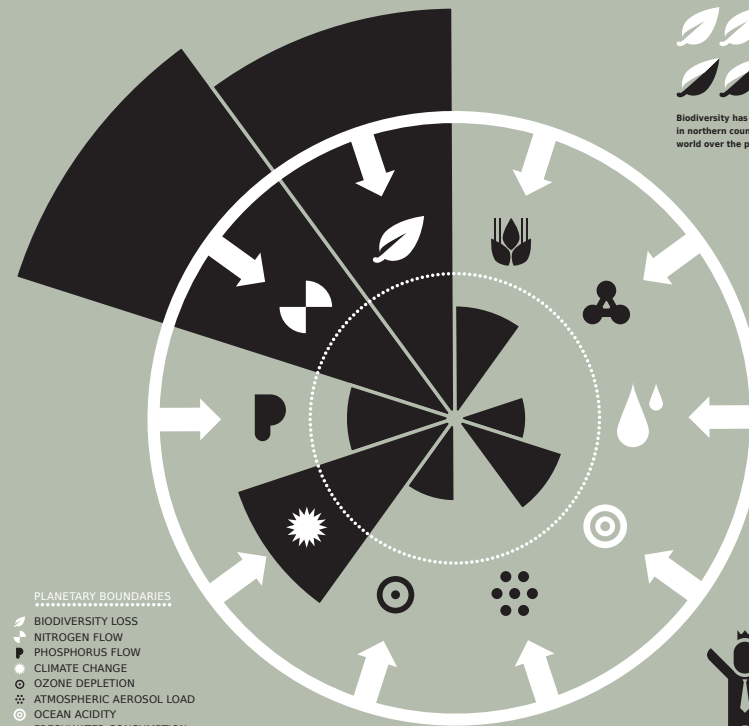
ECOLOGICAL AUDIT OF DEVELOPMENT

THE BALANCE SHEET FOR
GROSS GLOBAL PROSPERITY

The Earth's ability to provide an accommodating environment is undermined by our activities. The Earth is our life-supporting system. Despite this basic fact, measured in biophysical terms, the planet is shrinking due to human interventions. Over the past forty years the Living Planet Index (an indicator of the state of biodiversity) has fallen by 30% in northern countries and fallen by 60% in the tropics. During this time there has been a doubling of demands on natural systems. Assessing the capacity of the ecological system to continue to provide favorable conditions for civilization must be part of an audit of development.



Biodiversity has been fallen by a rate of 30% in northern countries and 60% in the tropical world over the past 40 years.



PLANETARY BOUNDARIES

- BIODIVERSITY LOSS
- NITROGEN FLOW
- PHOSPHORUS FLOW
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- OZONE DEPLETION
- ATMOSPHERIC AEROSOL LOAD
- OCEAN ACIDITY
- FRESHWATER CONSUMPTION
- CHEMICAL POLLUTION
- AGRICULTURAL LAND USE



97-98% of scientists agree climate change is caused by humankind



2/3 ecosystems are exploited beyond their capacity



Ecological systems have thresholds that can lead to sudden collapse. Nine planetary boundaries are central to avoid crossing critical tipping points. Three boundaries have already been transgressed: climate change, the rate of biodiversity loss and the global nitrogen cycle. The Anthropocene is a new geological age

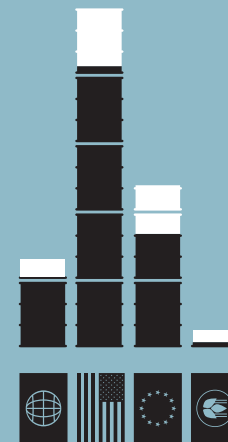
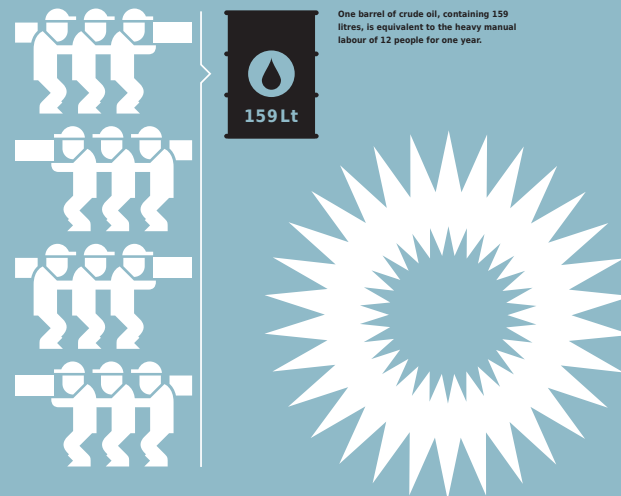
characterized by dynamics where our industrial patterns are a force dramatically effecting natural, biophysical and geological processes. The Earth is the foundation for substance, but an ecological audit indicates that the model of development is now so dysfunctional that human survival is at stake.

ENERGY

AUDIT OF DEVELOPMENT

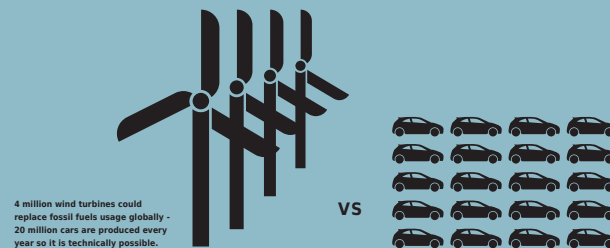
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Cheap energy made industrial development possible. One barrel of crude oil contains, in energy terms, the equivalent to the heavy manual labour of 12 people working for one year. As easily accessible fossil fuel supplies diminish, the era of cheap energy is ending. One way to understand the consequences of energy scarcity is by measuring EROI, i.e. 'Energy Return On Investment'. In the 1900s EROI was between 100:1 - 50:1. Energy from renewables and unconventional fossil fuels have much lower EROIs; for example the Tar Sands have a EROI of as little as only 3:1. An integrated audit of development that includes energy issues indicates that the current model of development has created dangerous vulnerabilities in its reliance on fossil fuel.



Energy use (kg of oil equivalent per capita)
World = 1851
USA = 7069
EU = 3412
Low Income countries = 363

Percentage of total energy consumption that is based on fossil fuels
World = 80%
USA = 83%
EU = 75%
Low Income countries = 29%



Energy Return on Energy Investment

EROI in the 1900s = 100:1 - 50:1

EROI in the tarsands = 5:1 - 3:1

EROI estimated to be necessary for 'civilisation' to sustain itself = 5:1

* All expansionary glazes of the US economy occurred during times of low energy prices.

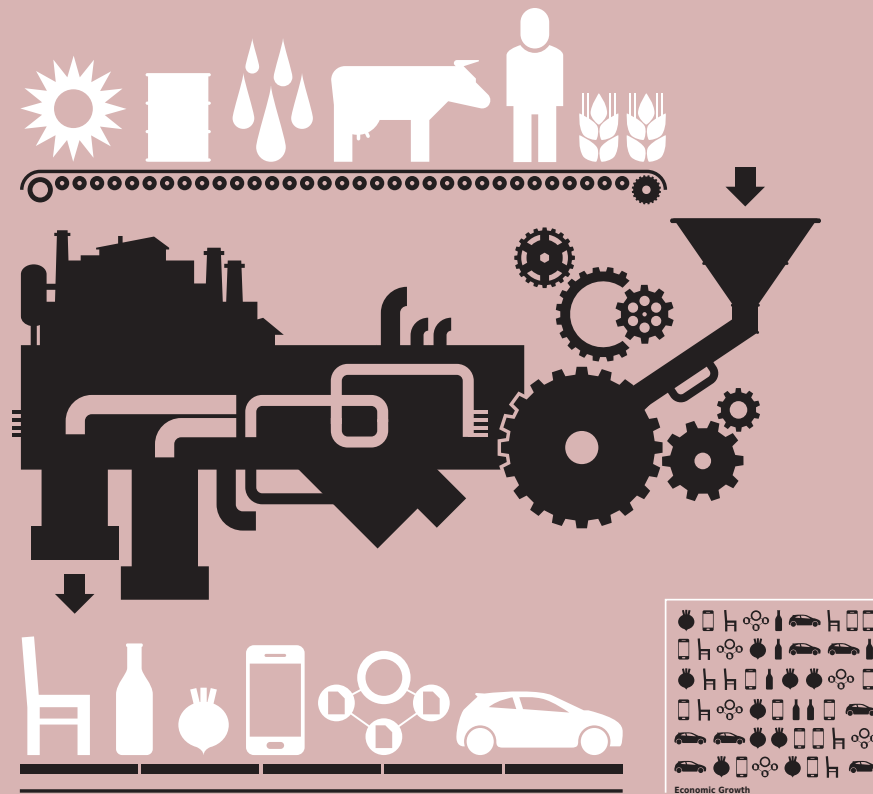


Global fossil fuels subsidies amounted to \$523 billion in 2011, up almost 30% on 2010 - this is six times more than subsidies to renewables, and up 30% from 2010.

SOCIAL AUDIT OF DEVELOPMENT

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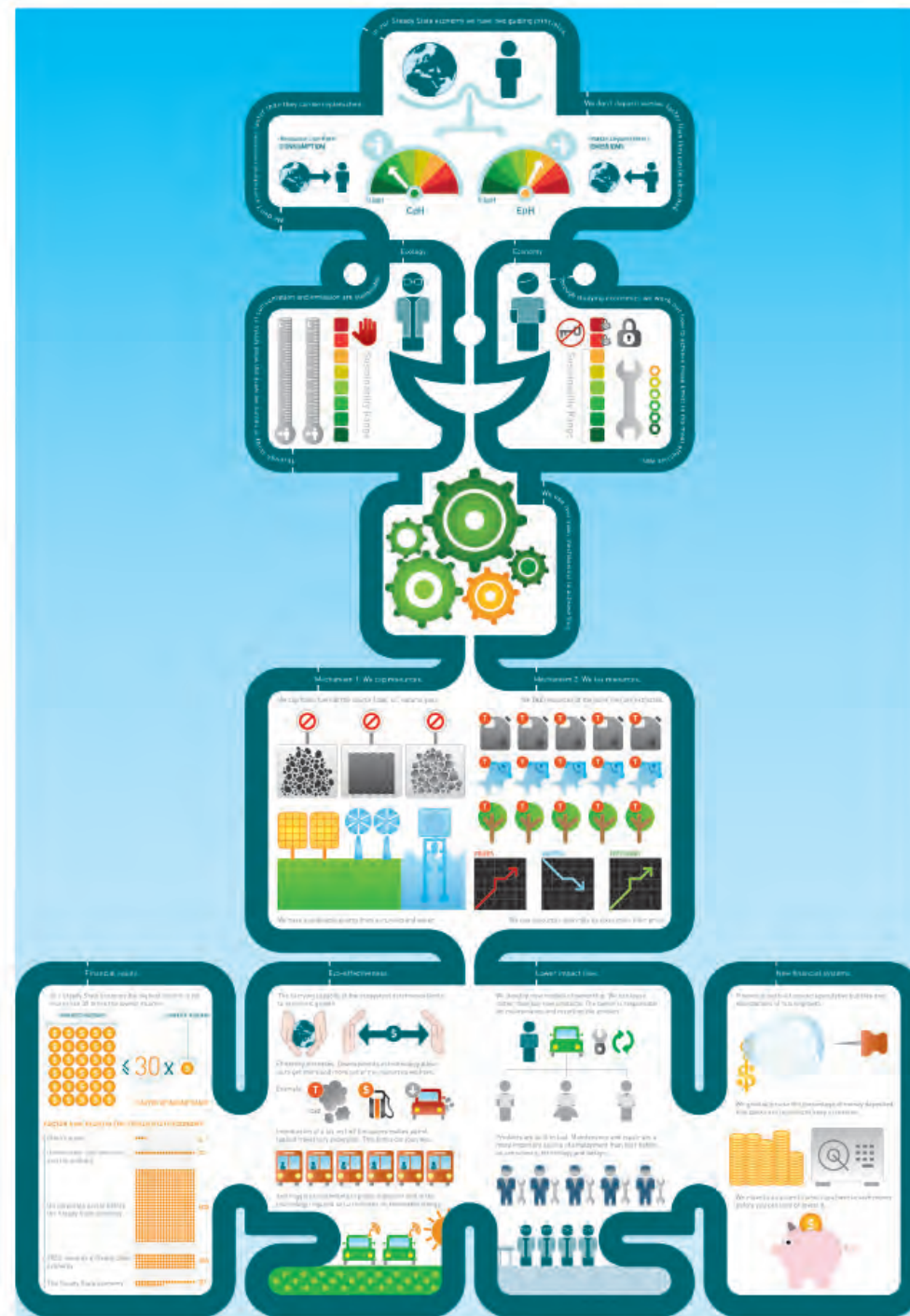
This poster explores the social impact of the current model of development. Humans and the natural world provide essential 'resources' for the purpose of creating products, profits and economic growth. Yet economic growth does not necessarily equal greater well-being. Research as demonstrated that only 1% of growth contributes to rising standards of living. Prosperity is increasingly concentrated and over the past 30 years inequality has risen in over 75% of the countries Global North (OECD countries). Although there is more than enough food to meet everyone's needs, 13% of the global population face hunger. Meanwhile, 30-50% of the food supply is simply wasted. It appears that the current model of development fails to provide prosperity for the majority.



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3/4 countries in the Global North
face greater inequality than in 1980.



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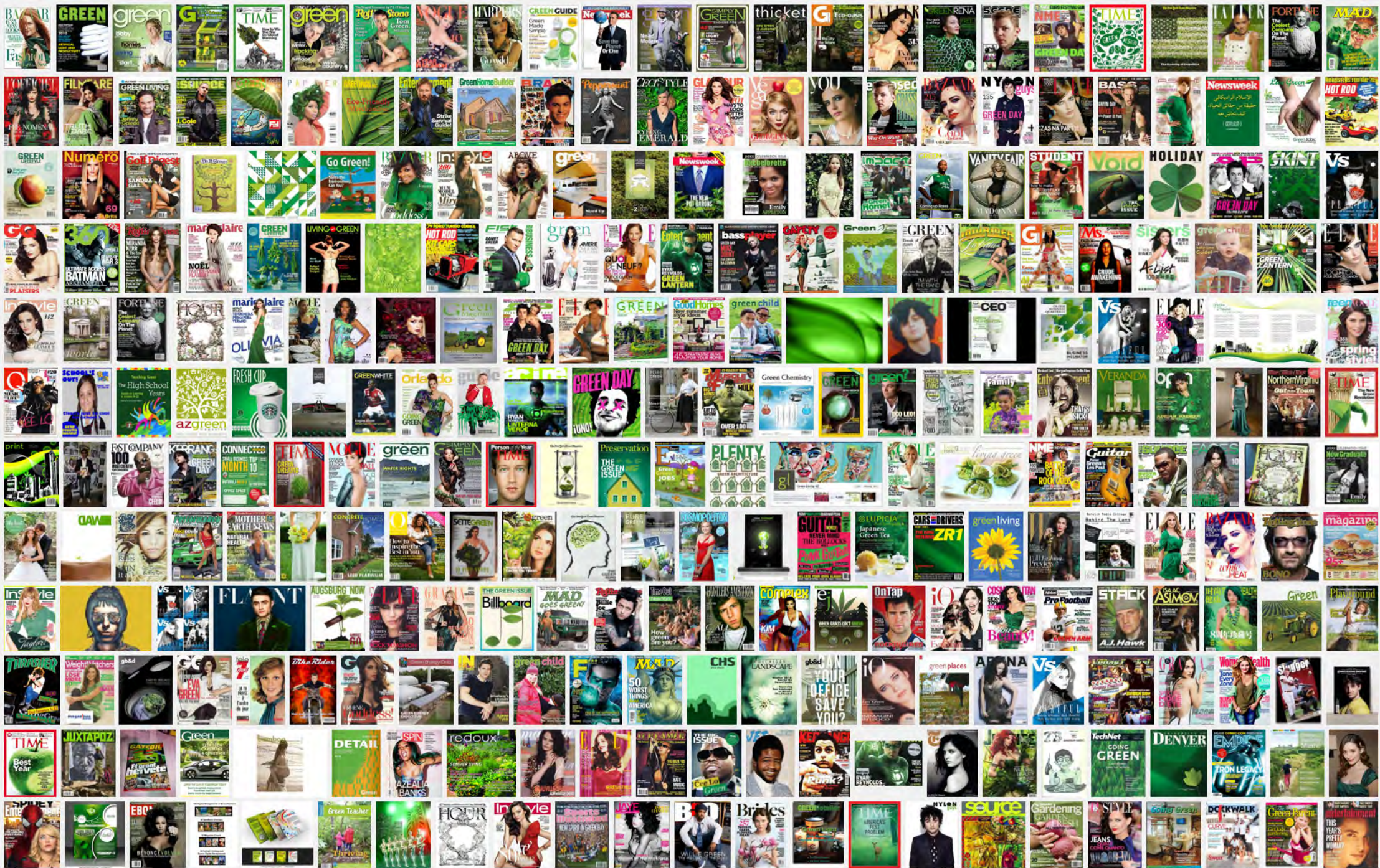
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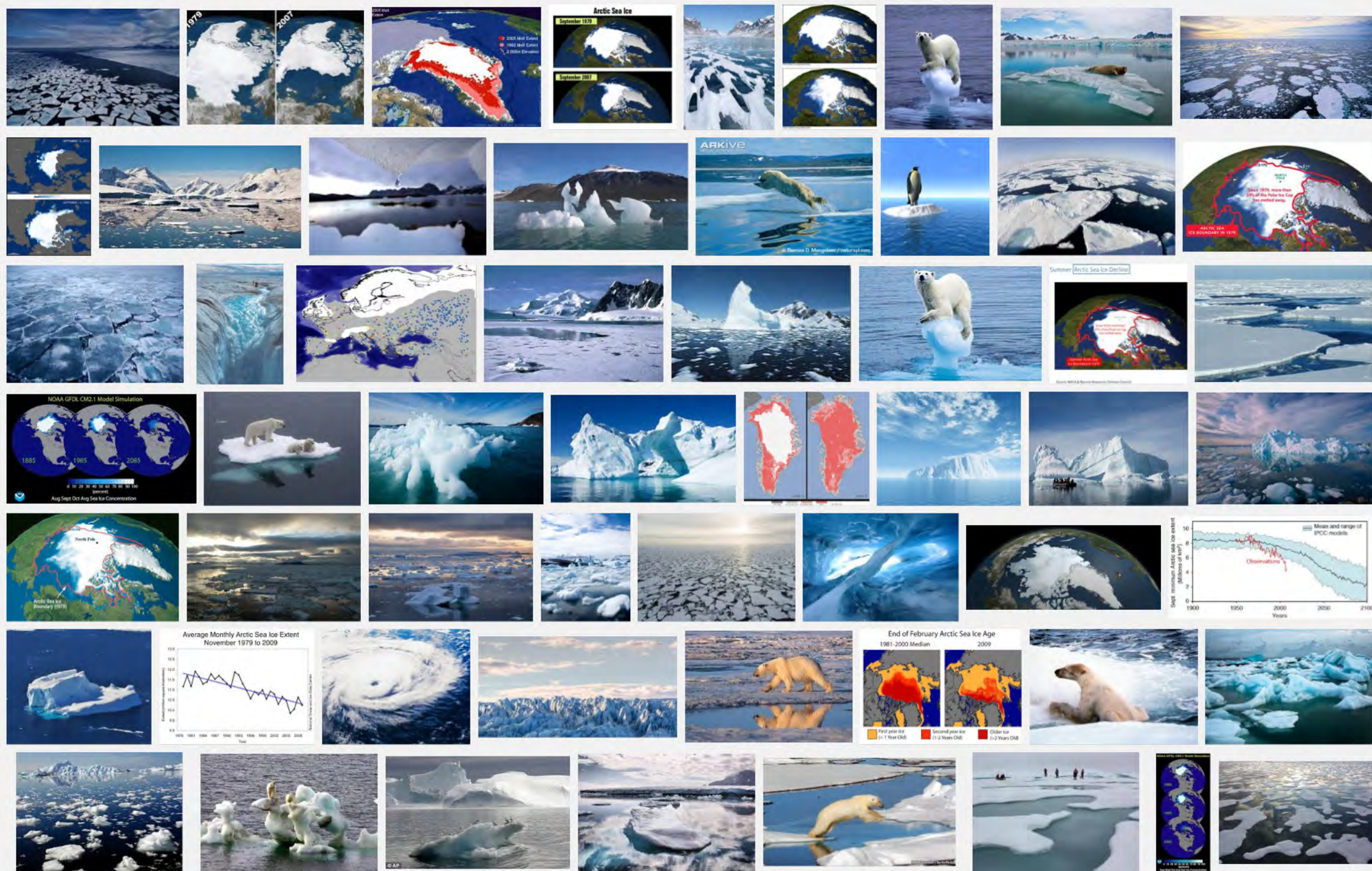


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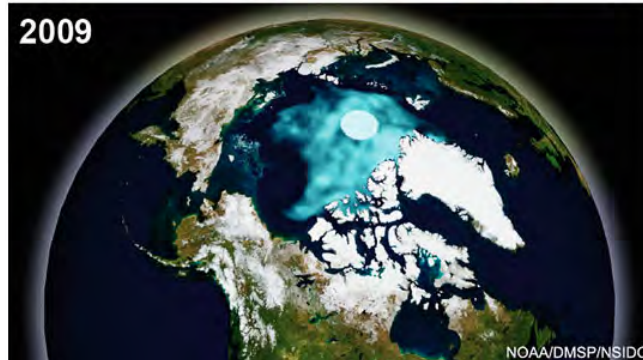
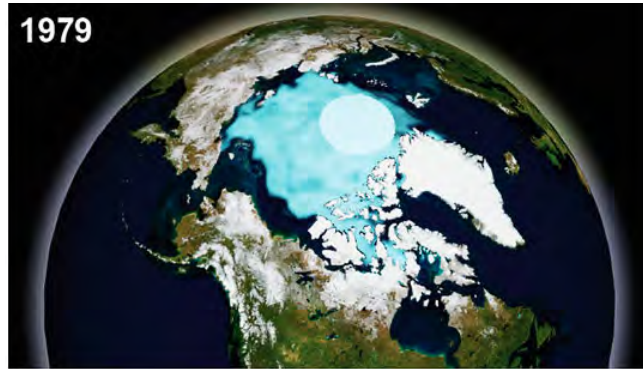


Navajo reservation adjacent to a Phoenix suburb. Photo by Edward Burtynsky.

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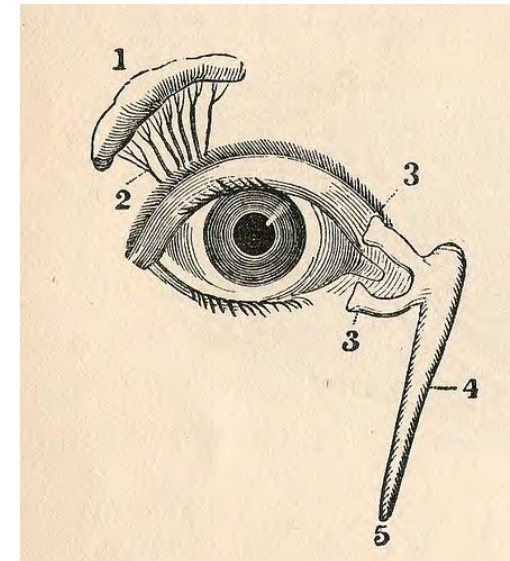


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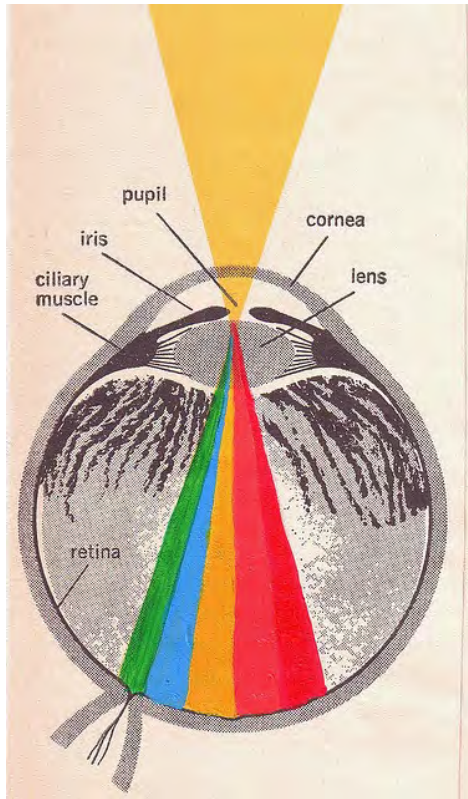
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The more visual the input becomes, the more likely it is to be recognized and recalled. One research study found that adding a picture to text improves comprehension and memory by over 50%. Showing a picture before text increases comprehension by over 100% than supplying text alone.*



* Bransford and Johnson 1972 quoted in Chabris and Kosslyn 2005.

