

Energy Poverty and The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels

A tale of two babies



3 keys to fighting energy poverty

1. Value efficient energy industries
2. Liberate all energy industries
3. Promote individual freedom globally

3 major causes of energy poverty

1. We undervalue energy.
2. We undervalue *efficient* energy industries.
3. We restrict the most efficient energy industries.

Cause 1:
**We undervalue energy
abundance**

Energy abundance and human flourishing

What is energy abundance?

What is energy?