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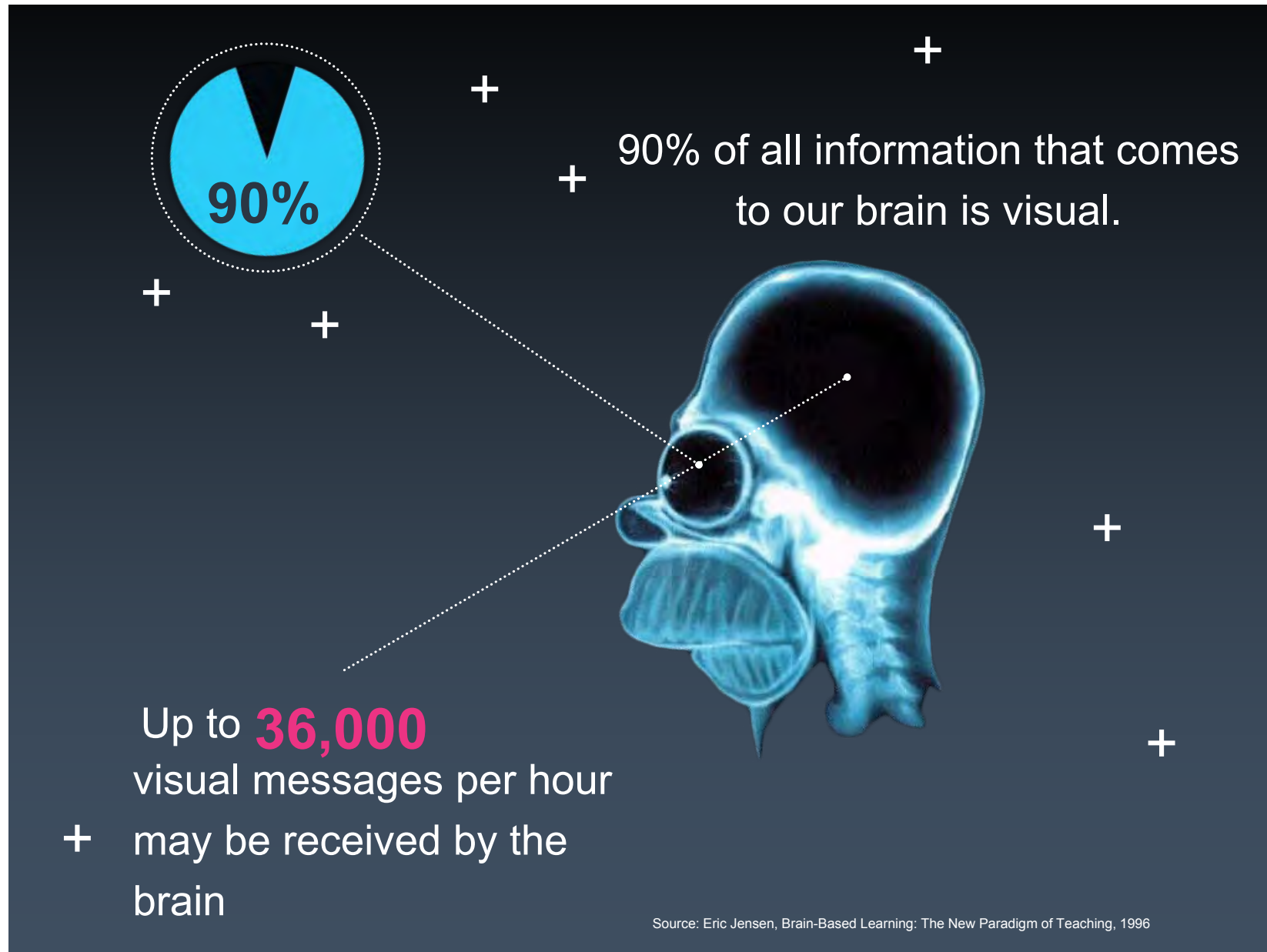
Another study suggests that we typically remember about 10% of the information from an oral presentation when tested 72 hours after exposure. This figure goes up to 65% when a picture is added.*

“the pictorial superiority effect”**

* Medina, J. (2008) *The Brain Rules*. Pear Press. p.234.

**Stenberg, G (2006) Conceptual and perceptual factors in the picture superiority effect *European Journal of Cog Psych* 18(6): 813 - 847.

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Pictures and text follow very different rules

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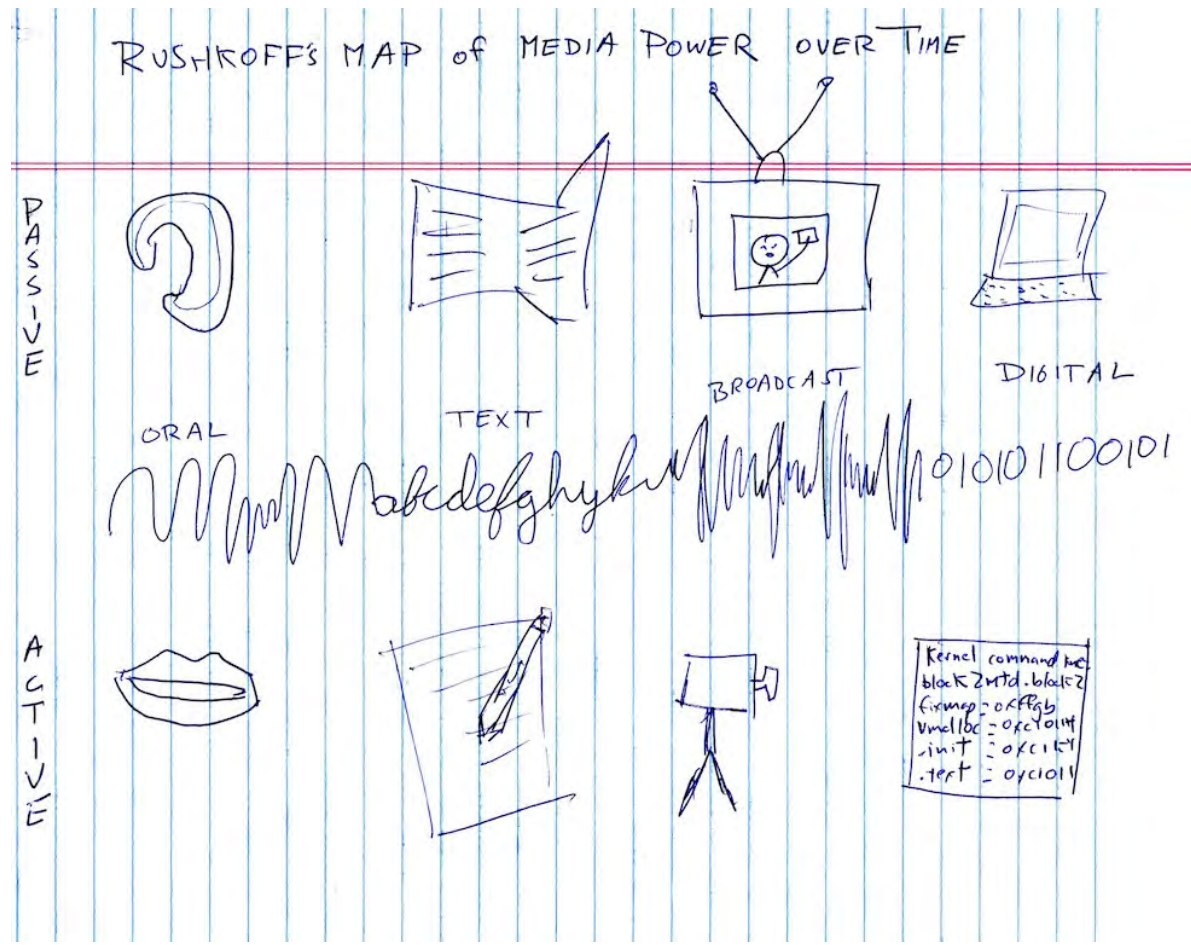
THIS IS A PICTURE OF A BLUE BIRD SITTING IN A TREE.

THE BIRD IS LOOKING TO THE RIGHT.

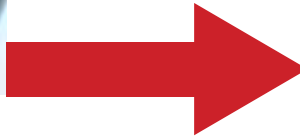
THE LEAVES OF THE TREE ARE ORANGE, RED, YELLOW AND GREEN.

IT IS AUTUMN.

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“the effects of technology do not occur at the level of opinions or concepts, but alter sense ratios or patterns of perception steadily and without any resistance”

Marshall McLuhan 1967

Visual culture: **a pictorial turn**

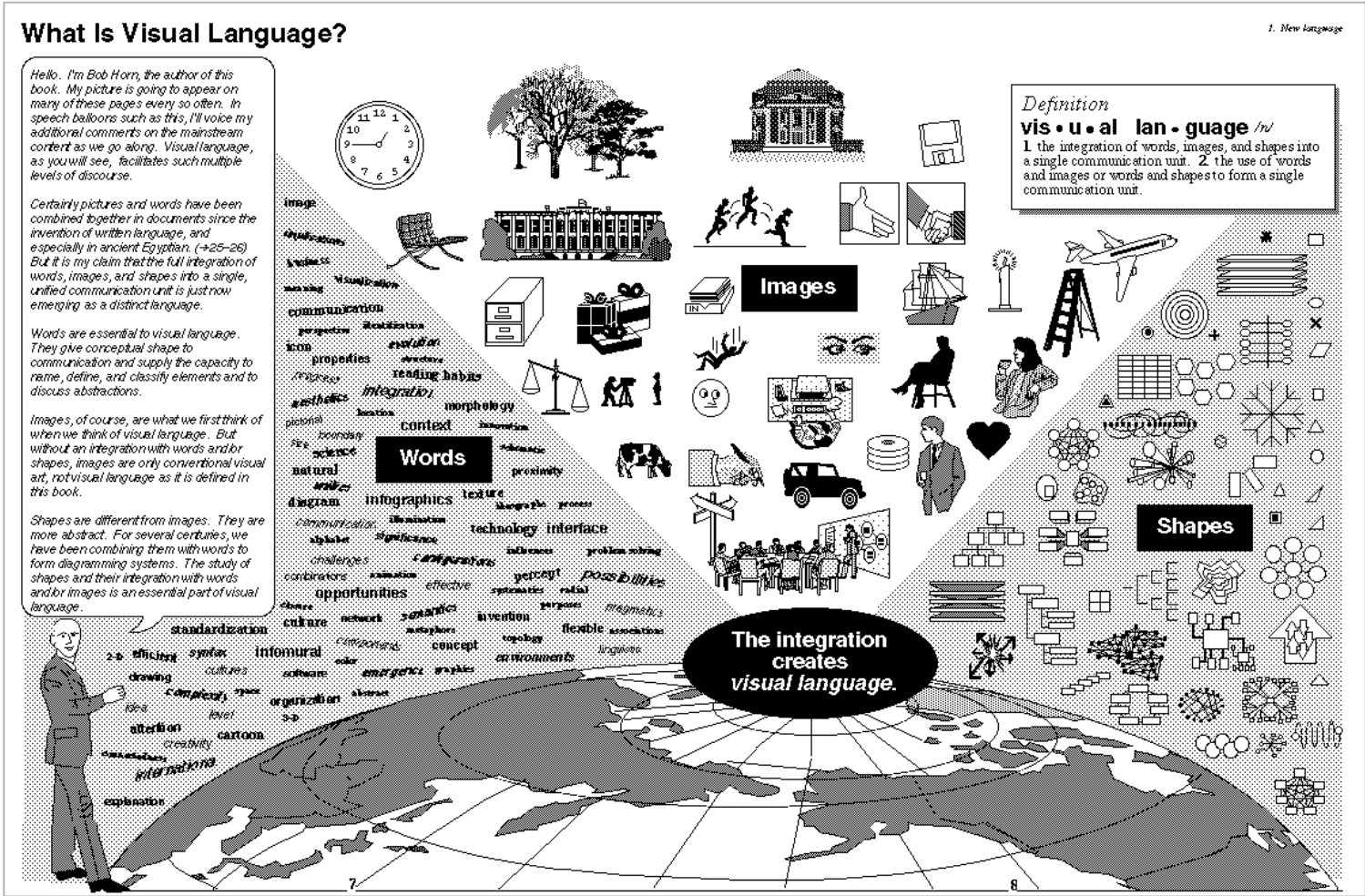
What are the cognitive implications of an increasingly visual culture?

Visual language

‘...has the potential for increasing human “bandwidth” – the capacity to take in, comprehend, and more efficiently synthesize large amounts of new information’

Robert Horn 2001

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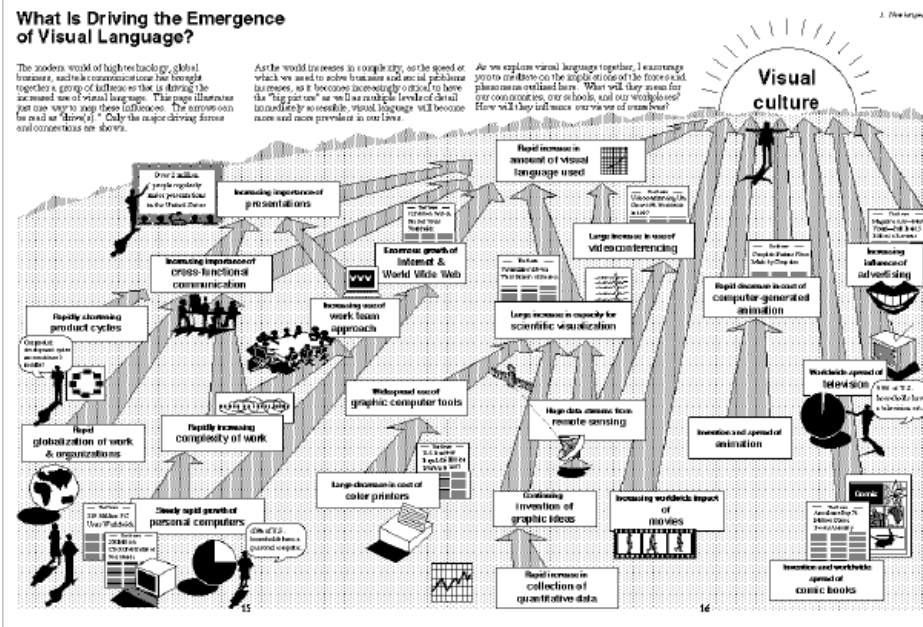
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What Is Driving the Emergence of Visual Language?

The modern world of high technology, global business, and telecommunications has brought together a group of influences that is driving the increased use of virtual language. This page illustrates just one way to map these influences. The arrows can be read as "drive(s)." Only the major driving forces and connections are shown.

As the world increases in complexity, as the speed of which we need to solve business and social problems increases, as it becomes increasingly critical to have the "big picture" as well as multiple levels of detail immediately accessible, visual language will become more and more prevalent in our lives.

As we explore virtual languages together, I encourage you to meditate on the implications of the force and phenomena outlined here. What will they mean for our communities, our schools, and our worlds? How will they influence our view of ourselves?



How The Eye Is Directed by Visual Language

Many people are accustomed to reading in one way only—upper left to lower right without skipping a word or a line. With the advent of multimedia communications and visual language, this method becomes quite limiting. We will all need a variety of new reading tactics if we are to continue to work with efficiency and full understanding.

The British art historian Michael Toyynson conceived the art not below us, in which visual language occurs, to be compared based on the type of content and the degree of decorative or of viewing. The variety of different ways in which the eye must "work" to make sense of the different forms in Toyynson's notes provides us with insight into why different people have such widely variant reactions to visual language. When we encounter material that must be read in a different way than we are accustomed to read, many of us rebel and call visual language "too dense."

Implications

The clear implication of Teyssie's analysis is that the visual language component of our must become more sophisticated in understanding how the eye is directed, a technique that can be used to deliberately control eye movement, and perceptual principles that must not be violated if specific effects are to be achieved. And, of course, readers will need to become more flexible as well.

	Linear	Linear interrupted	List	Linear branching	Matrix	Nonlinear directed viewing	Nonlinear—no options open
Vertical/numerical	<p>Pure linear</p> <p>Letter written in continuous spiral from outside in</p>	<p>Twenty-six short press</p>	<p>Restaurant menu, syllabic, phone list, etc.</p>	<p>Family tree, organization chart</p>	<p>Room list and hotel, directory</p>	<p>Mail sorting office, route planning</p>	<p>Scoreboard, poetry, score sheeting</p>
Pictorial & vertical/numerical	<p>Stone Age, African art, tapestries, cave Greek, cave paintings</p>	<p>Cinema</p>	<p>Map to airport, list of photographs and their meanings</p>	<p>Tree with risk objects</p>	<p>Wanted to acquire</p>	<p>Beverages with taste profiles</p>	<p>Processual picture and flowchart with labels</p>
Pictorial	<p>Processual view of city skyline and elements</p>	<p>Wallpapering (processual view of domestic space)</p>	<p>Food and slight potential lists of service</p>	<p>Complexity potential branching to nine</p>	<p>Complexity potential outcome as nine</p>	<p>The importance of most planning and architectural design design</p>	<p>Early hand, square picture frame, but some small pictures are also complex grids</p>
Schematic	<p>Route sign and trace from E225 and E228</p>	<p>Musical notation</p>	<p>List of symbols in pictorial language</p>	<p>Purely pictorial language trace</p>	<p>See above with an additional strategic sub-way maps</p>	<p>Network diagrams, sub-way maps</p>	<p>Surface maps</p>

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“It has often been said that our environmental crisis is a crisis of perception. We do not readily see the patterns that would reveal our dependence on the natural world, nor are we commonly aware of the systems within which we are deeply embedded. Our attention, entrained on objects and focused on flat screens, is far removed from the dynamic and animated nonhuman world.”

Laura Sewall, 2012

Relational Perception

A shift in focus (and thinking)
from **objects** (in isolation) to
processes & relationships.

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Visual communications can support relational perception by focusing attention on:

- context
- comparison
- connections
- causality
- complexity

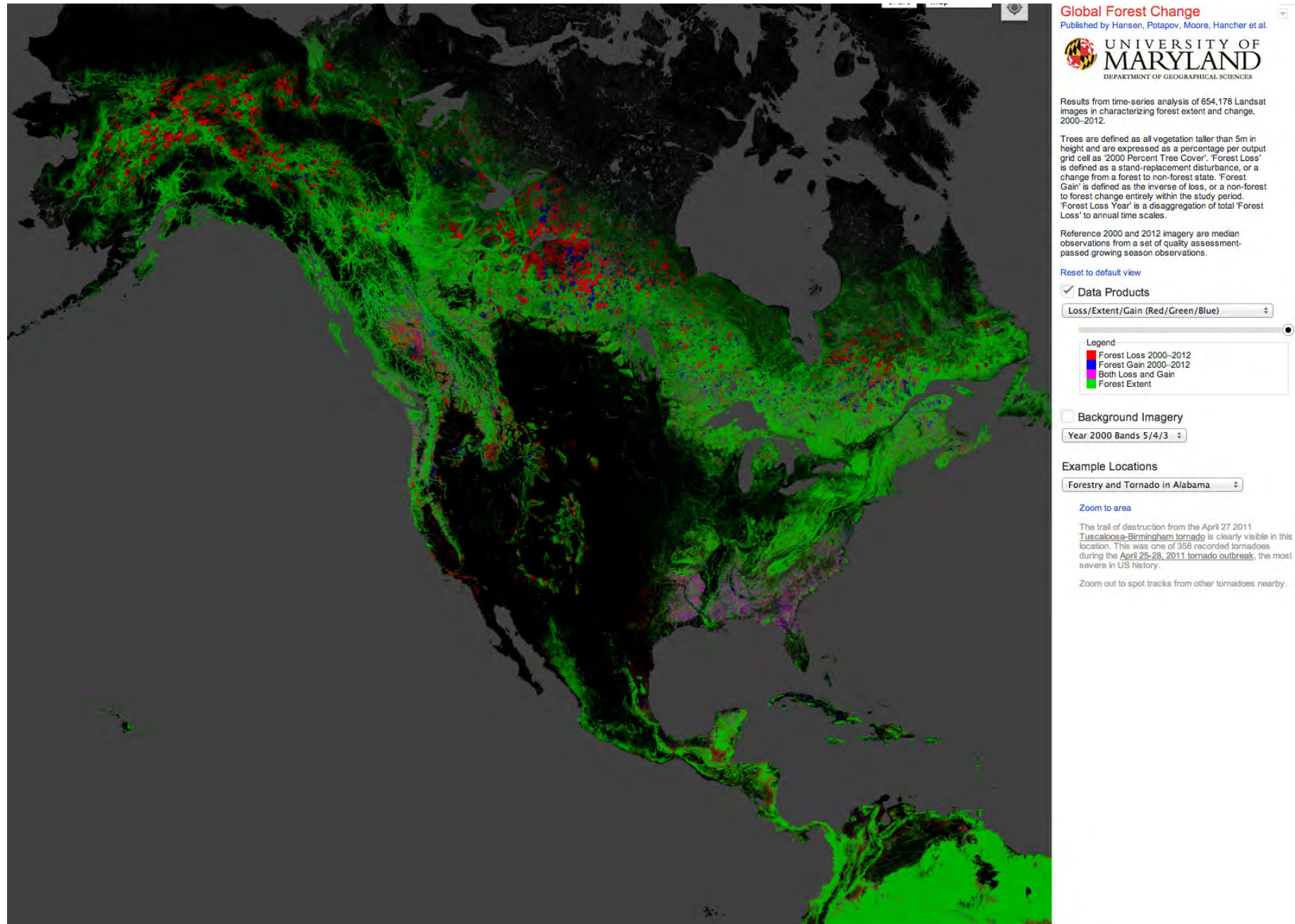
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- context (where, what, when?)
- comparison (how much and when?)
- connections (with what or with whom?)
- causality (how, how much and when?)
- complexity (all of the above)

...& at various scales: micro, meso and macro.

3. Revealing with Images - CONTEXT

Global forest change



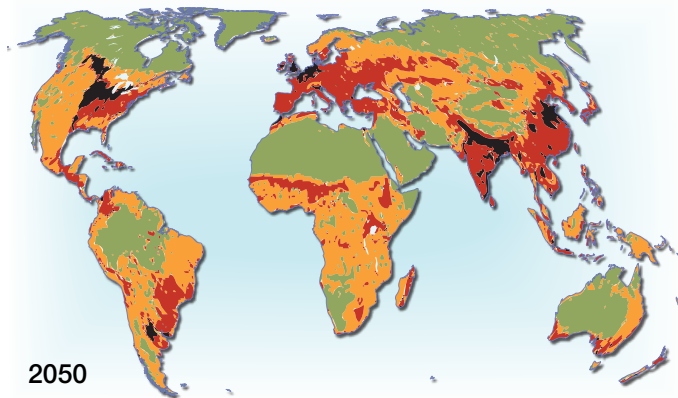
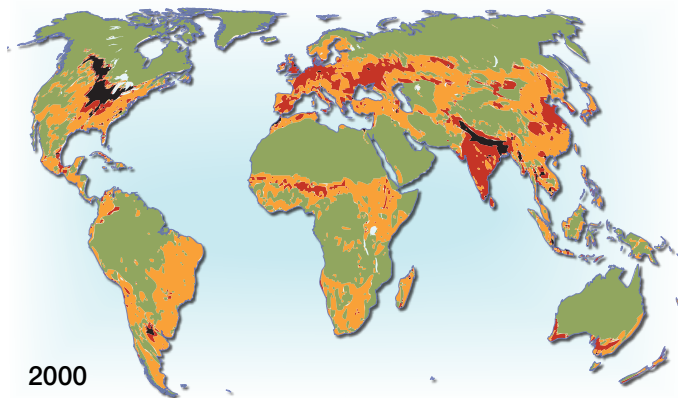
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The British Isles



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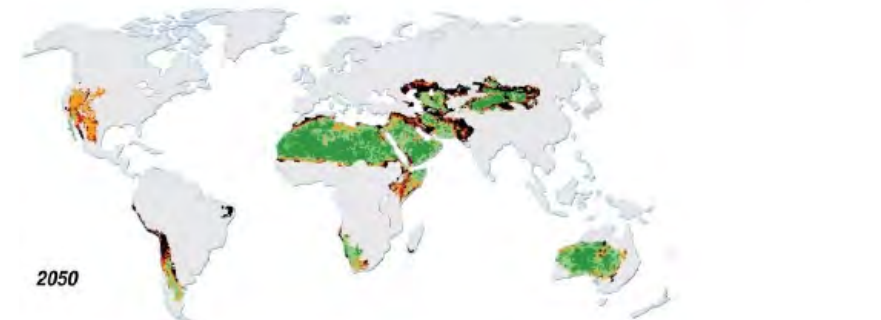
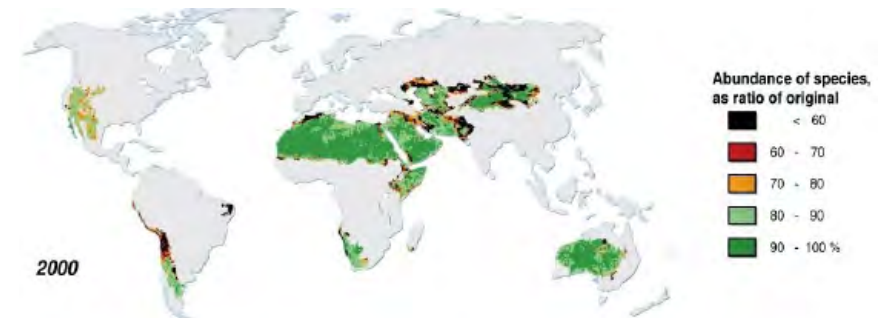
biodiversity loss, as a ratio of species abundance before human impacts



Biodiversity, as ratio of species abundance before human impacts

High impacts	0 - 25
High-medium impacts	25 - 50
Medium-low impacts	50 - 75
Low impacts	75 - 100 %

Mean species abundance (%)



Sources: Global Methodology for Mapping Human Impacts on the Biosphere (GLOBIO-3), RSD for the IPCC SRES A2 scenario.

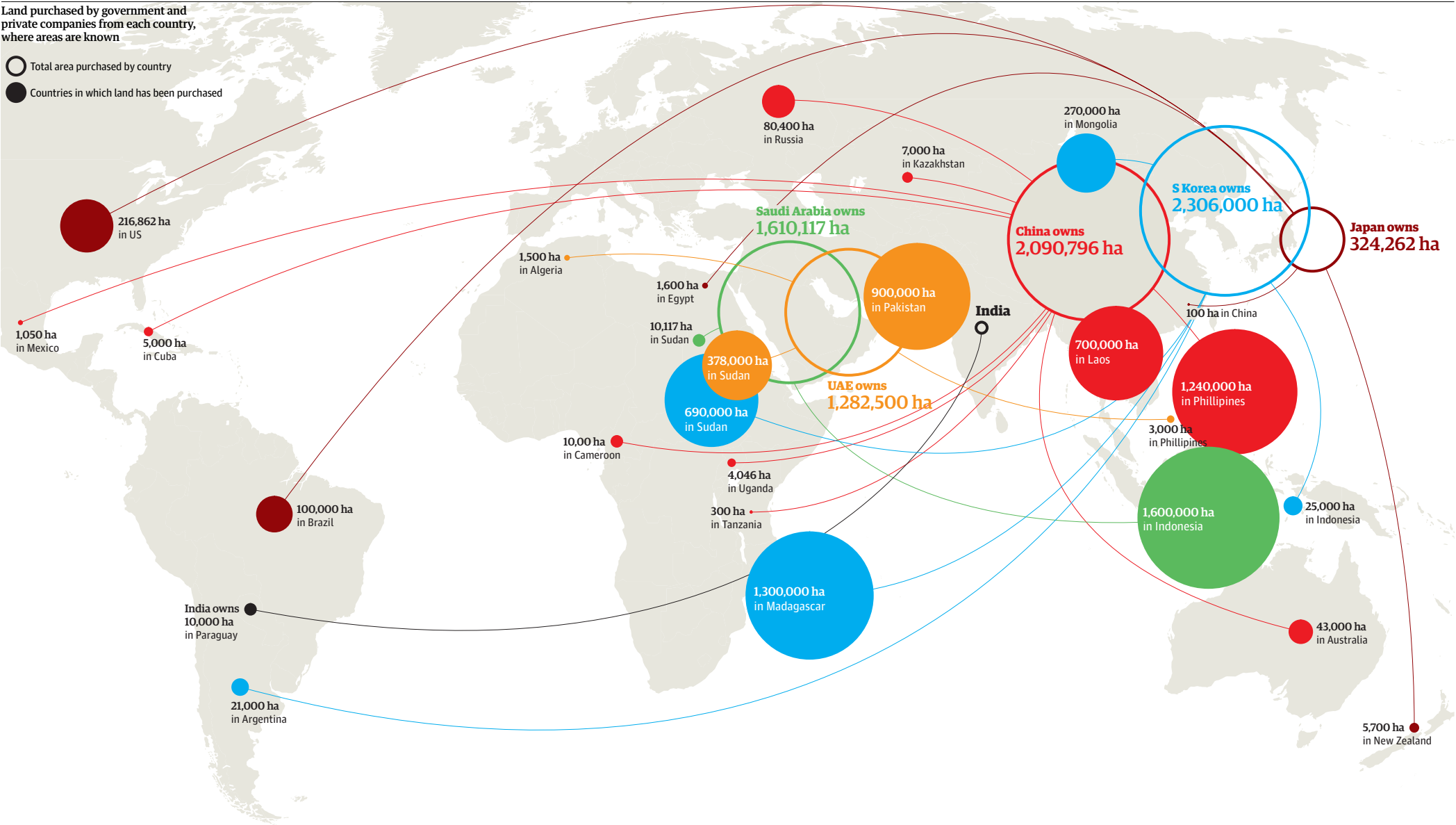
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World land grabs

World land grab

Land purchased by government and private companies from each country, where areas are known

- Total area purchased by country
- Countries in which land has been purchased



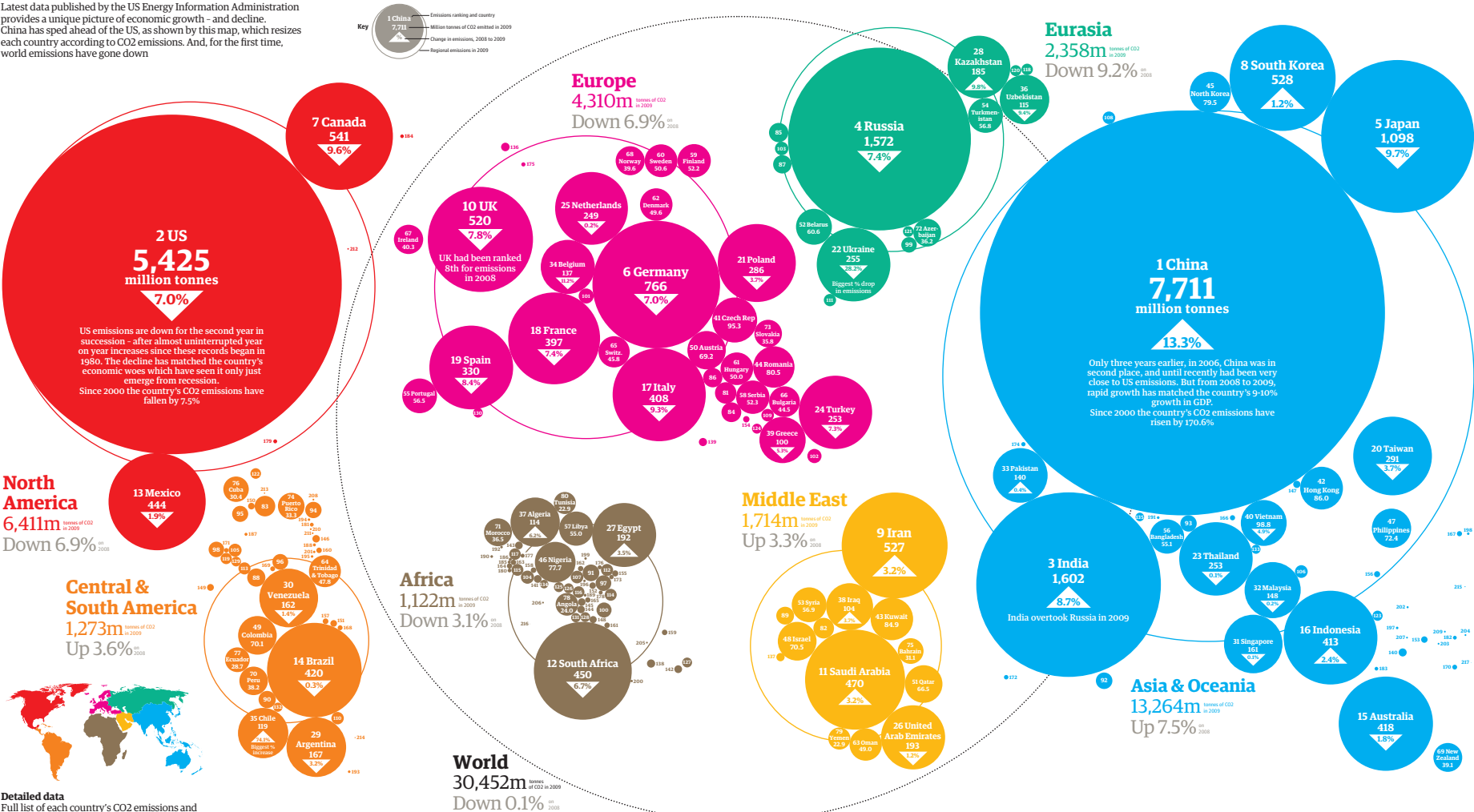
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3. Revealing with Images - COMPARISONS

carbon emissions per nation

An atlas of pollution: the world in carbon dioxide emissions

Latest data published by the US Energy Information Administration provides a unique picture of economic growth - and decline. China has sped ahead of the US, as shown by this map, which resizes each country according to CO2 emissions. And, for the first time, world emissions have gone down



Detailed data
Full list of each country's CO2 emissions and movement in the world emissions league table

Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09	Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09	Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09	Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09	Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09	Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09	Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09	Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09	Rank/ Country	Million tonnes change 2009 08-09			
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2 US	5,425	7.0	24 Turkey	253	2.3	46 Norway	72.7	2.4	68 Norway	50.6	0.1	90 Guyana	0.4	0.1	112 Ethiopia	6.8	7.3	134 Guyana	1.8	3.4
3 India	1,602	8.7	25 Netherlands	249	0.2	47 Philippines	72.4	2.9	69 Botswana	13.0	0.1	91 Sweden	50.6	0.1	113 Benin	6.5	4.4	135 Guyana	1.8	3.4
4 Russia	1,572	7.4	26 United Arab Emirates	193	1.2	48 Egypt	192	4.5	70 New Zealand	11.0	0.1	92 Hungary	50.0	0.1	114 Tanzania	6.2	2.1	136 Guyana	1.8	3.4
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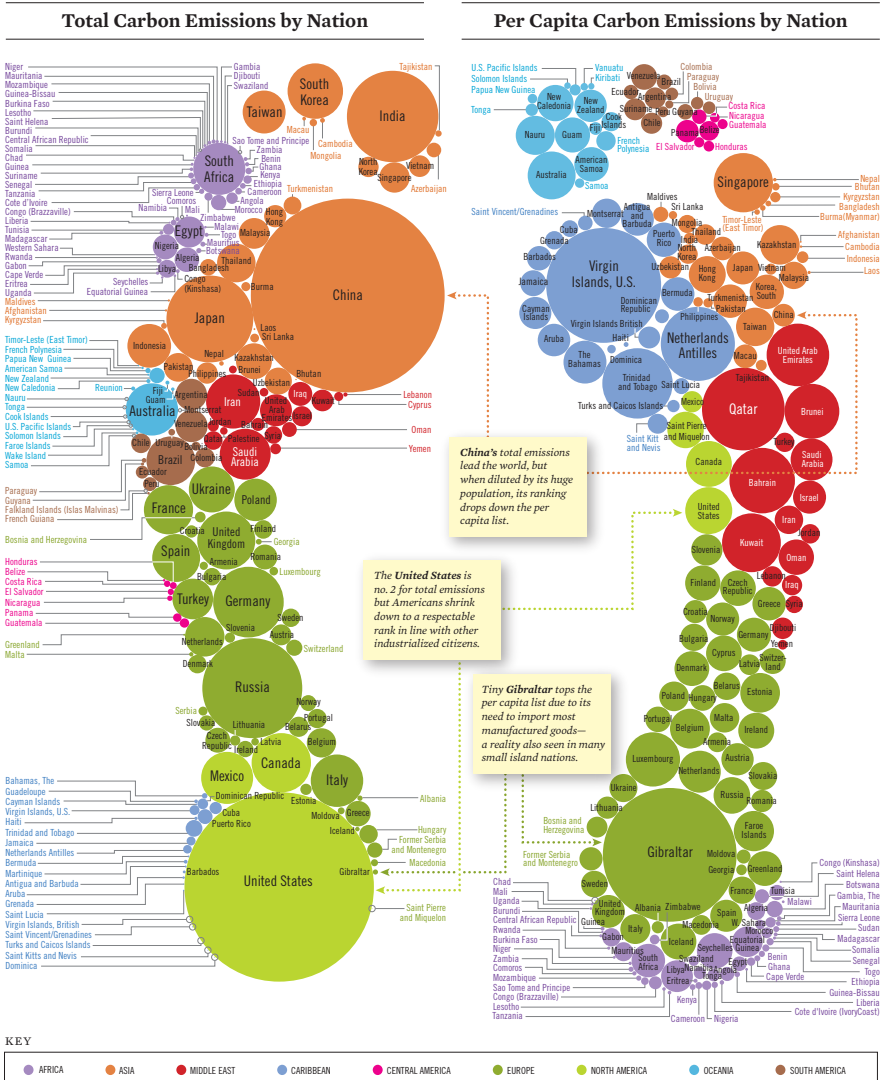
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carbon emissions per nation

Miller-McCune

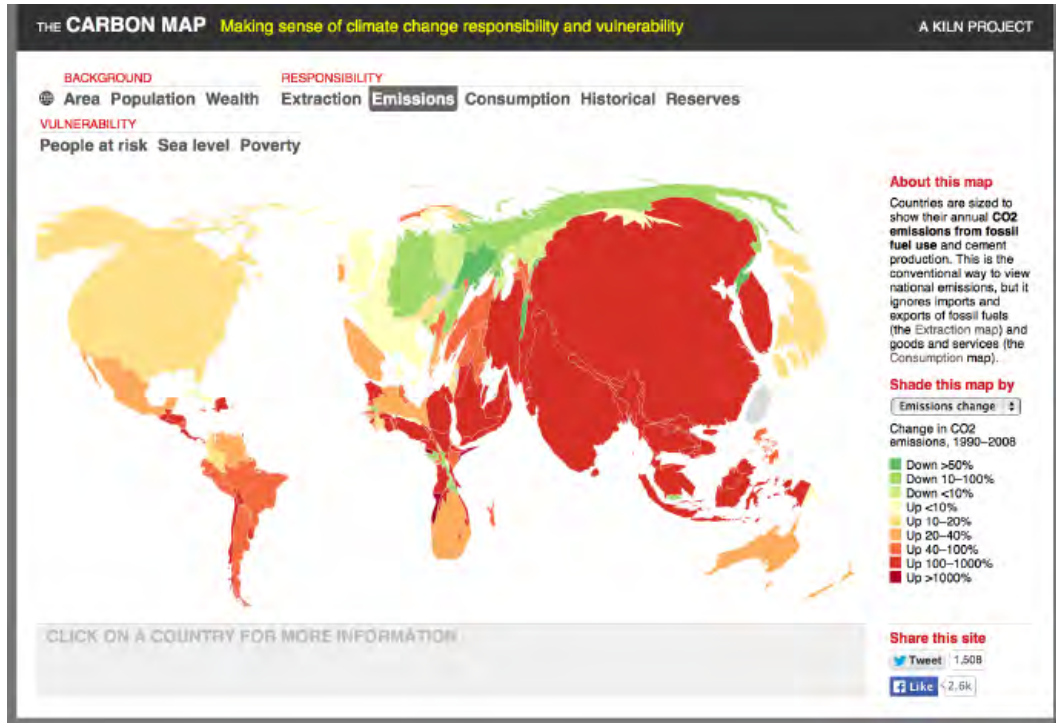
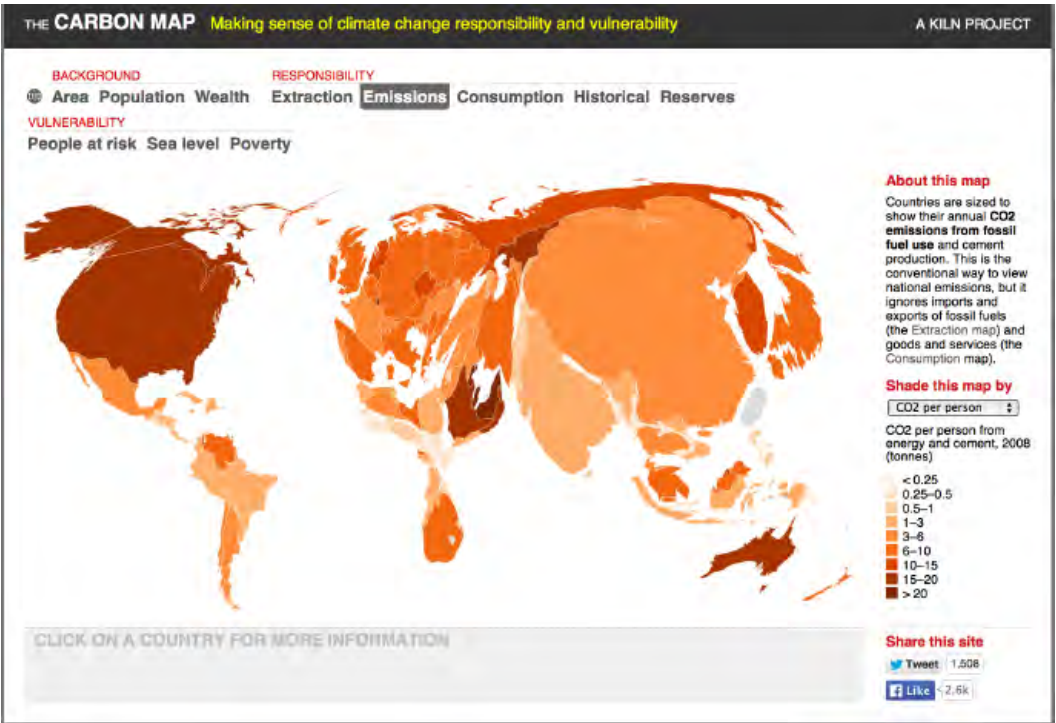
Tracking Carbon Emissions

A footprint comparison of total carbon dioxide emissions by nation and per capita shows there's plenty of room for smaller countries to reduce their carbon footprints.
By Stanford Kay



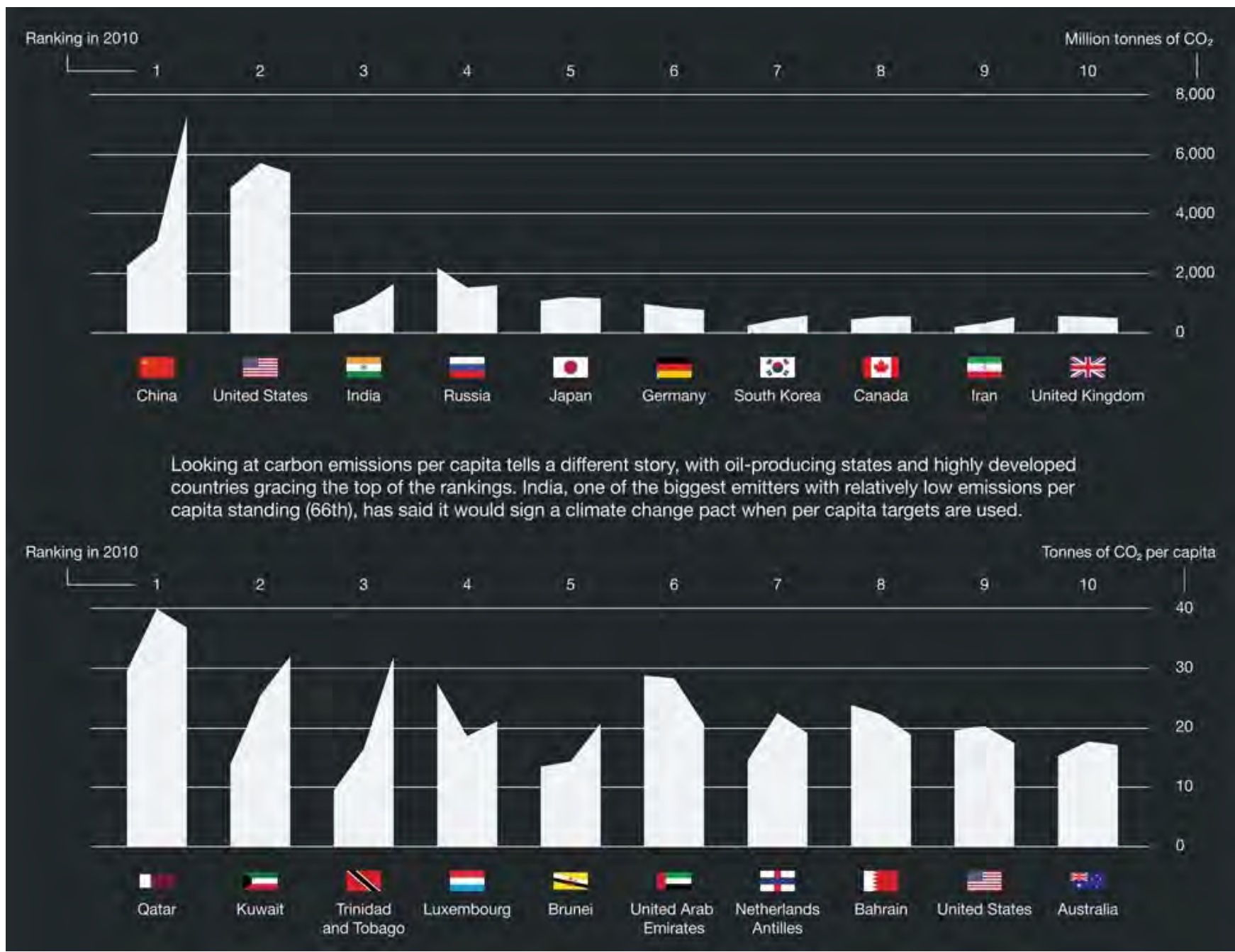
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carbon emissions per nation - Co2 per person + emission change



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carbon emissions per nation



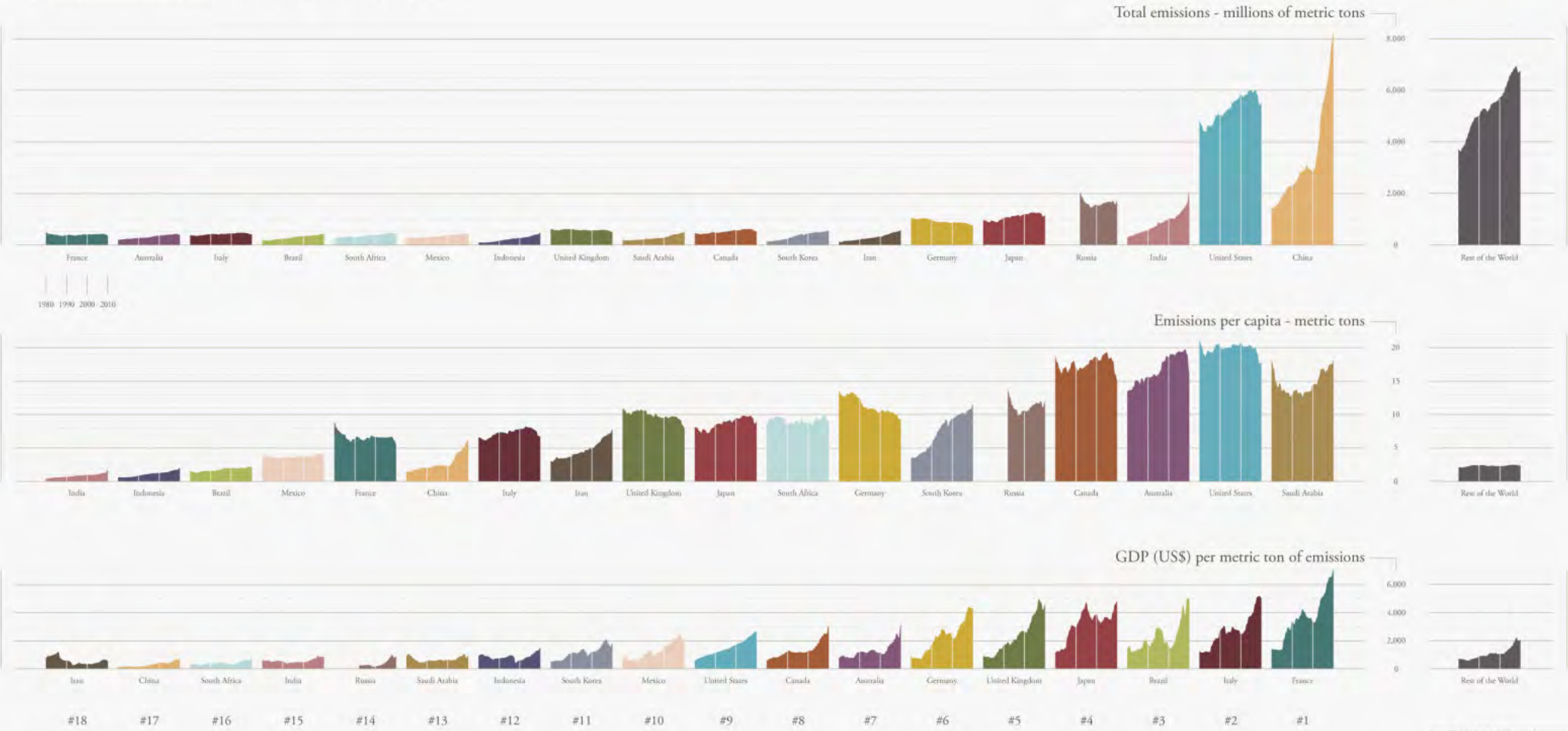
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carbon emissions per nation

World of CO₂

Carbon emissions from 1980 to 2010, ranking based on levels in 2010

blue&green
TODAY

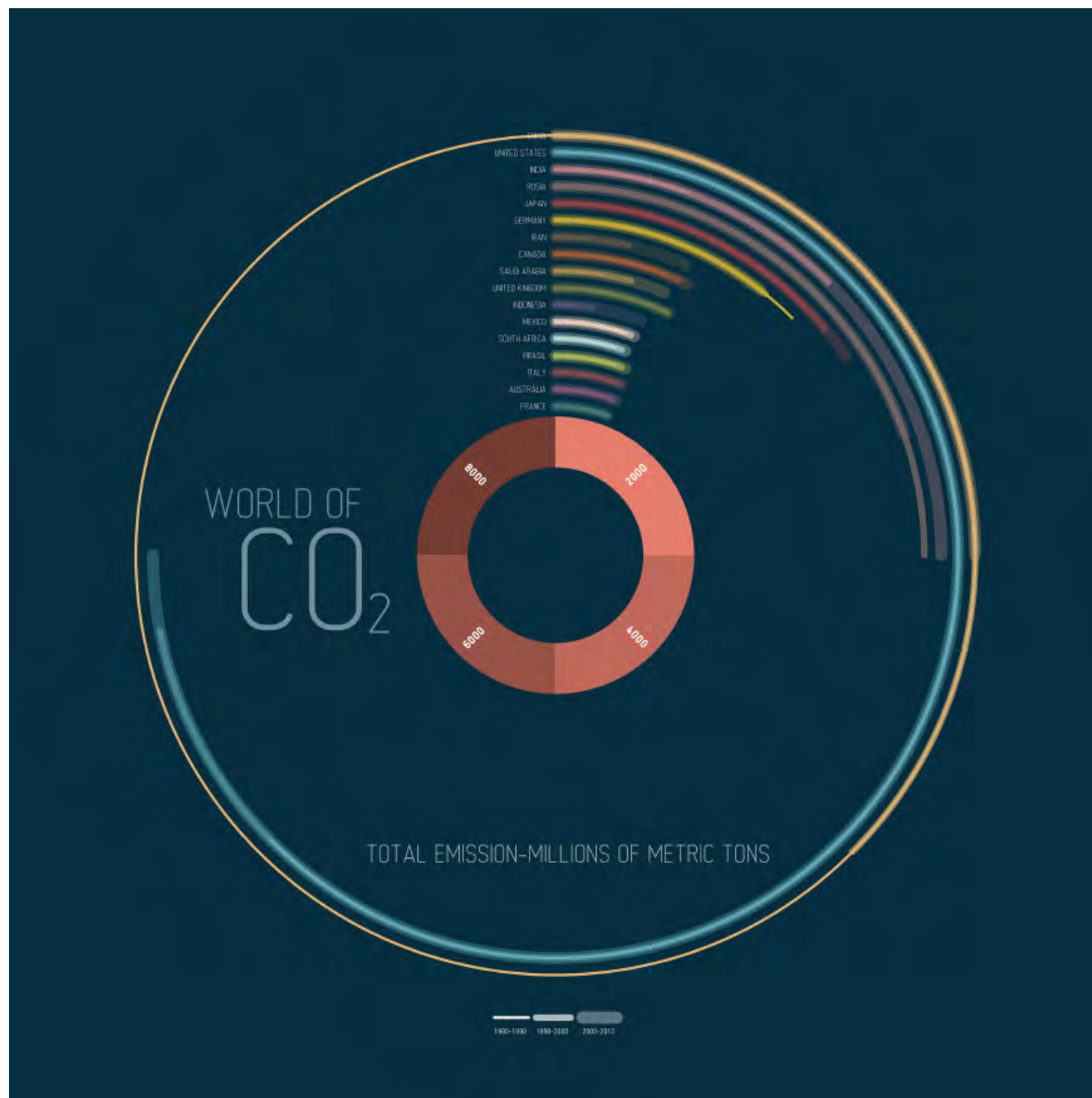


Data for Russia unavailable before 1992

Sources: The U.S. Energy Information Administration
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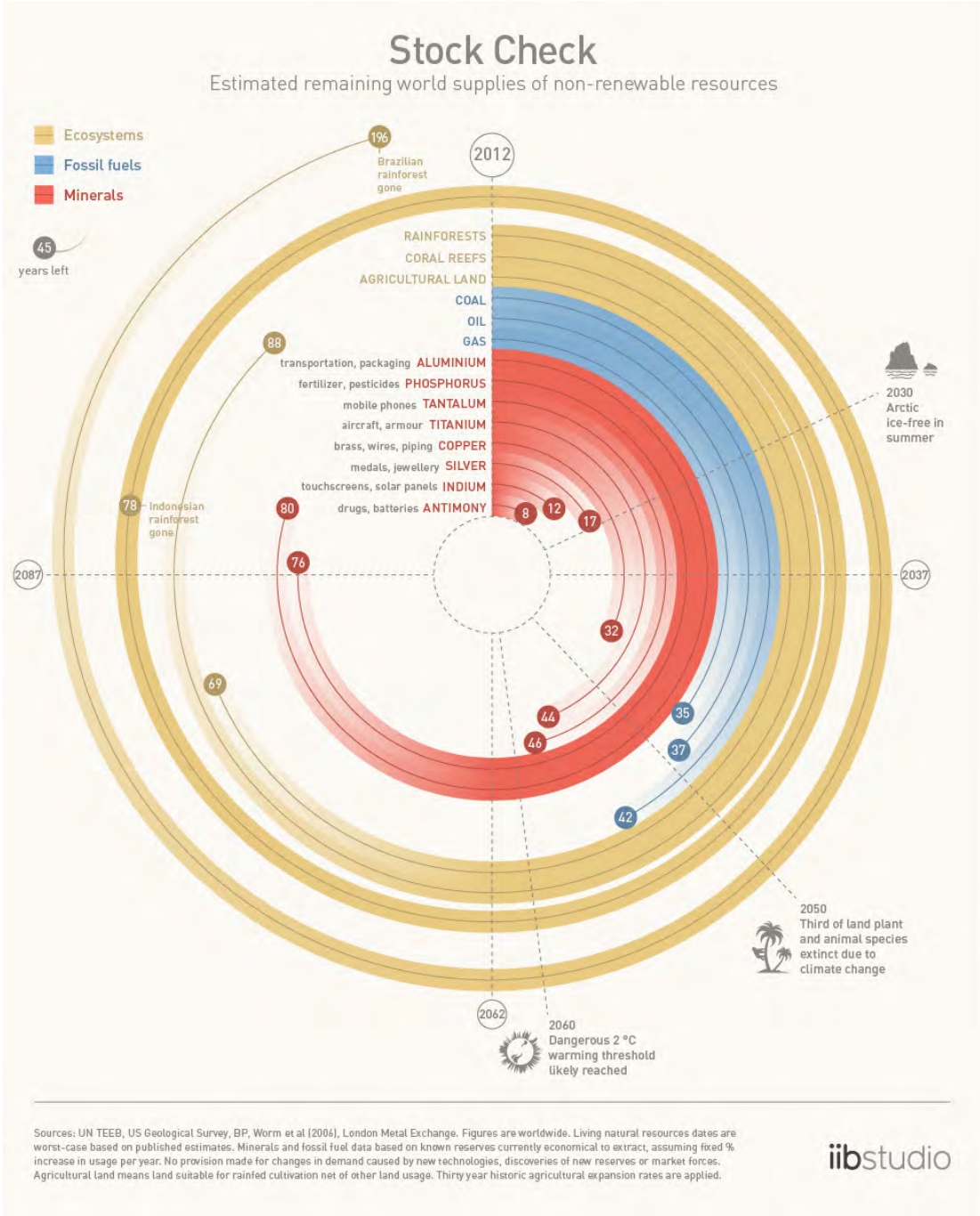
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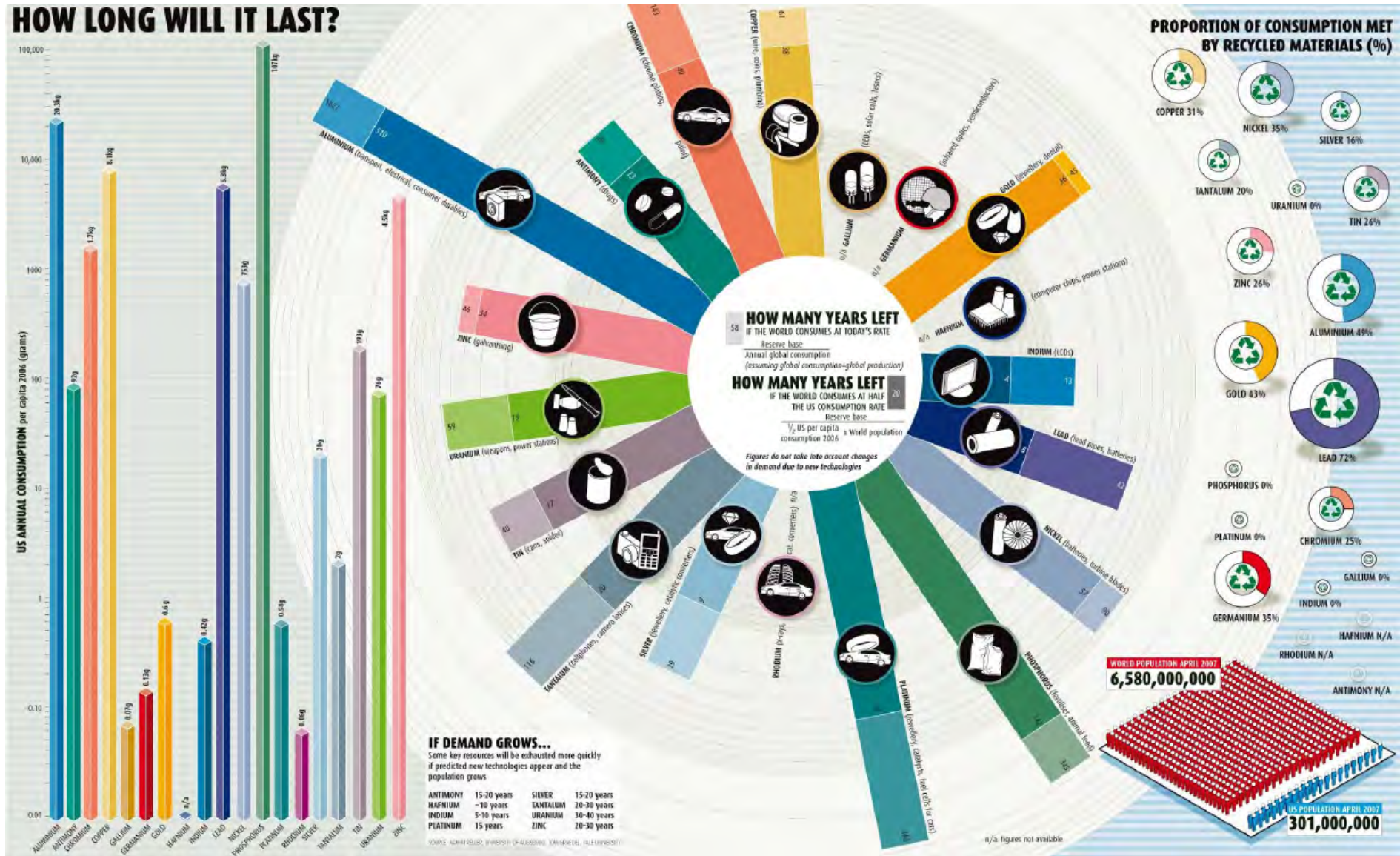
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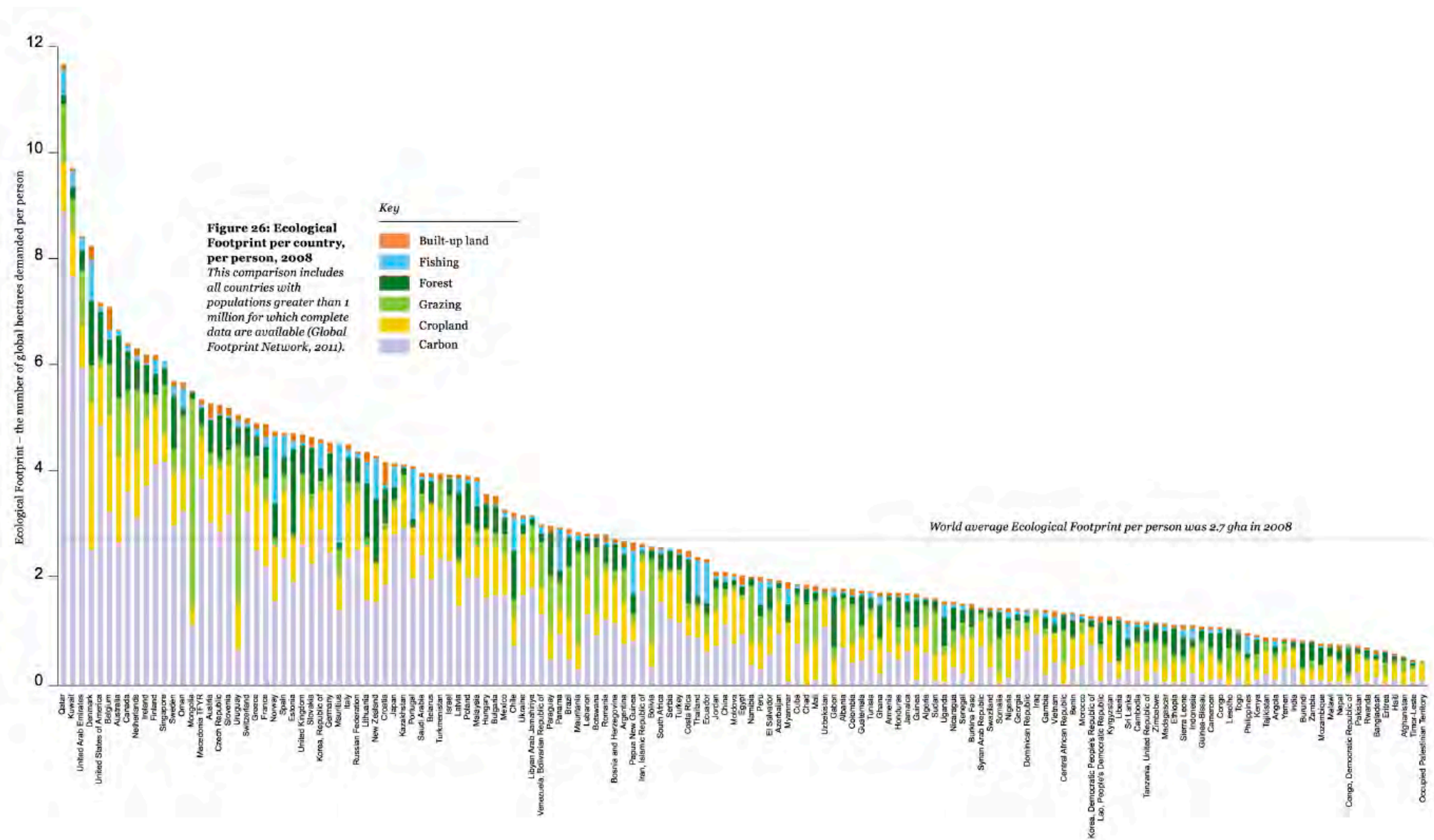
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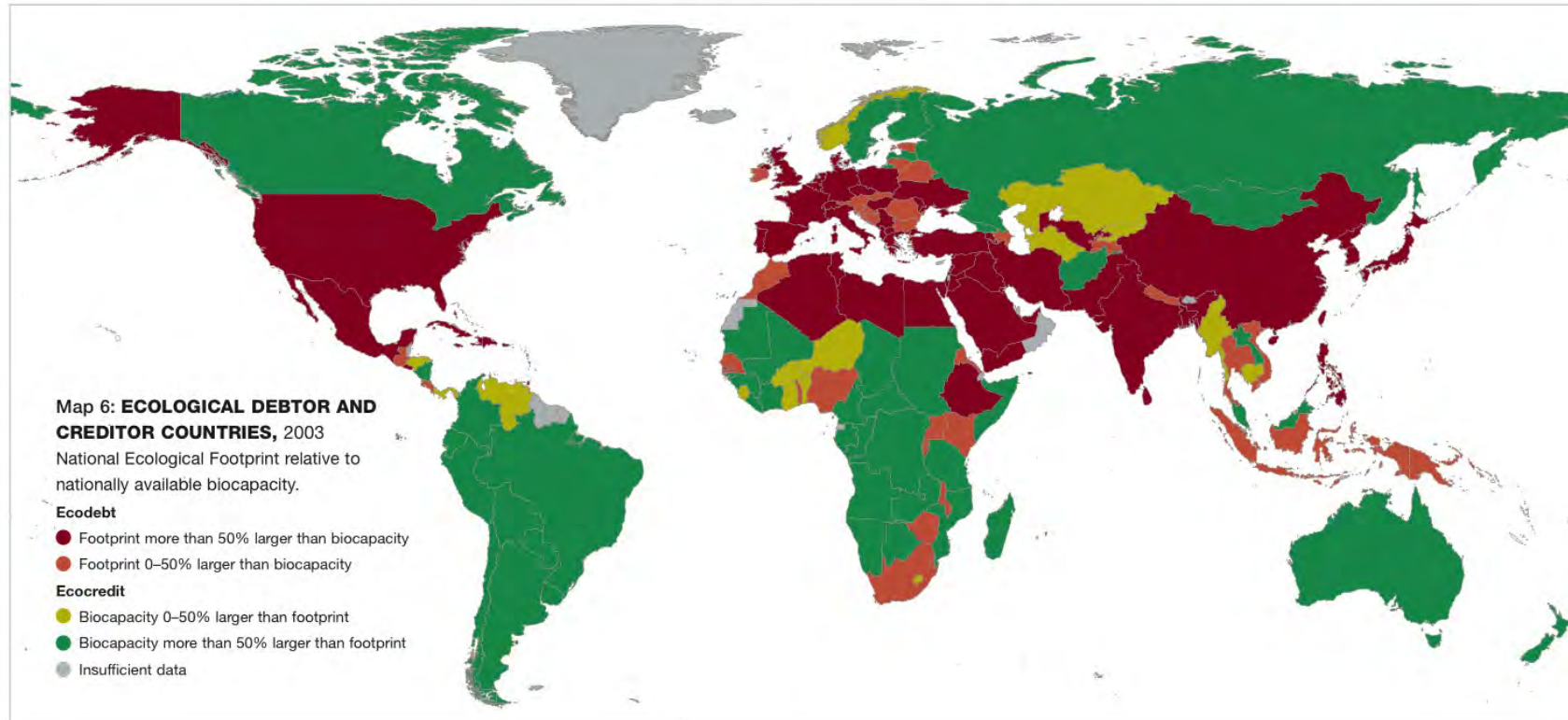
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ecological footprint per nation



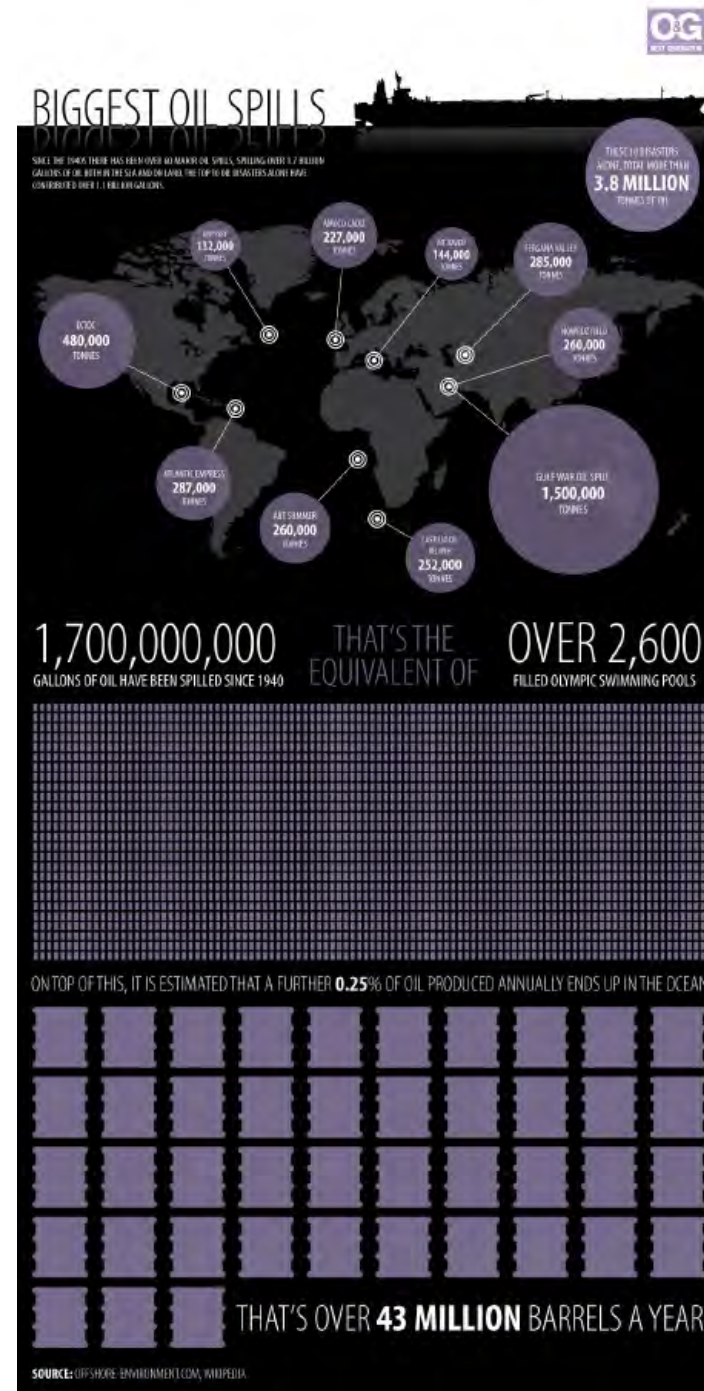
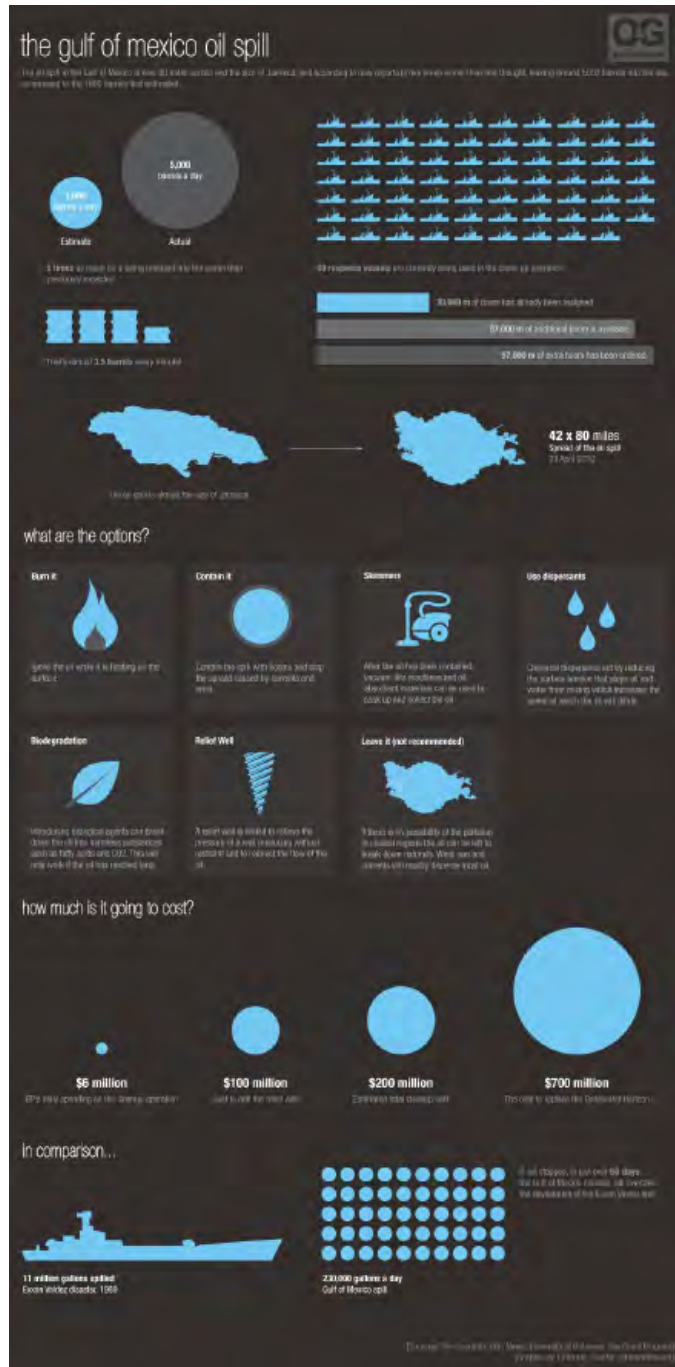
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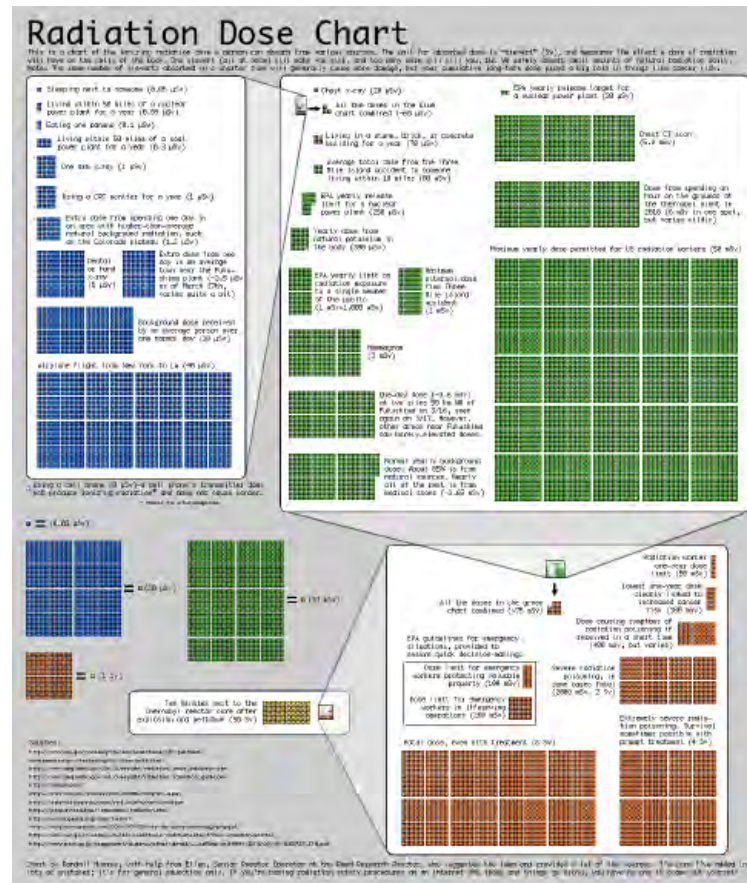


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scale - large (oil spills)

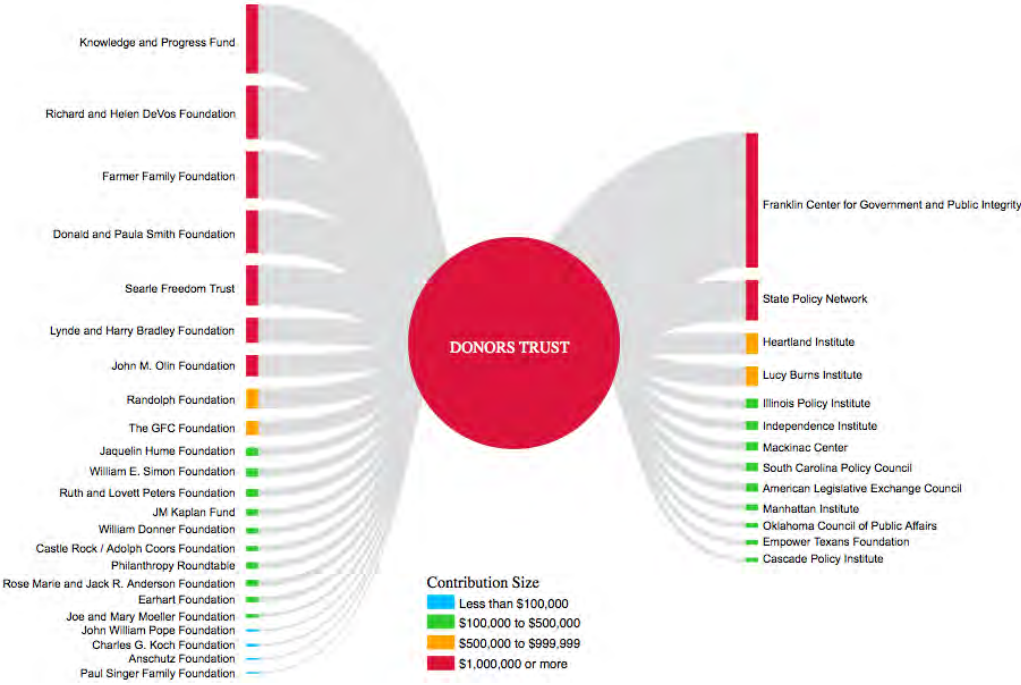


scale - small (radiation doses)



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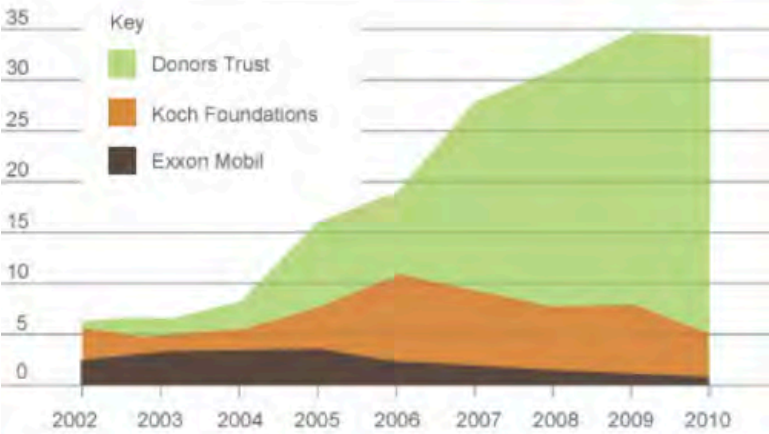
networks in the climate denial industry



Climate denial funds from fossil sources

Amount given to climate denial groups

40 million dollars



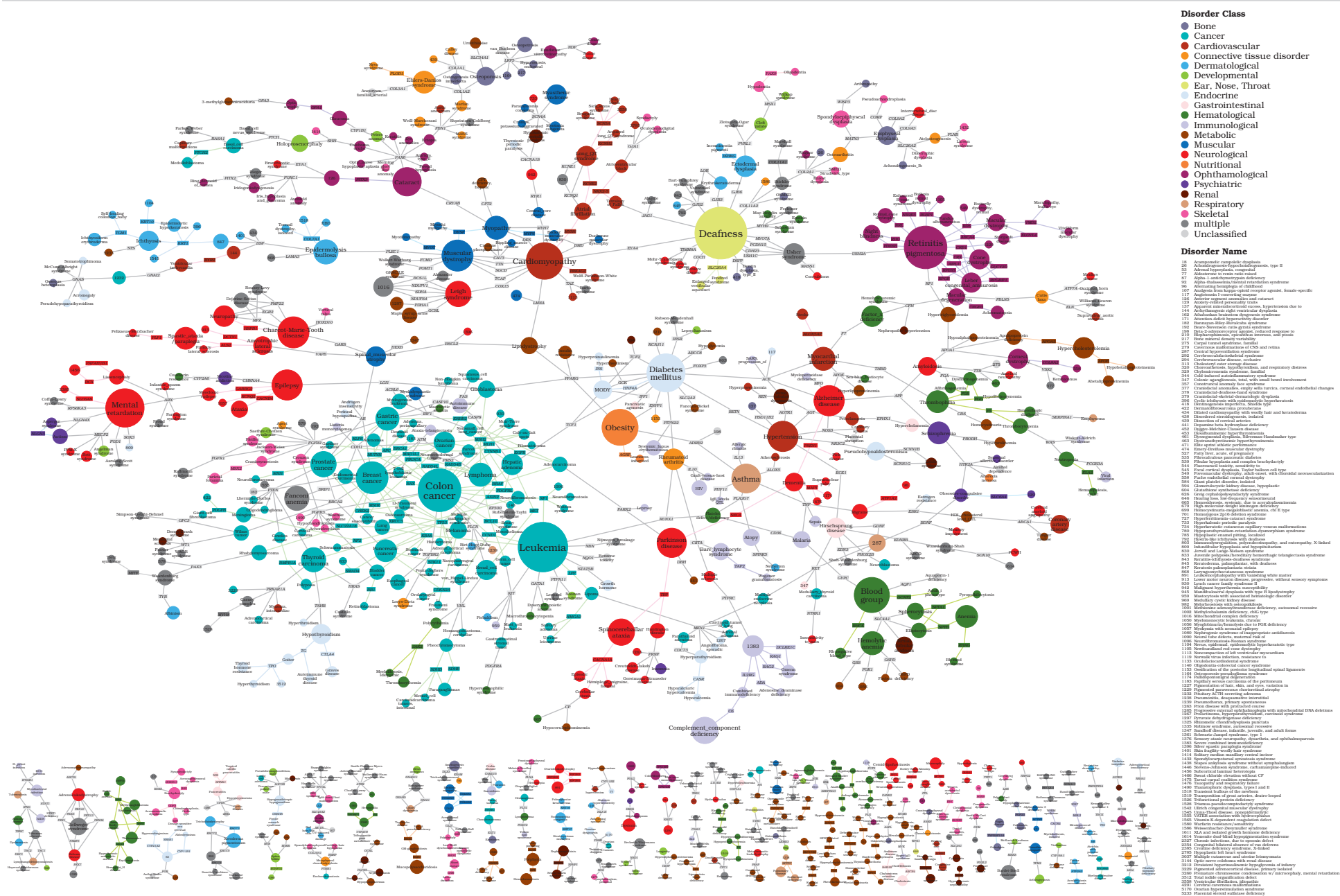
SOURCE: GREENPEACE

The Center for Public Integrity. Following the Donors Trust money trail. 2013.

network visualization

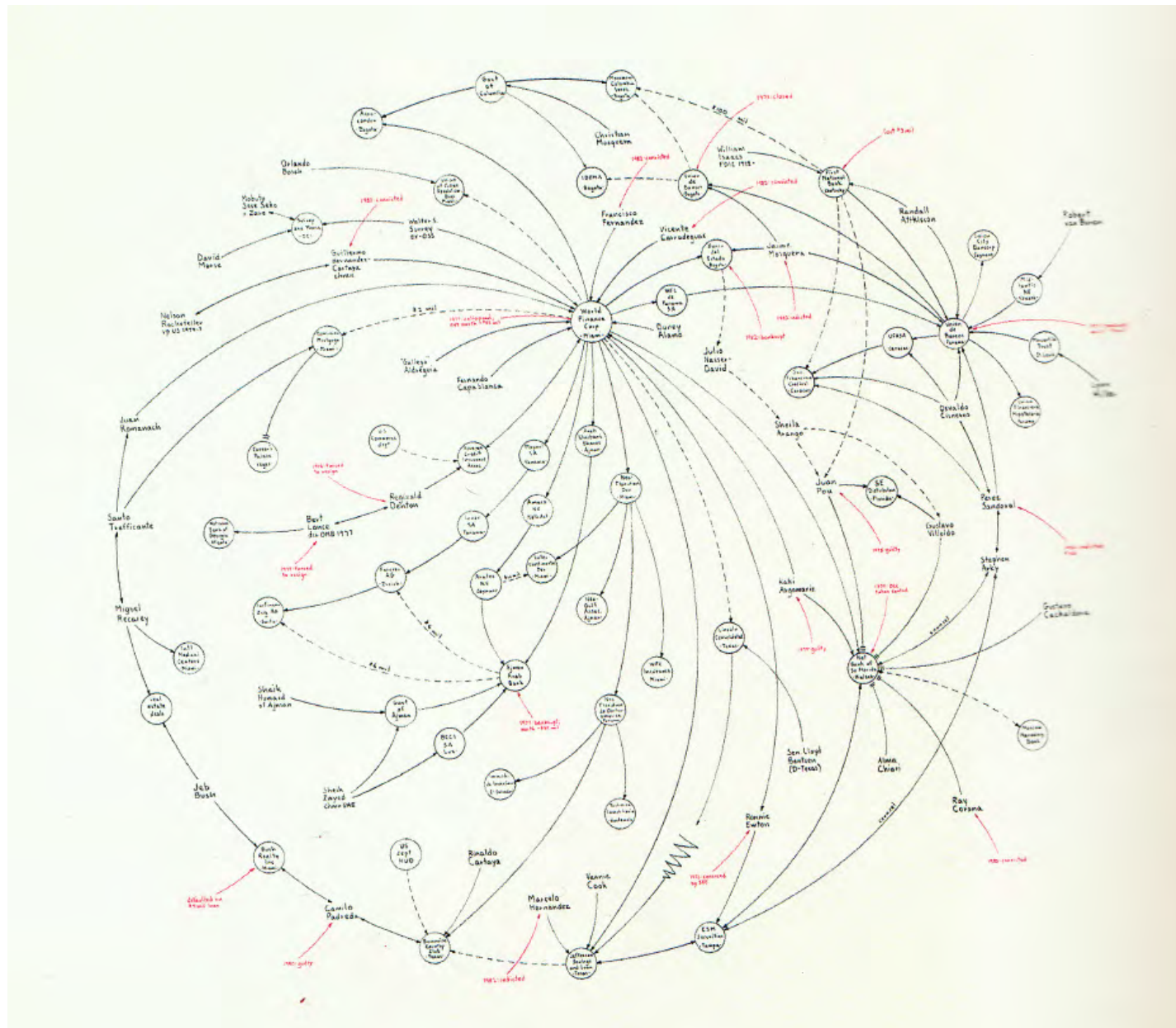
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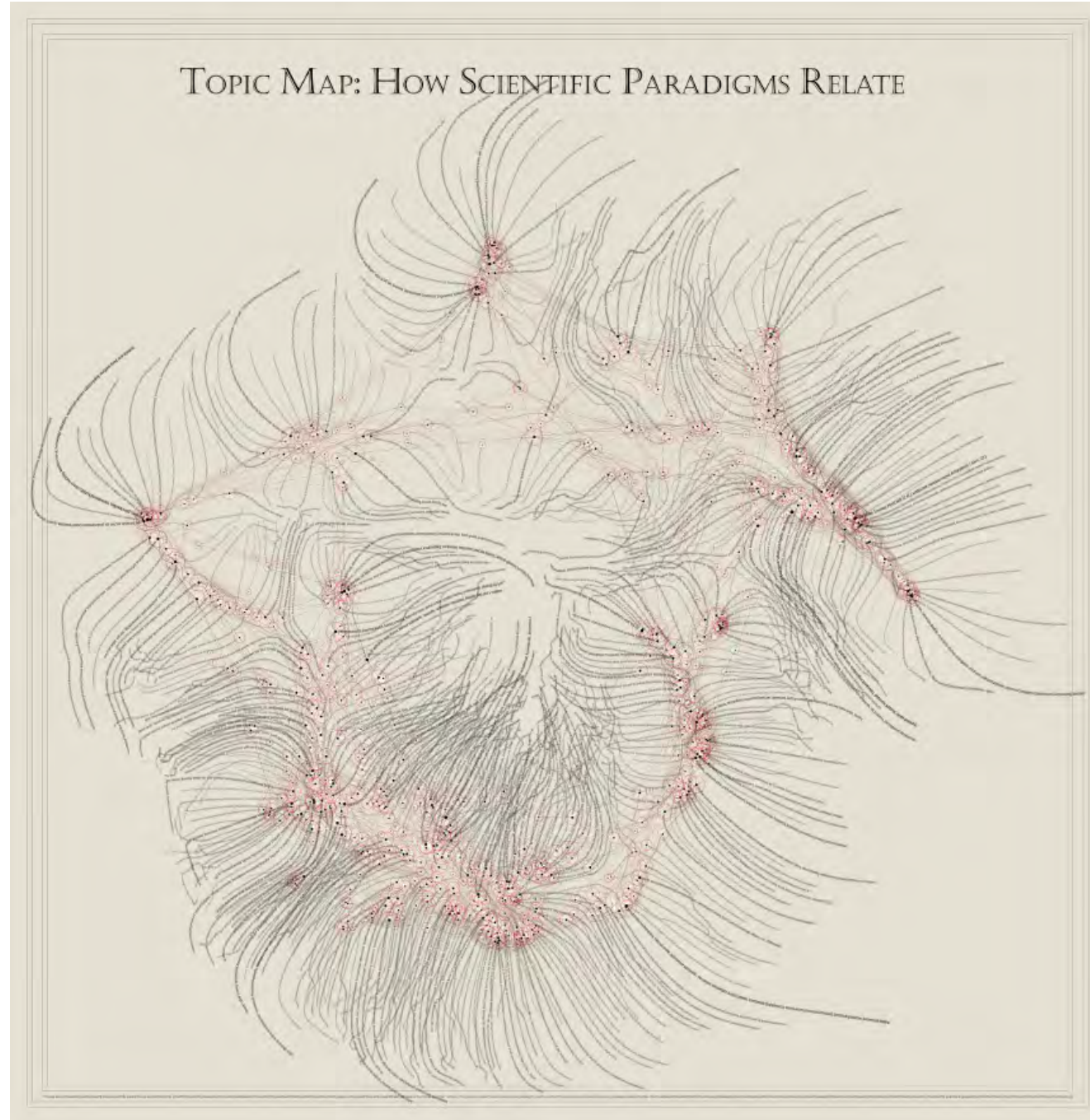
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early network visualization - Mark Lombardi



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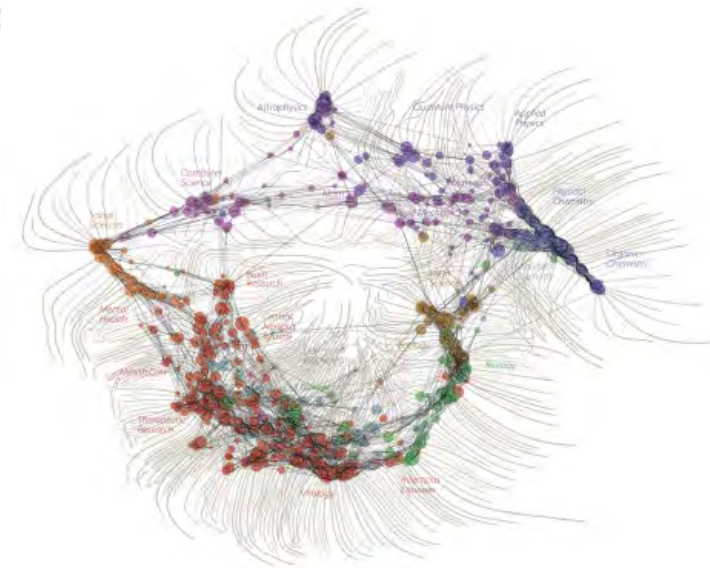
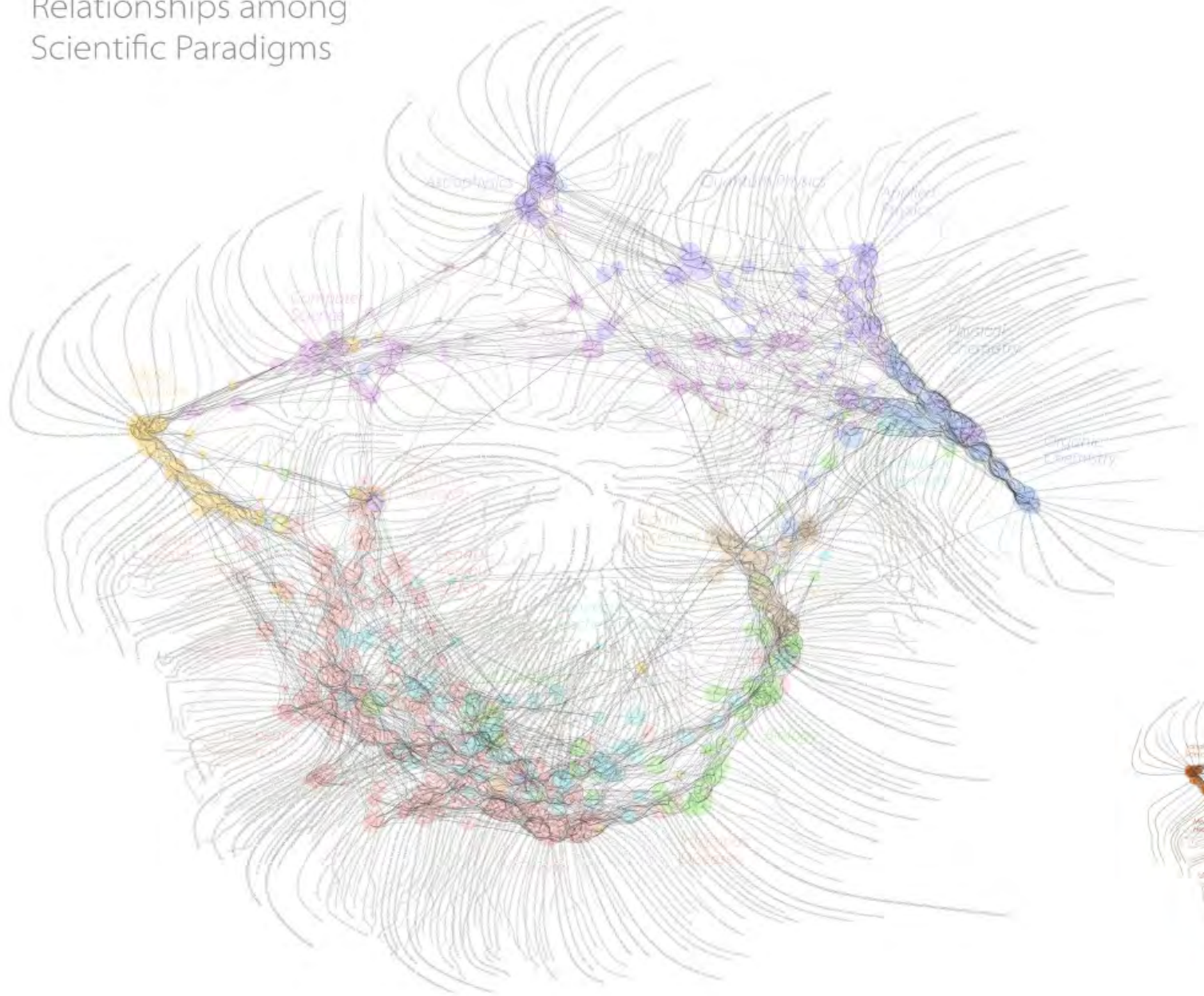
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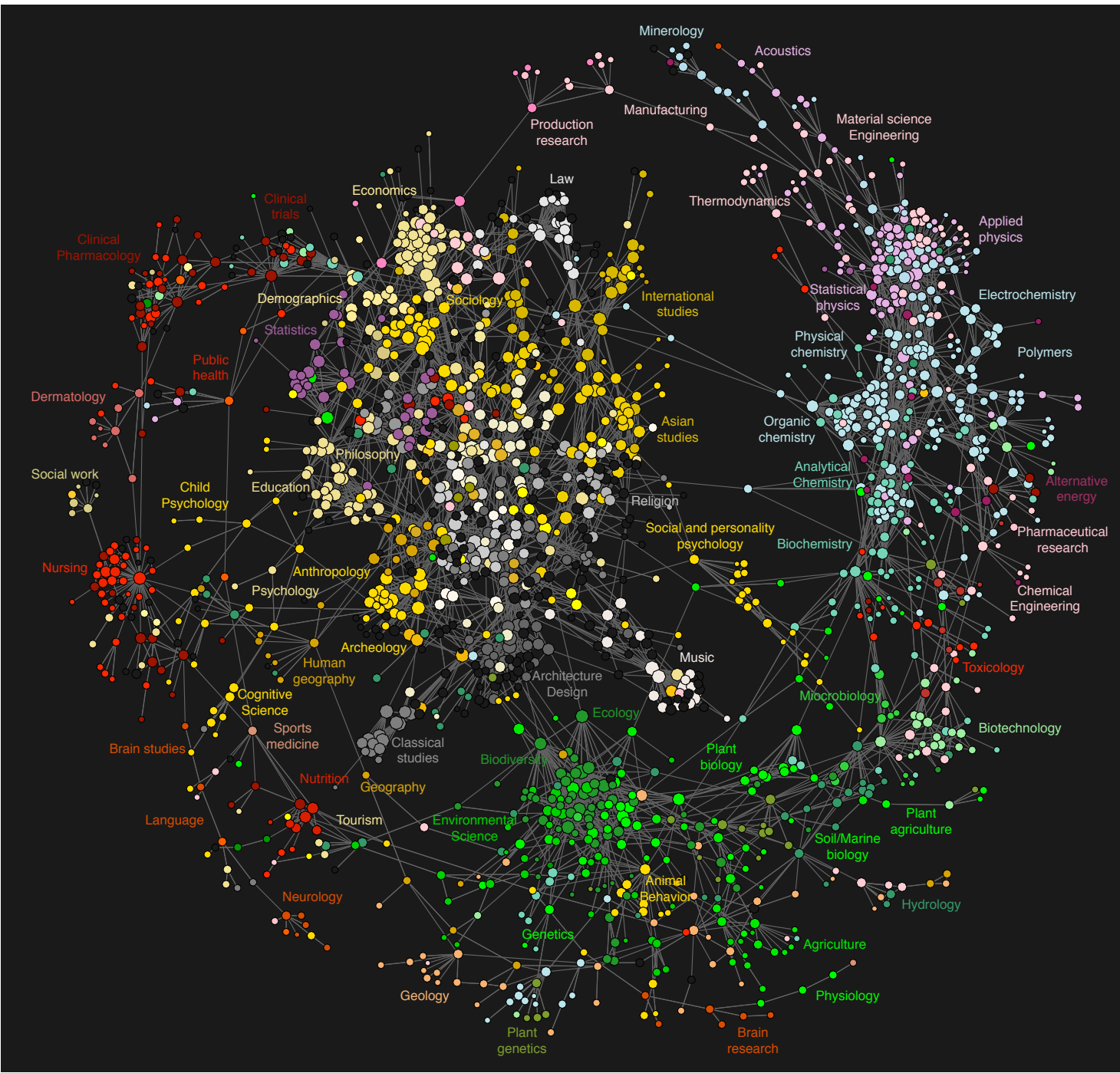
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Relationships among
Scientific Paradigms



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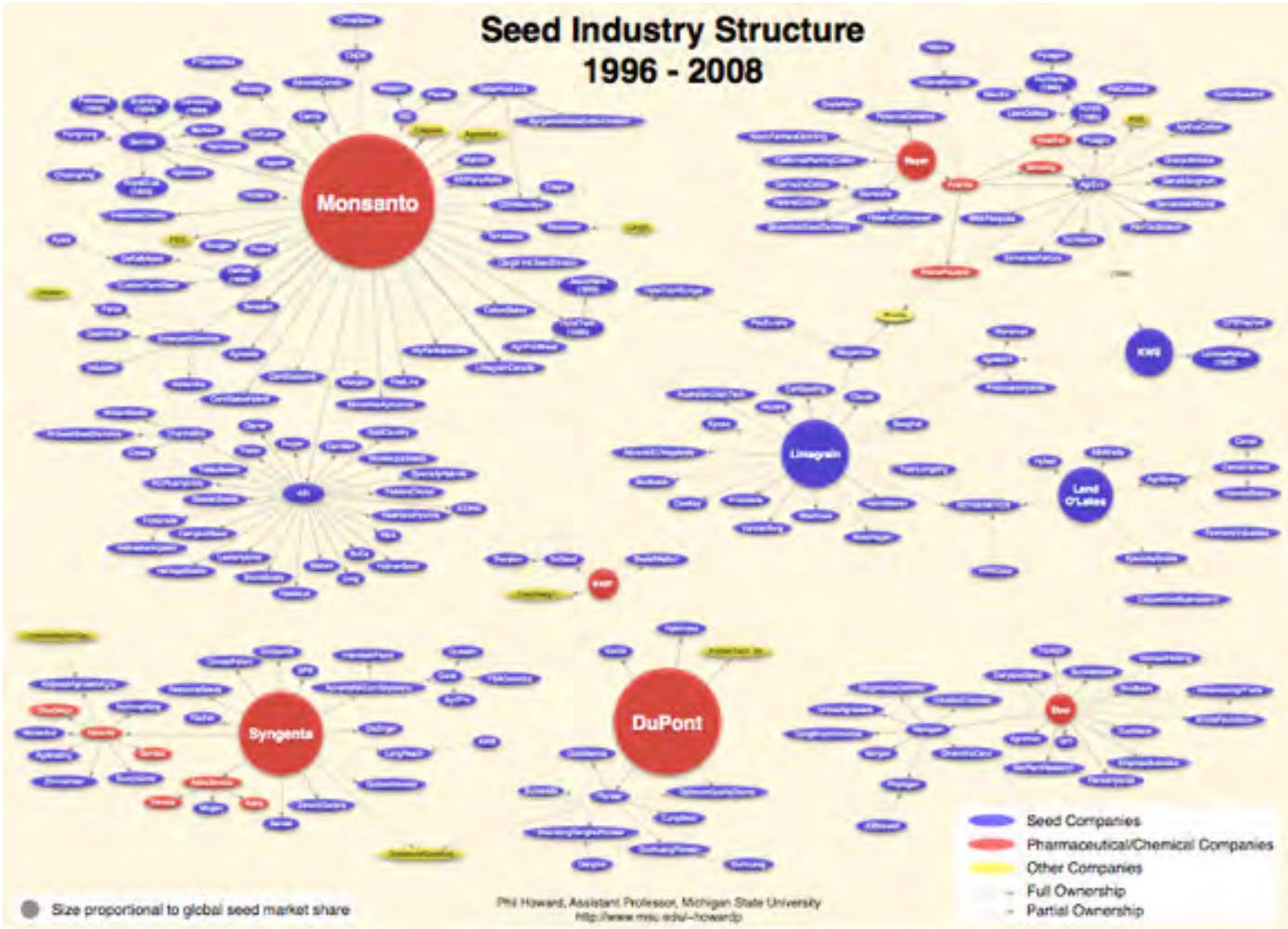
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networks in the food system



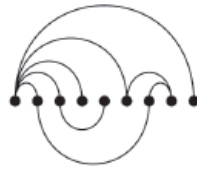
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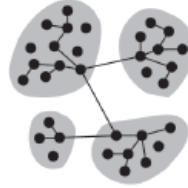


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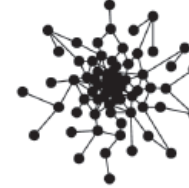
network typology - Manual Lima



Arc Diagram



Area Grouping



Centralized Burst



Centralized Ring



Circled Globe



Circular Ties



Elliptical Implosion



Flow Chart



Organic Rhizome



Radial Convergence



Radial Implosion



Ramifications



Scaling Circles



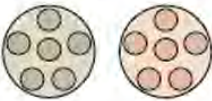





Segmented Radial Convergence



Sphere

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network typology - Pew Research Center

NETWORK TYPE			GROUPS	EXAMPLES
Divided 1		POLARIZED CROWDS This type illustrates different groups of Twitter users who discuss polarizing topics. They often rely on different sources of information and commonly do not interact with groups that disagree with them.	2 large	Politics or divisive topics that display separate "echo chamber" structures
Unified 2		TIGHT CROWDS This type captures close communities, such as conferences, professional topics and hobby groups, where participants strongly connect to one another for information, ideas and opinions.	2-6 medium	Hobbies, professional topics, conferences. No outsiders, all participants are members
Fragmented 3		BRAND CLUSTERS This type is formed around products and celebrities. These popular topics attract large fragmented Twitter populations, generating mass interest, but little connectivity.	Many small	Brands, public events, popular subjects
Clustered 4		COMMUNITY CLUSTERS These groups are created around global news events and popular topics. Communities form around multiple news sources. These community clusters are mostly disconnected from one another.	Many small and medium	Global news events
In-Hub & Spoke 5		BROADCAST NETWORK This type is often triggered by news media outlets and pundits who have loyal followers who retweet them. These communities are often star-shaped, as little interaction exists among members of the audience.	1 large, some secondary	News pundits and media outlets, famous individuals
Out-Hub & Spoke 6		SUPPORT NETWORK This type is created when companies, government agencies or organizations respond to complaints and customer requests. The company, or hub, account replies to many disconnected users, creating outward spokes.	1 large, some secondary	Companies and services with customer support

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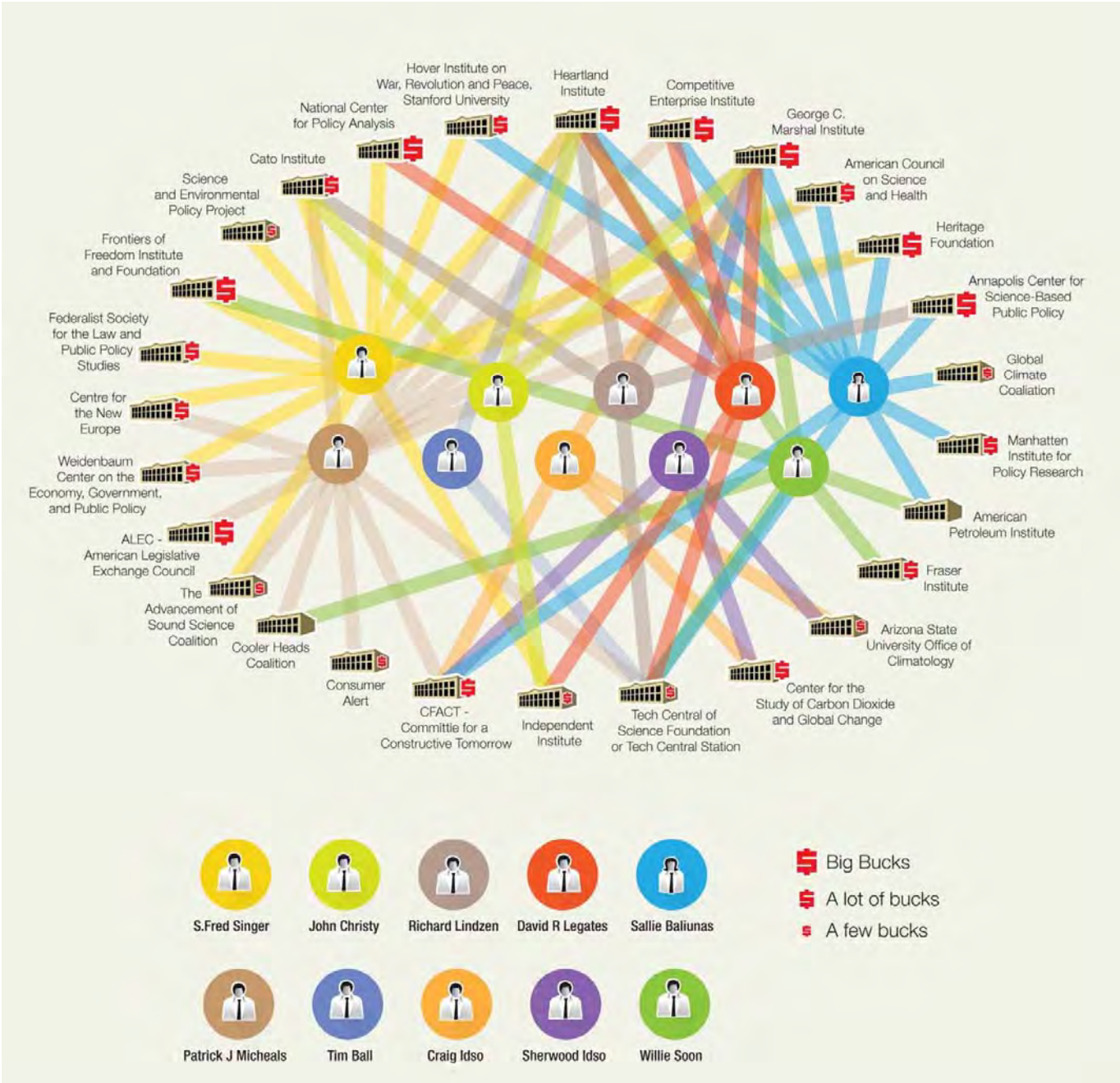
climate discourse visualization using Twitter hashtags



EMAPS (Electronic Maps to Assist Public Science). Created as part of the 7th annual DMI Summer School 24th June to 5th July 2013. Twitter hashtag clusters around the hashtag global warming/climate change. Depicted as network graph. DMI Twitter Capture and Analysis Tool (TCAT).

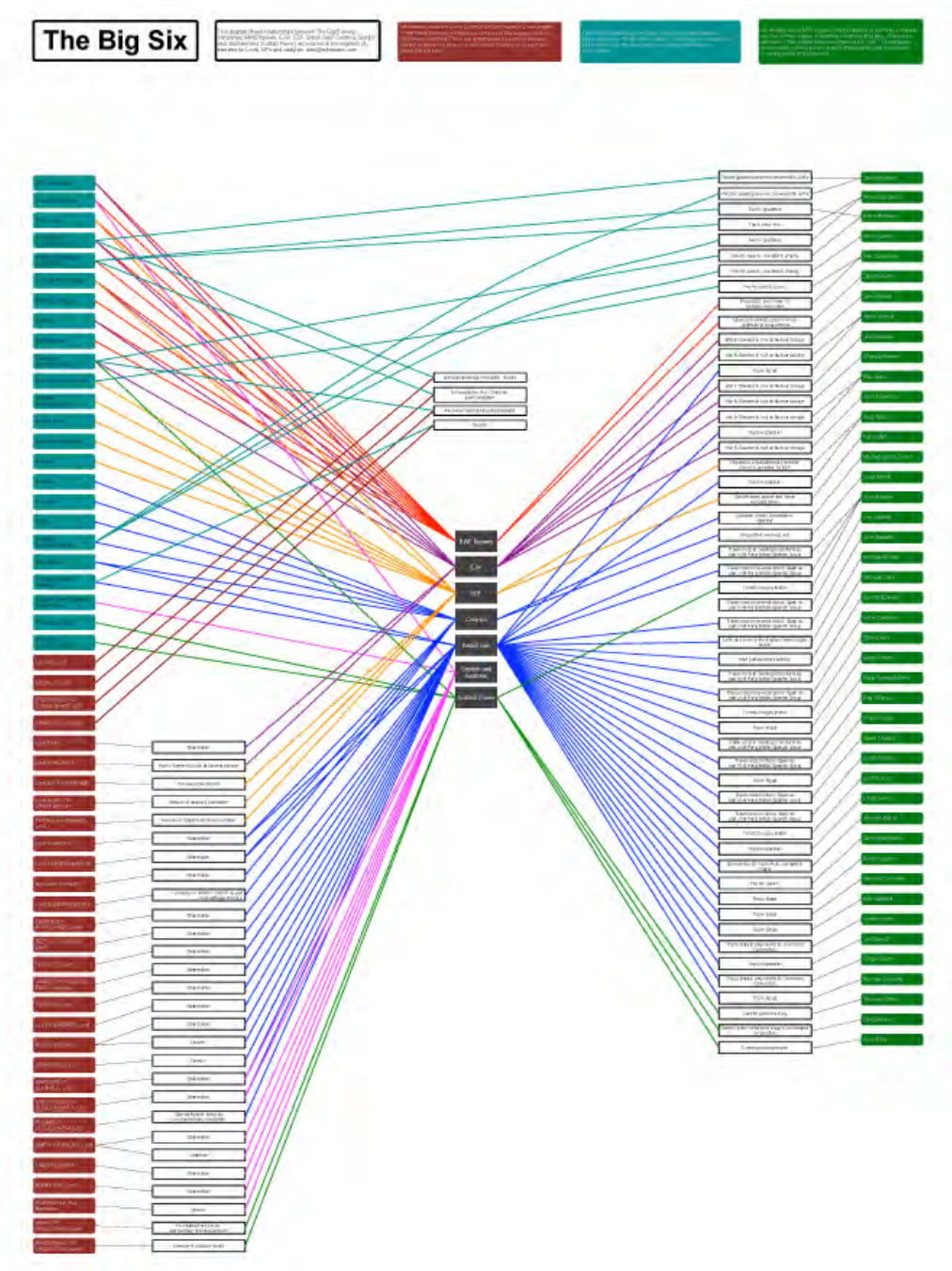
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Exxon Secrets network visualization - by Greenpeace



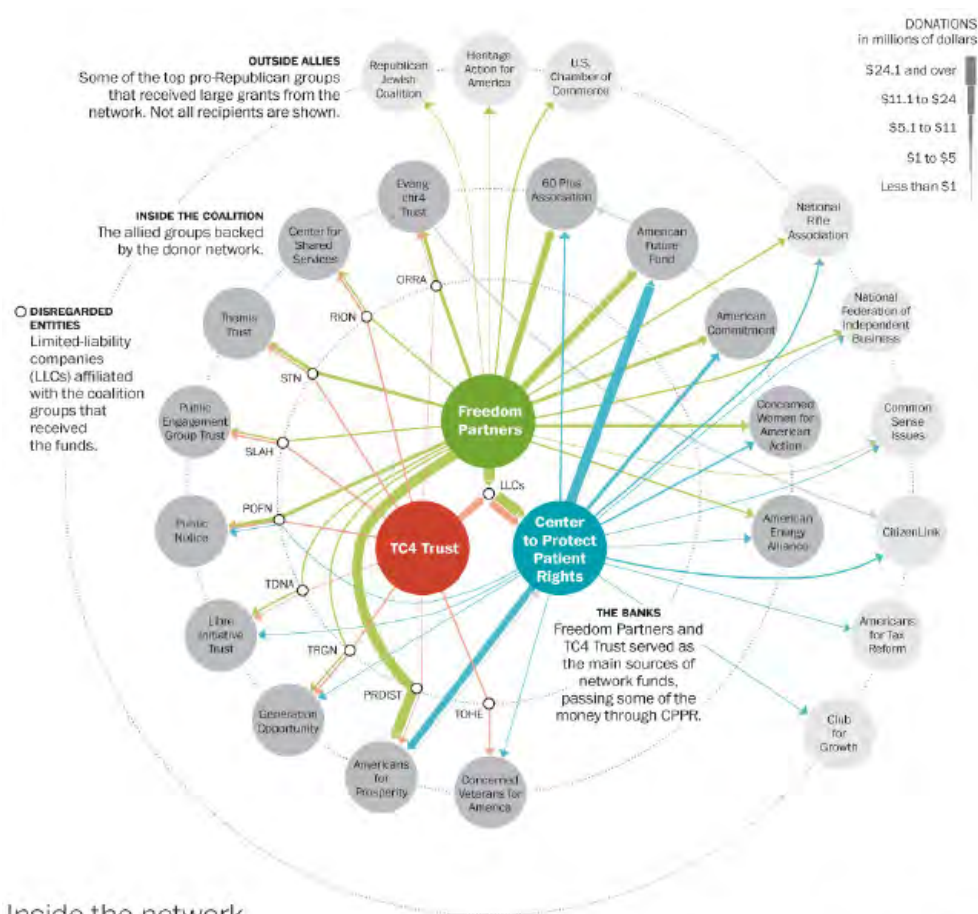
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The Big Six - UK Energy companies, lobbyists and MPs



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Koch network visualization + flow diagram- by OpenSecrets.org, Center for Responsive Politics

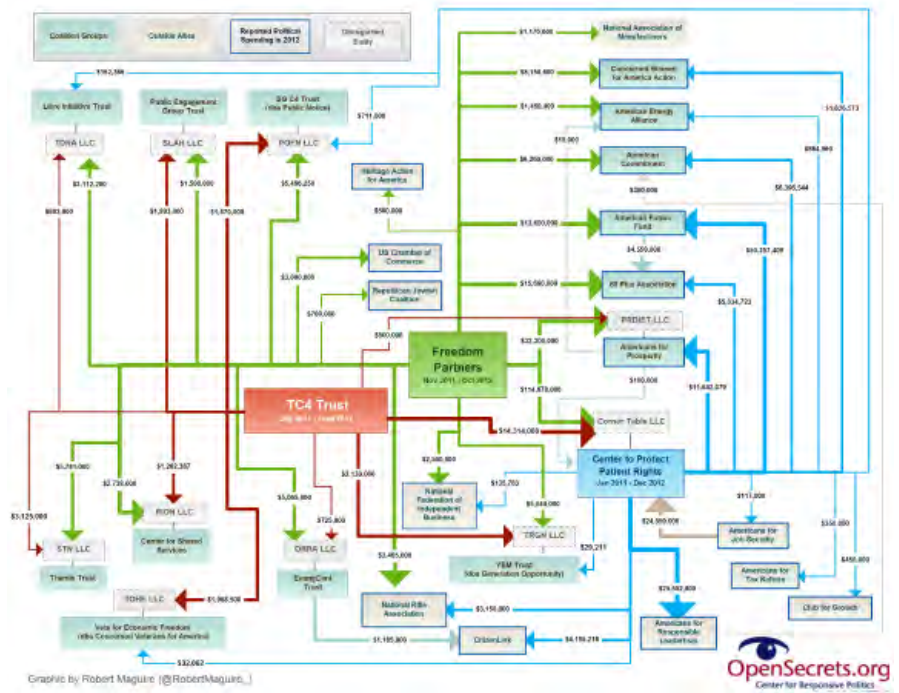


Inside the network

TC4 TRUST, a now-defunct Alexandria-based group, sent its funds to LLCs affiliated with the nonprofit groups in the network.

FREEDOM PARTNERS, an Arlington County-based group whose board includes current and former Koch Industries officials, now plays a role similar to that of TC4 Trust, funding many of the same groups.

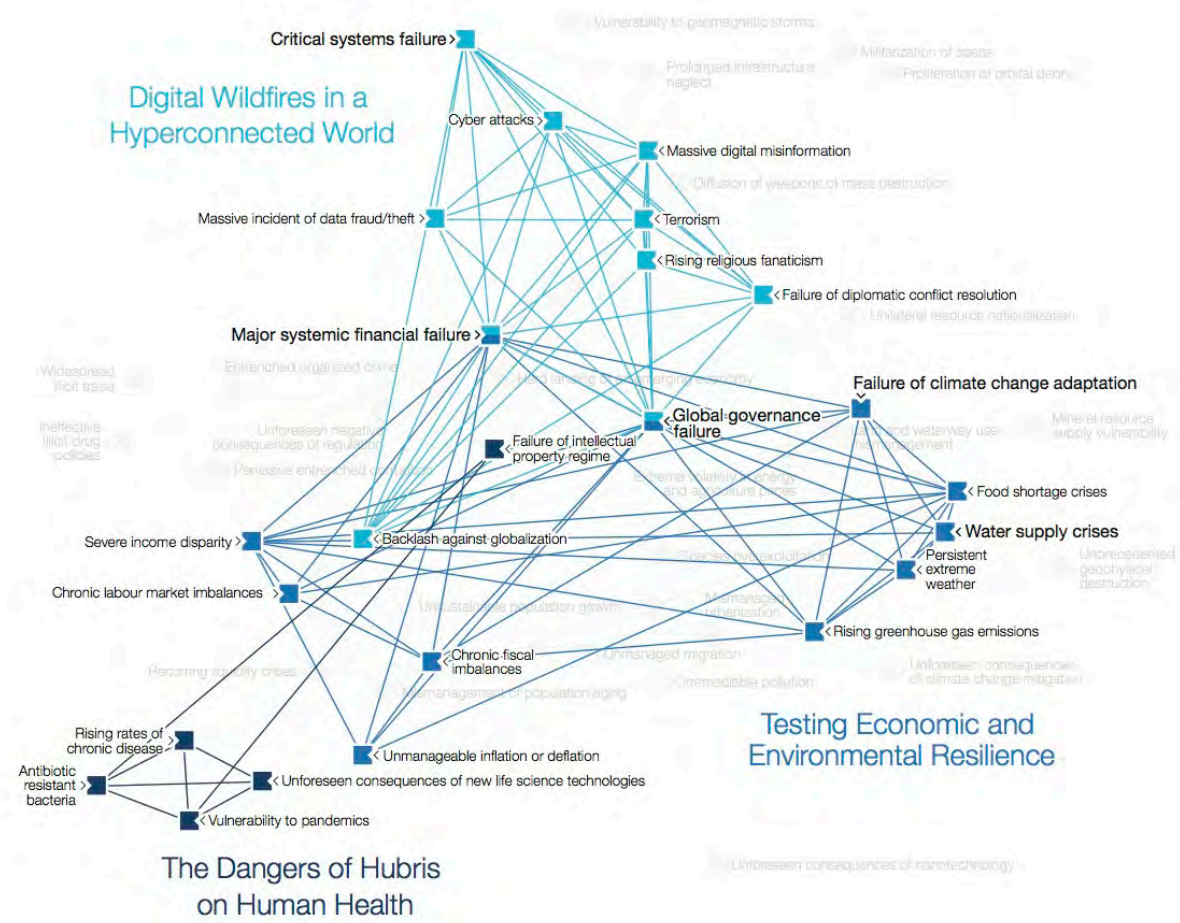
CENTER TO PROTECT PATIENT RIGHTS served as an intermediary group, passing along millions from TC4 Trust and Freedom Partners to nonprofit groups in the network.



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Global risksm, WEF

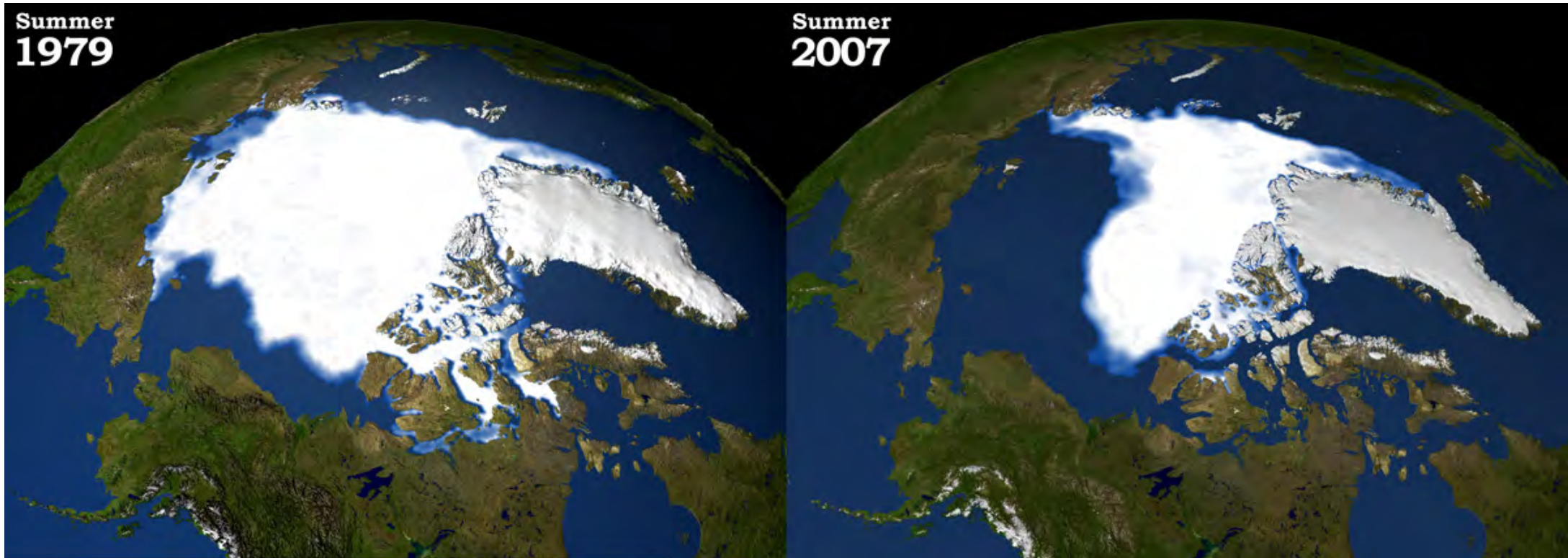
Figure 3: Global Risks Map 2013ⁱⁱ



Source: World Economic Forum

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Arctic ice caps



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Arctic ice caps

1982



2007



National Snow and Ice Data Center, 2007

2010 - 2030



2040 - 2060



2070 - 2090



Arctic Climate Impact Assessment, 2004

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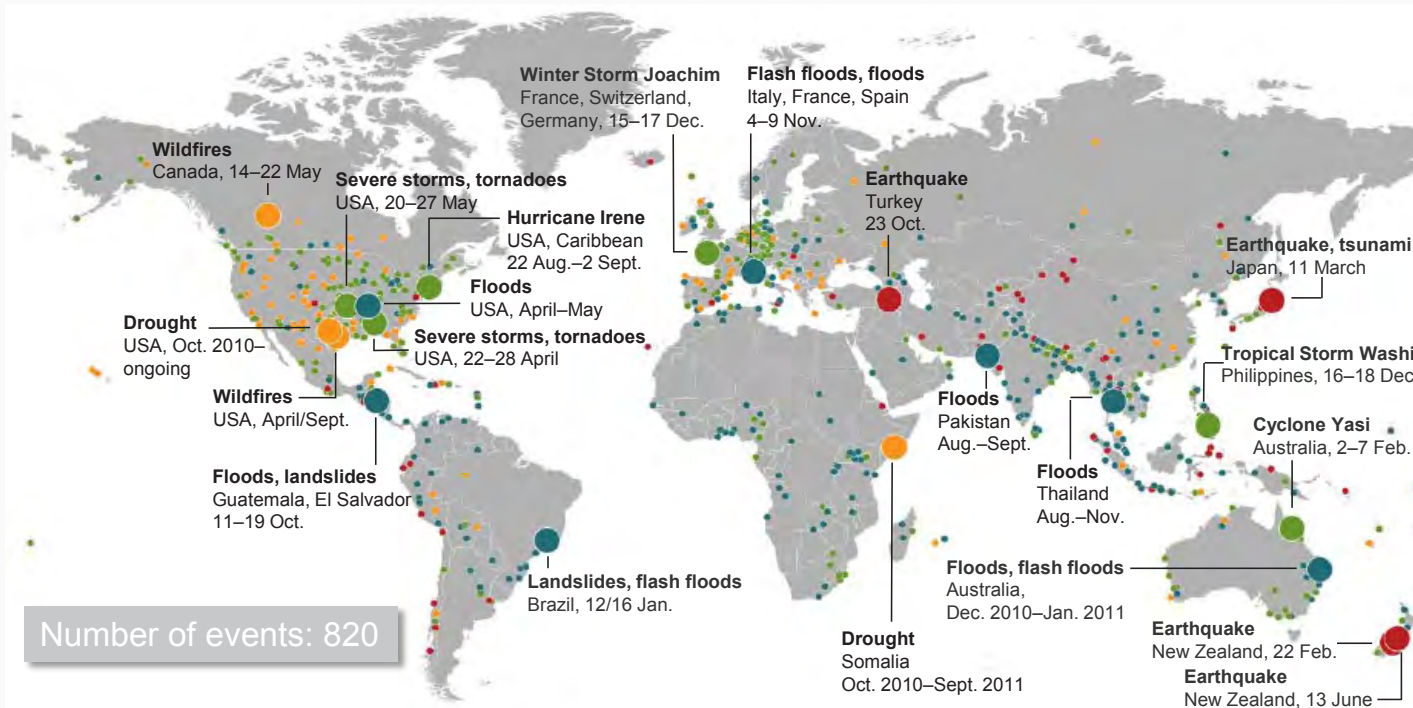
Natural catastrophes 2011

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Natural Catastrophes 2011

World map

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○ Natural catastrophes

○ Selection of significant
loss events

● Geophysical events
(earthquake, tsunami, volcanic activity)

● Meteorological events
(storm)

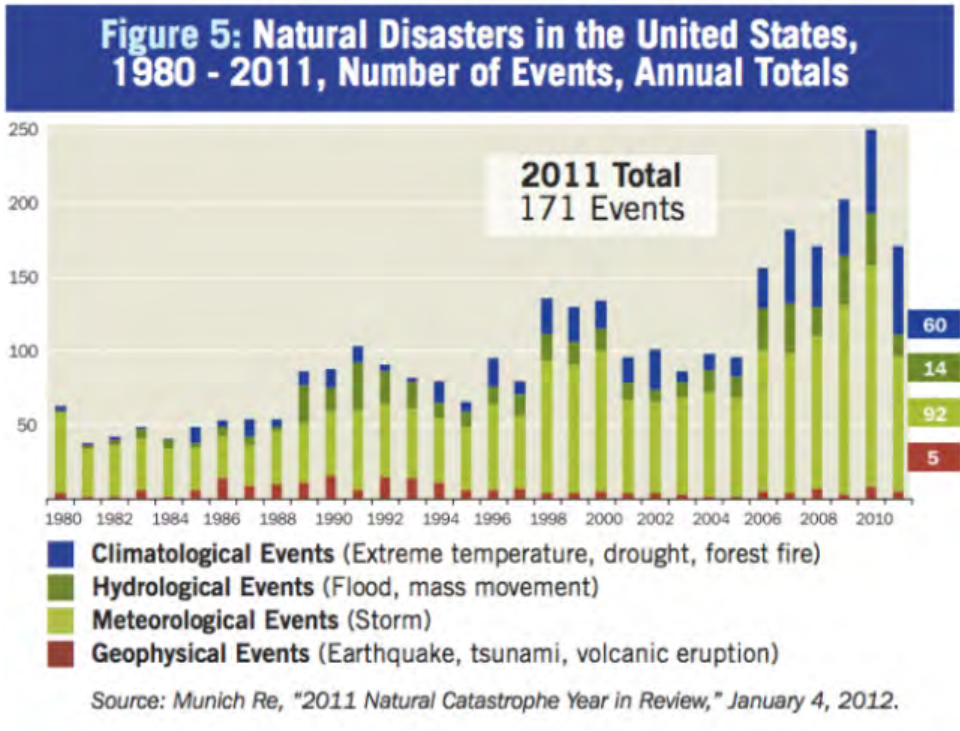
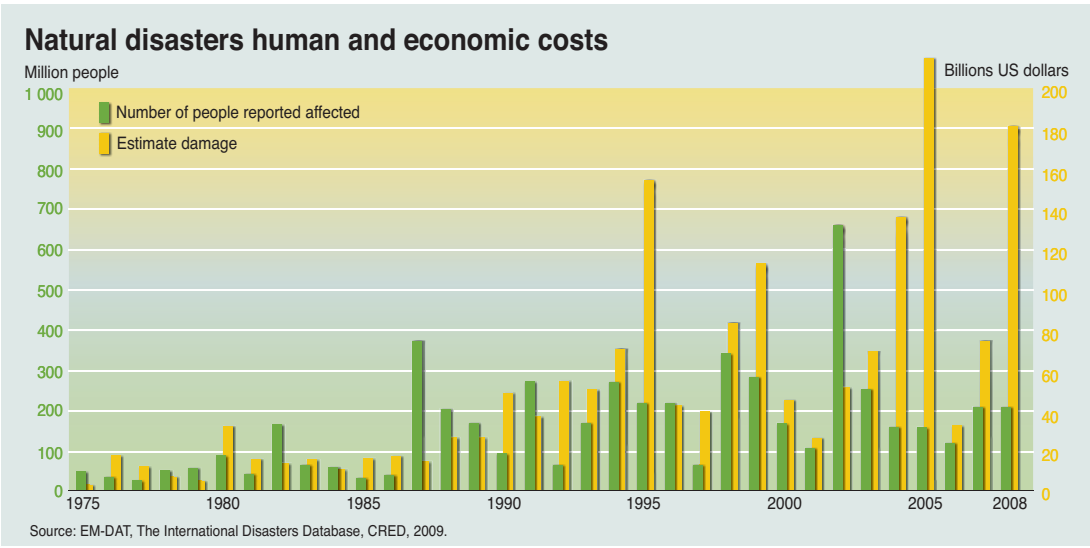
● Hydrological events
(flood, mass movement)

● Climatological events
(extreme temperature, drought, wildfire)

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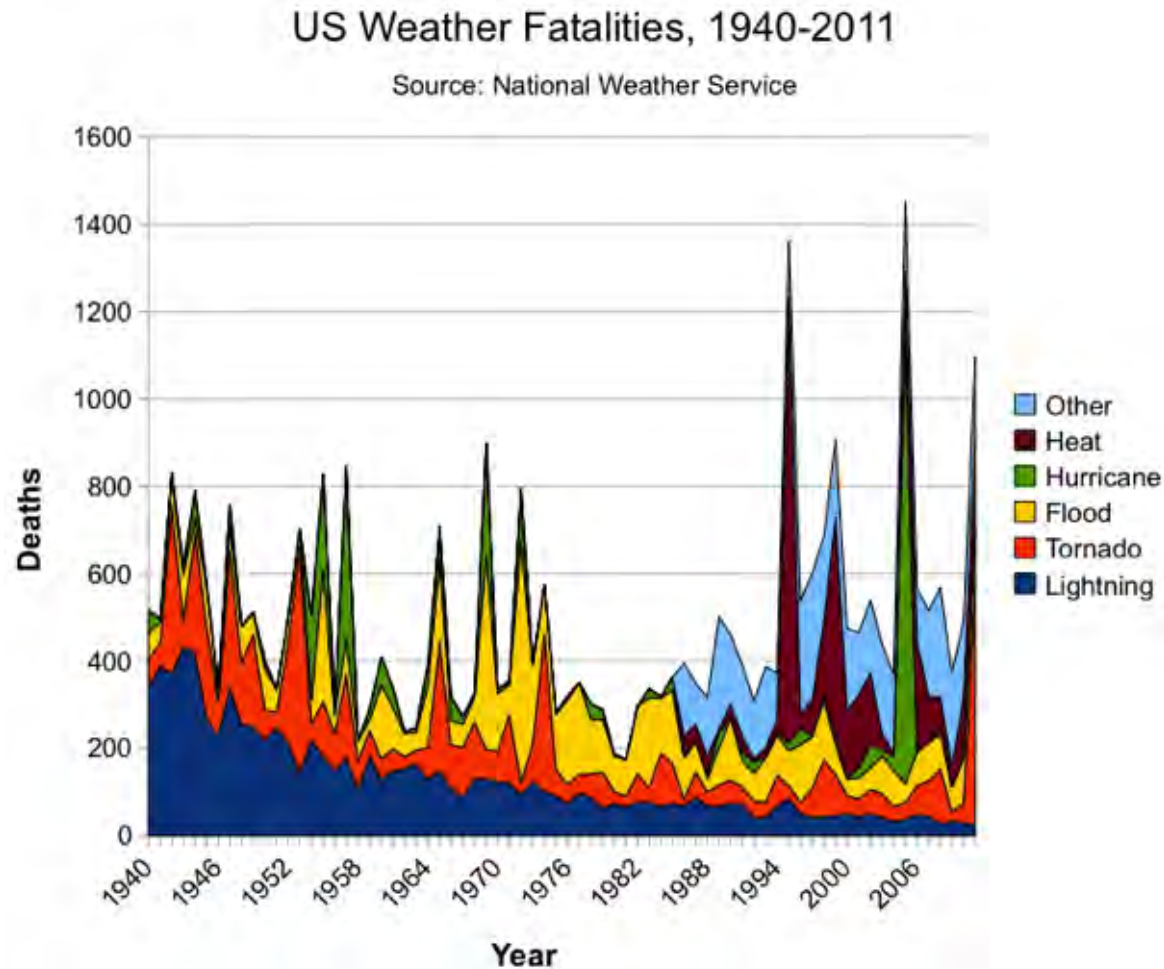
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human and economic cost of disasters + natural disasters in the USA



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US weather fatalities, National Weather Service

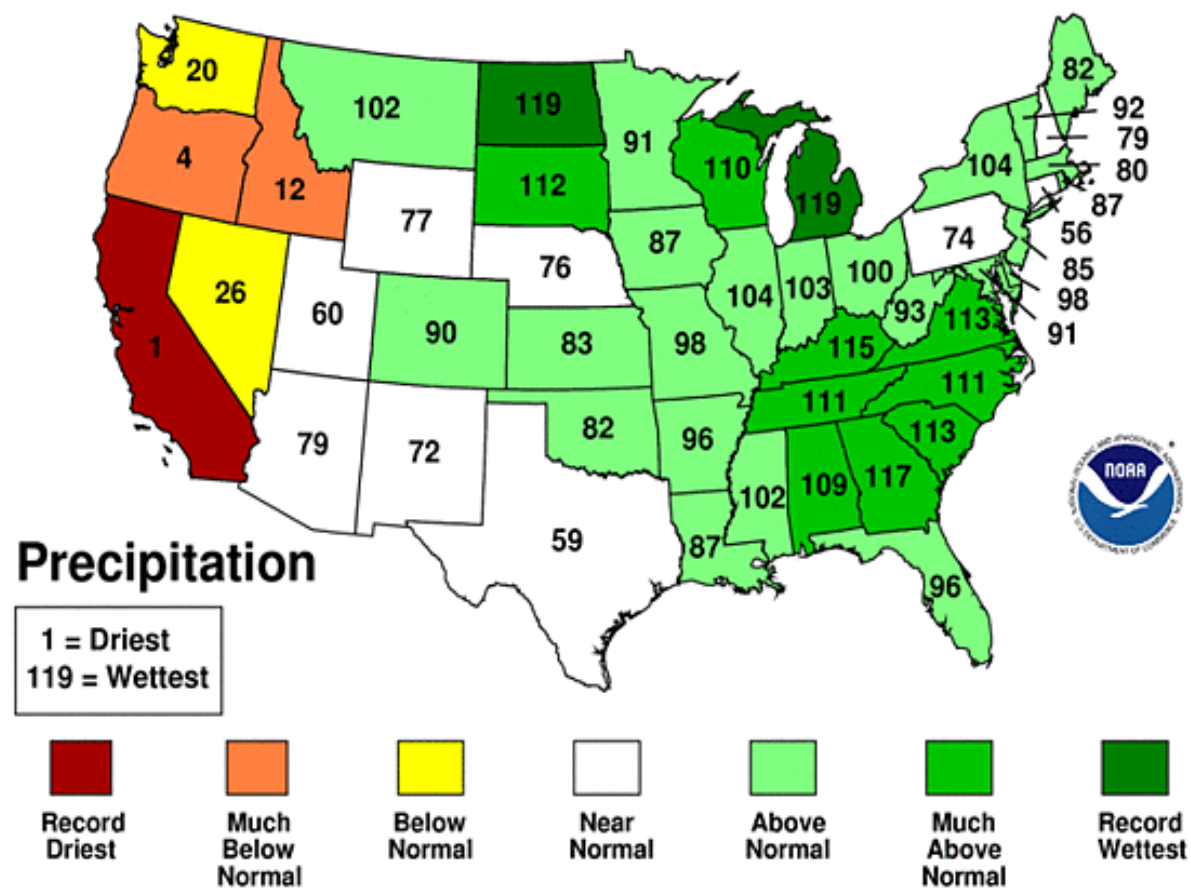


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precipitation

January-December 2013 Statewide Ranks

National Climatic Data Center/NESDIS/NOAA



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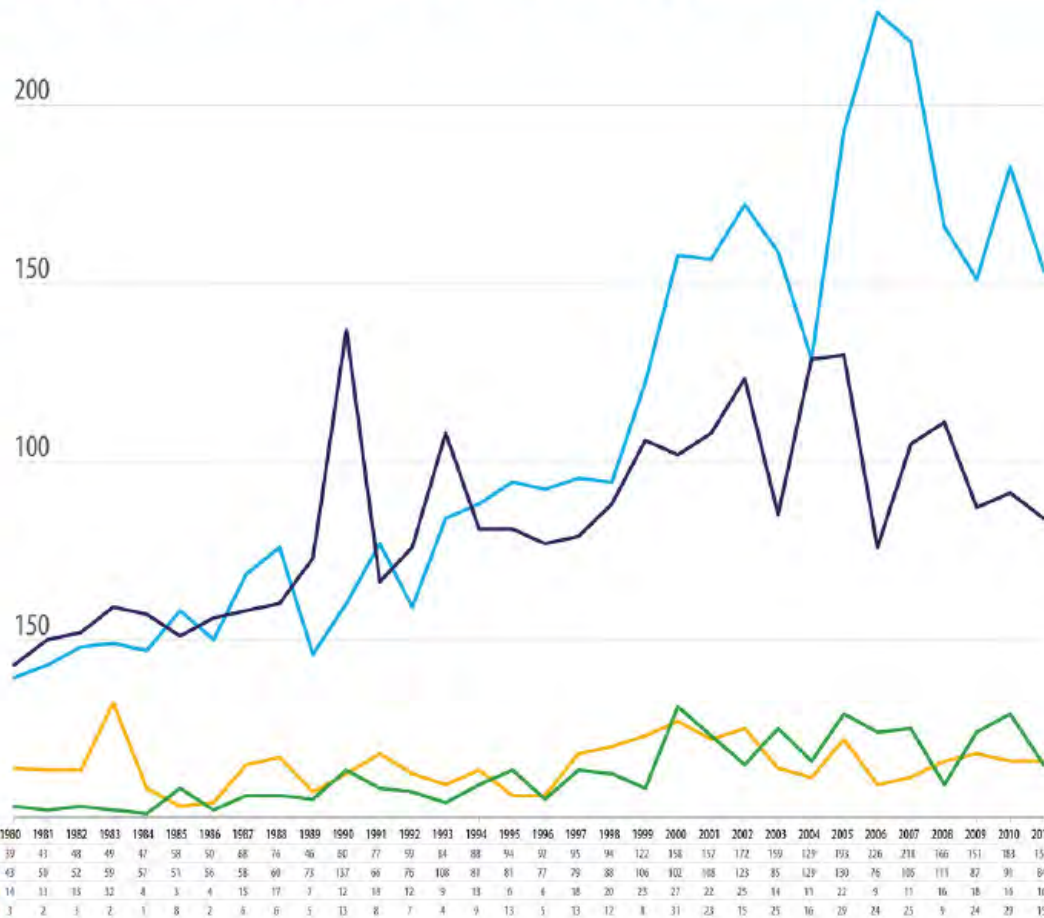
number of disasters, UNISDR



Created on 13 June 2012

EN-IAT - <http://www.emdat.be/> - The OFDA/RED International Disaster Database Data version: 13 June 2012 - v12.07

Humanitarian Symbol Set (2008)
<http://www.un.org/isa/isa-guidelines.cfm>



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impact of disasters, UNISDR

Impacts of Disasters since the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit

In 1992, the United Nations organized a conference on environment and development in Rio de Janeiro, called the Earth Summit. The purpose of the conference was to rethink economic growth, advance social equity and ensure environmental protection.

Twenty years later, the UN is organizing Rio+20, a chance to move away from business-as-usual and to end poverty, address environmental destruction and build a bridge to the future. Disaster risk reduction (DRR) plays an important part in this future of sustainable development.

Here's a look at the impact of disasters since the Earth Summit (1992-2012).



UNISDR
The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

<http://www.unisdr.org>

Created on 11 Nov 2012

DATA SOURCES:

Disasters - <http://www.unisdr.org>: The OCHA/UNISDR International Disaster Database. Data entries from 1992 to 2012. Disasters: Natural Disasters categorized as Disasters affected. The event affected homes, and people requiring immediate assistance during a period of emergency. It can also include displaced or evacuated people from disasters. Damage: Estimated figures killed. People can be killed as a result of personal injury and property loss.

UN Data - <http://data.un.org>: Estimated mid-year world population for 2010: 6.9 billion.

OECD - <http://stats.oecd.org>: GDP from 1980-2010 (mid) approximately 601.7 trillion.

Airbus - <http://www.airbus.com>: Airbus aircraft capacity: 18,801.



4.4
BILLION
AFFECTED

Roughly 64% of the world's population*.



\$2.0
TRILLION
DAMAGE (USD)

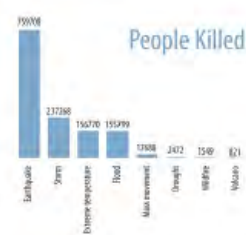
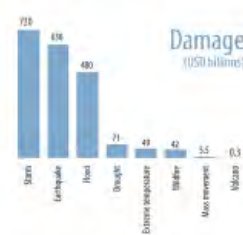
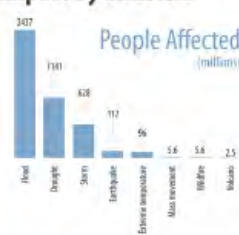
Approximately 25 years of total Overseas Development Aid*.



1.3
MILLION
KILLED

Comparable to over 1500 airplane* crashes.

Impact by disasters

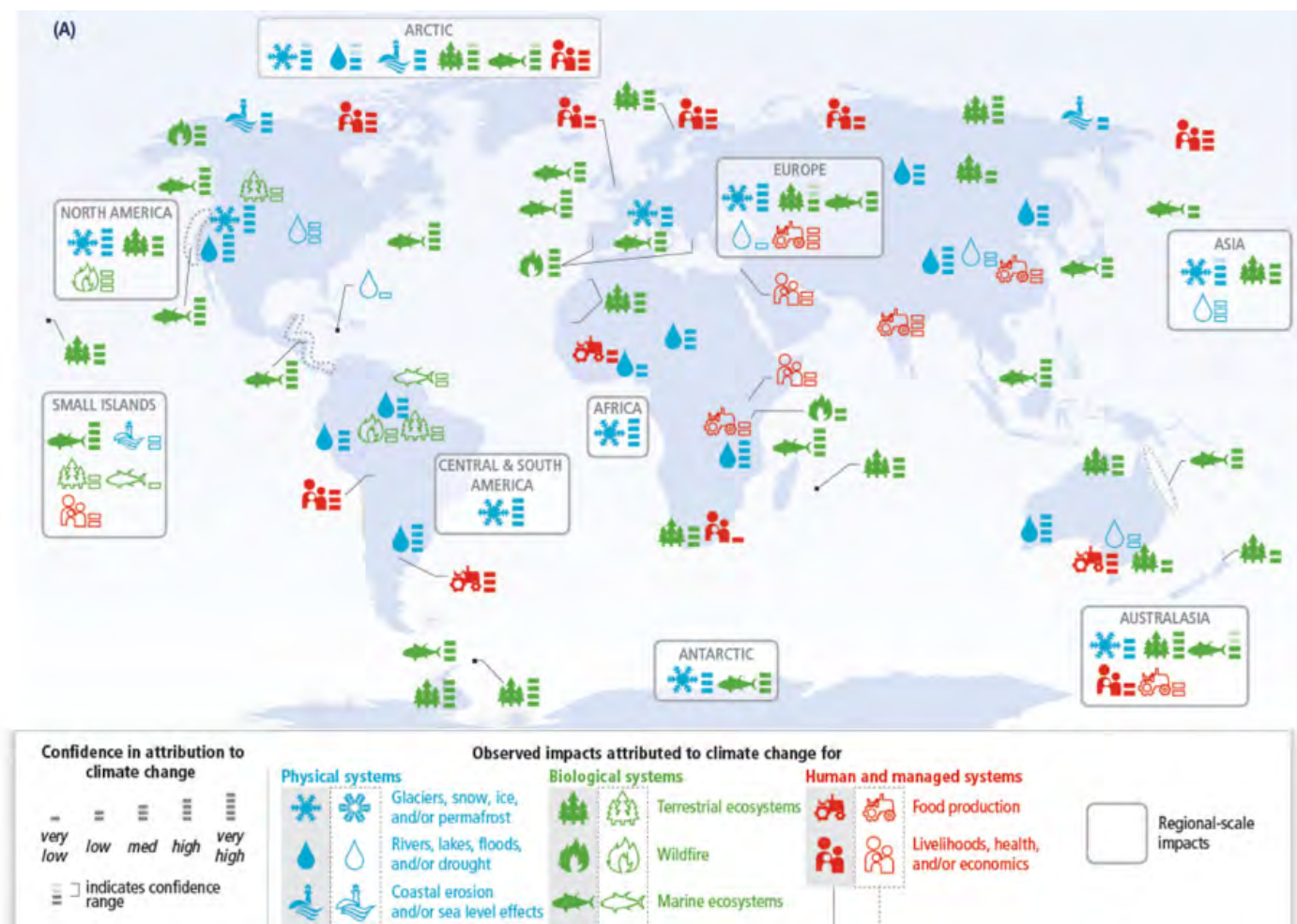


Impact by top 10 countries



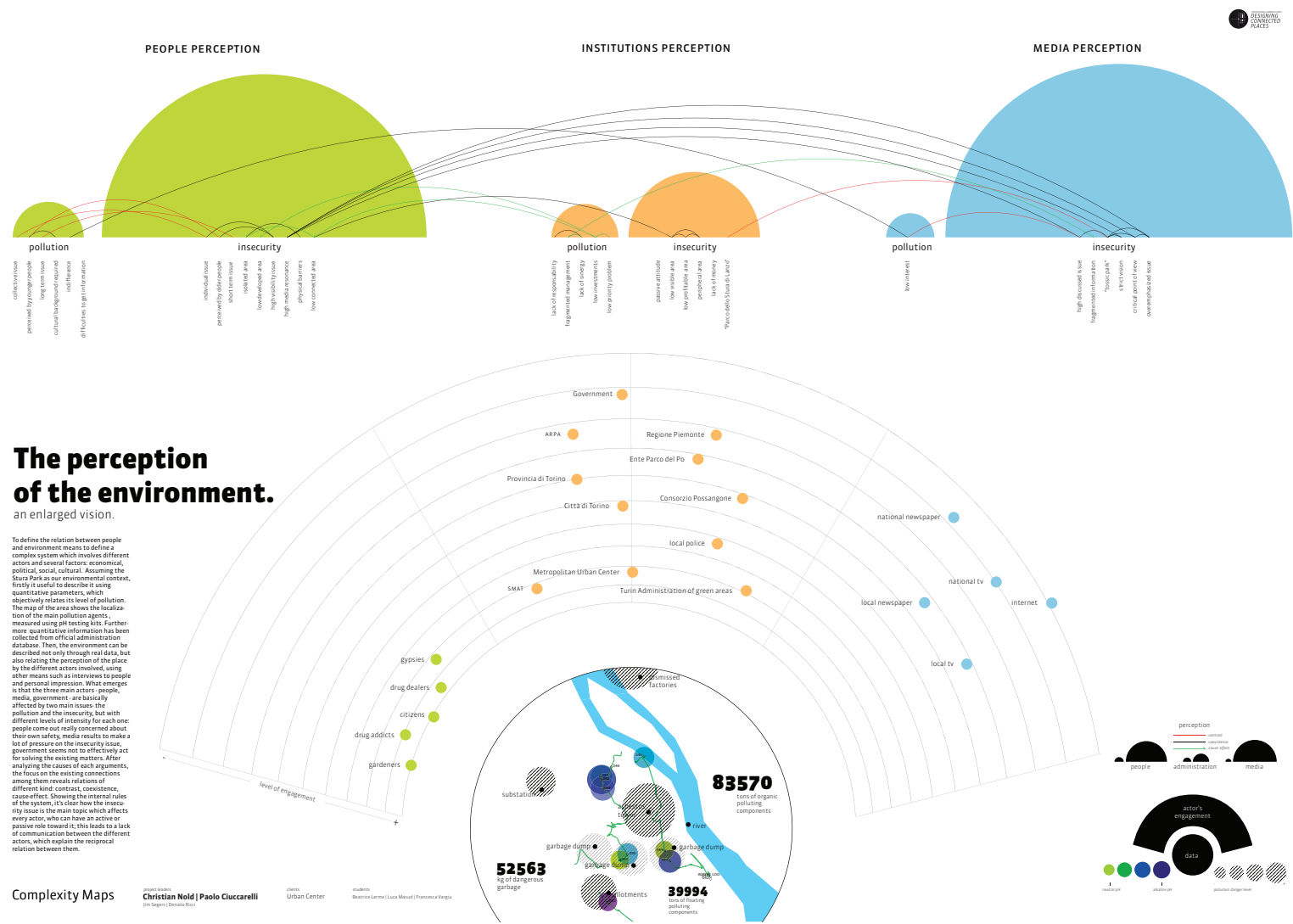
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Mapping impacts, IPCC 2014



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The perception of the Environment by Christian Nold and Paolo Ciuccarelli



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the “great acceleration” - post-ww2 industrialization

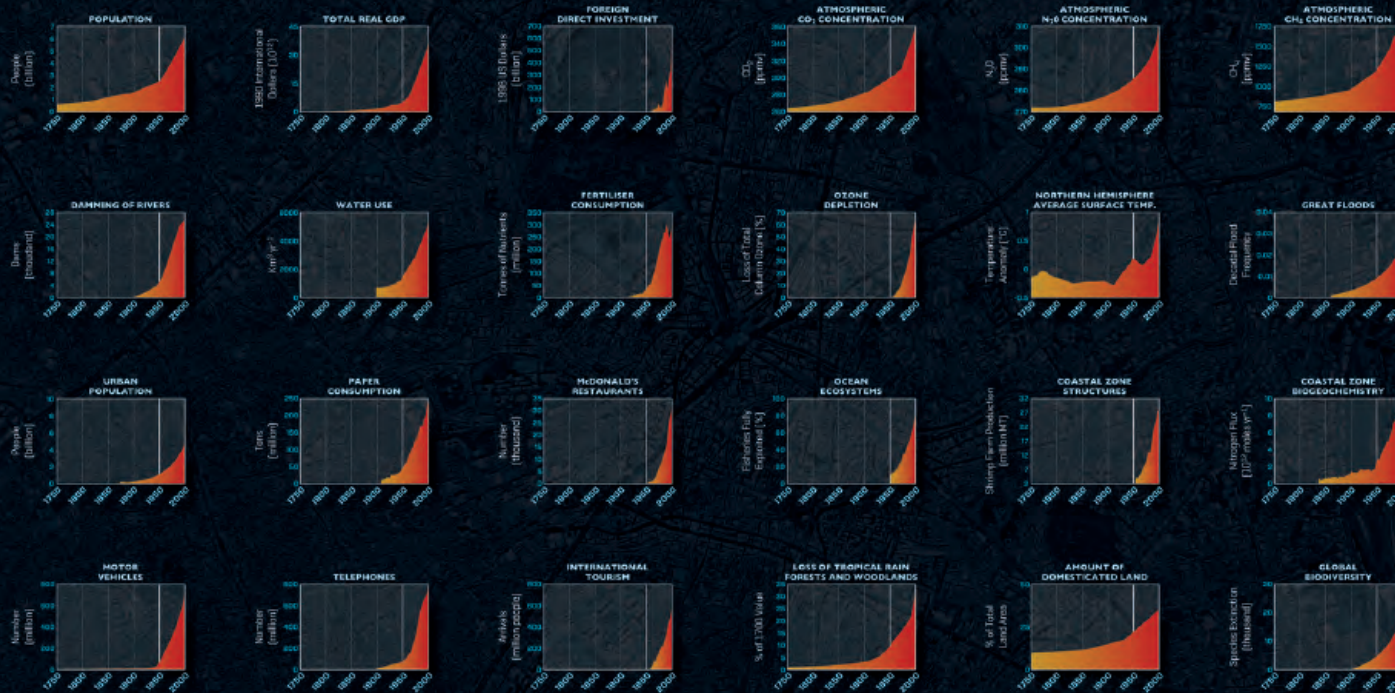
THE ANTHROPOCENE

The Anthropocene defines Earth's most recent geologic time period as being human-influenced, or anthropogenic, based on overwhelming global evidence that atmospheric, geologic, hydrologic, biospheric and other earth system processes are now altered by humans.

The line corresponding to 1950 highlights the **Great Acceleration**, the post-World War II worldwide industrialization, techno-scientific development, nuclear arms race, population explosion and rapid economic growth.

These graphs were compiled in a publication of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP).

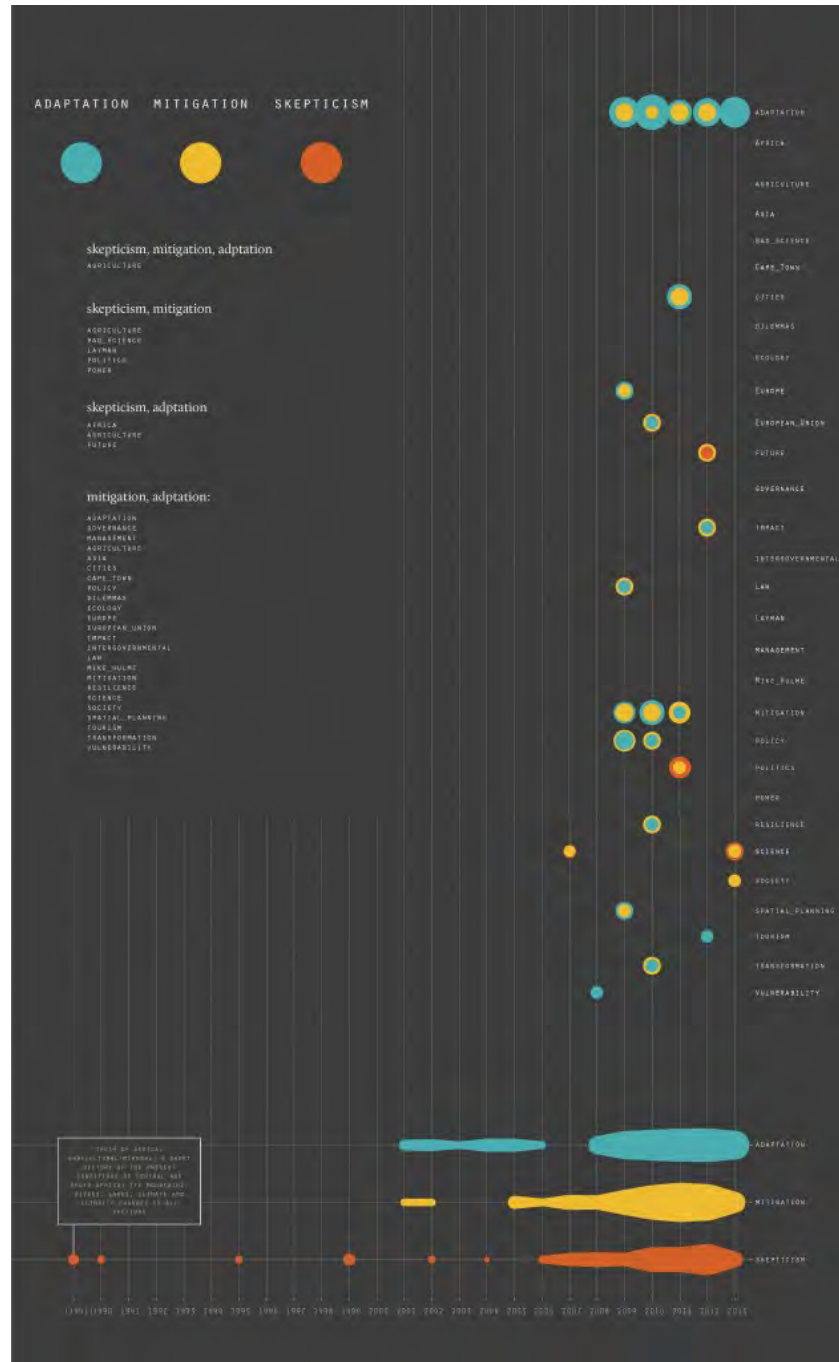
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SOURCE: igbp.net | Steffen et al., 2005, Global Change and the Earth System, Springer, pp. 132-133
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Climate change discourses - Bubble matrix visualization using keywords from book titles



Emaps Group. Climate change formats and keyword uptake. Depicted as bubble matrix. The visualization includes on the right side the keywords captured from book titles, and below the year that corresponds to each of the books from which the keywords were captured. Queries performed on 30 June 2013

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Another Misleading Fox News Graphic: Temperature Edition

BLOG >>> March 25, 2013 5:33 PM EDT >>> JILL FITZSIMMONS

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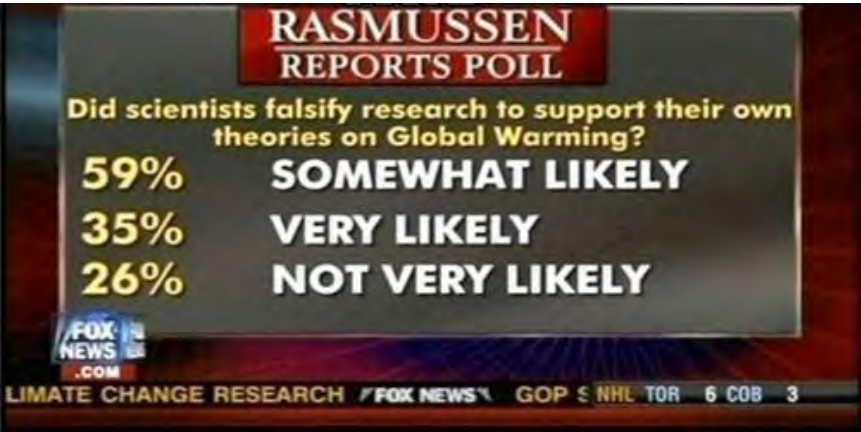
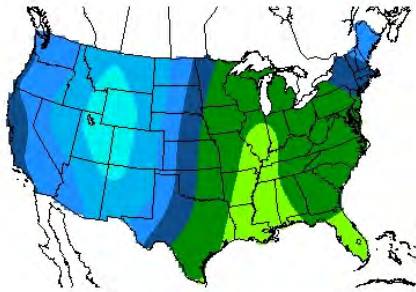
Fox News is suggesting that scientists were "wrong" about global warming by using misleading graphics to obscure the long-term global temperature rise.

On his Fox News show, Neil Cavuto suggested that the recent cold weather invalidates concerns about global warming, asking weather forecaster and climate misinformer **Joe Bastardi**, "How did we get this so wrong?" Cavuto aired a graphic which at first glance appears to show that temperatures are dramatically cooler now than they were last March. But the graphic compares apples to oranges: the map on the left shows whether temperatures were **above or below average** for the month of March, while the map on the right shows **absolute minimum** temperatures for last Wednesday, March 20.



If the temperature scale for the map on the right were applied to the map on the left, it would mean that temperatures were over 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the upper Midwest in March 2012.

A more honest comparison would look at the **same day** in March 2012, showing a far less stark contrast:



4. Concealing with Images - Climate denial



4. Concealing with Images - Environmental crisis as spectacle

Vogue Italia response to Deepwater Horizon



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Costing the Earth [Information is Beautiful Studio] (2011)

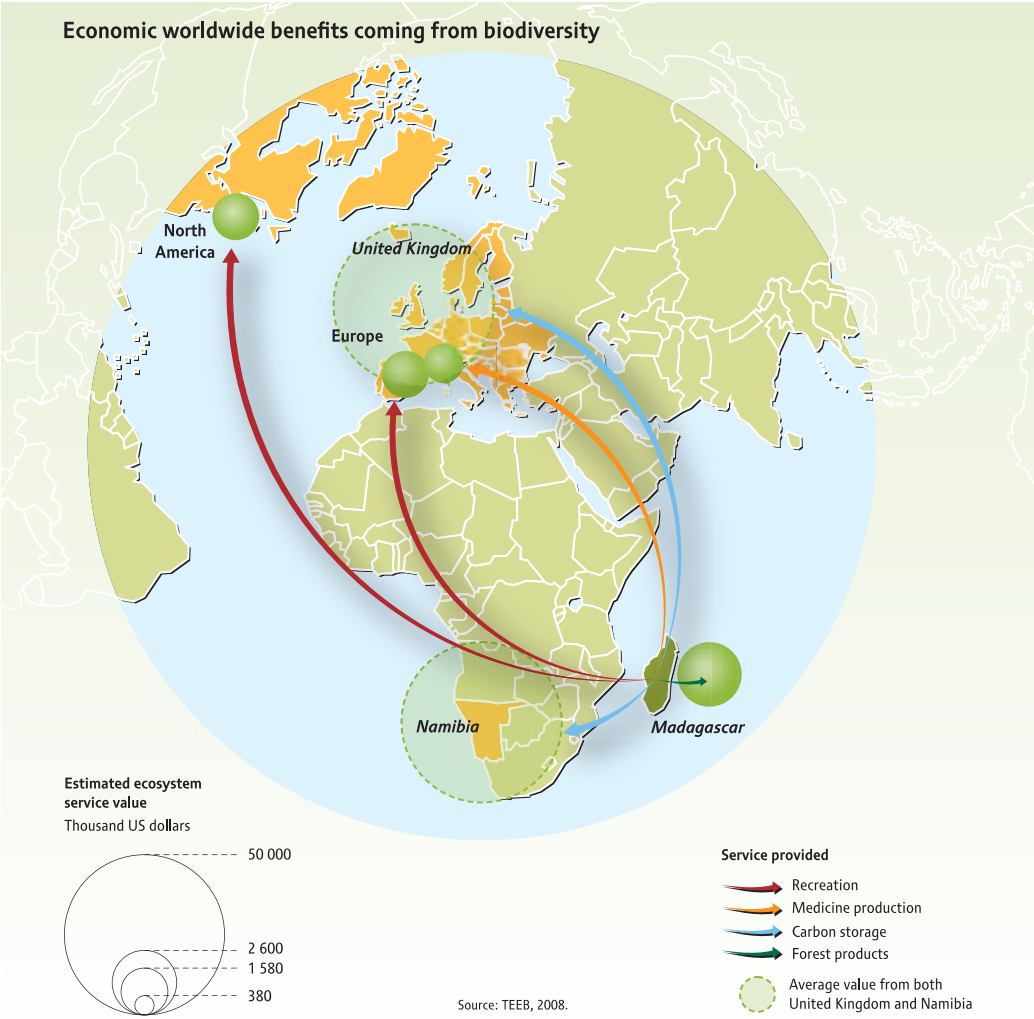


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Costing the Earth Revised (2013)



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In the future, the food chain
and the supply chain will merge.



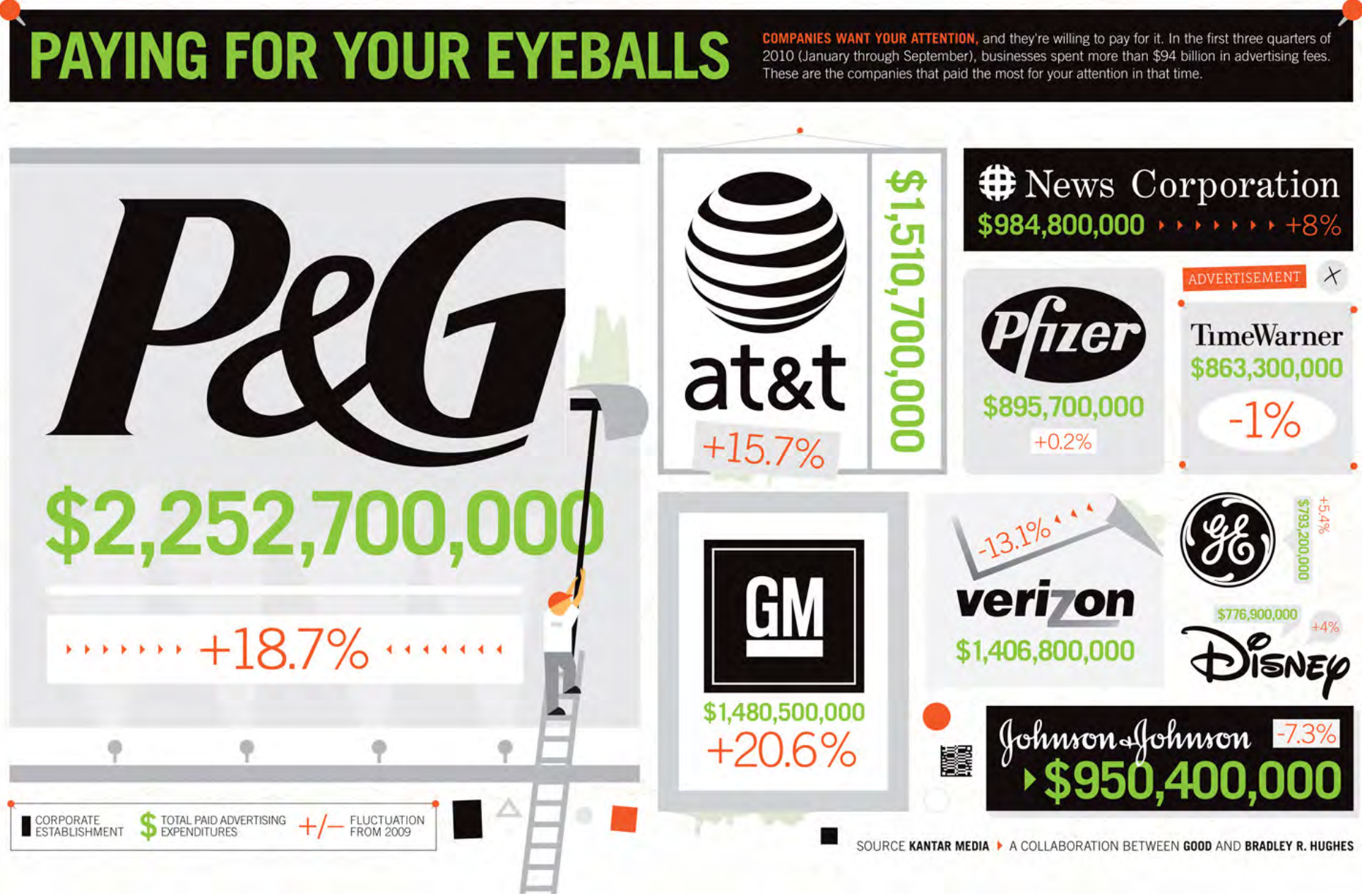
In tomorrow's global economy, every resource will be counted. HSBC is one of the world's leading supply chain organisations. We help companies keep tabs on stock across six continents – and five oceans. The future starts today.

There's more on world trade
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4. Concealing with Images *Whose interests are being served?*



5. Conclusion: A Role for Design

Mapping the design for a circular economy, The Four Design Models - by The Great Recovery at the RSA



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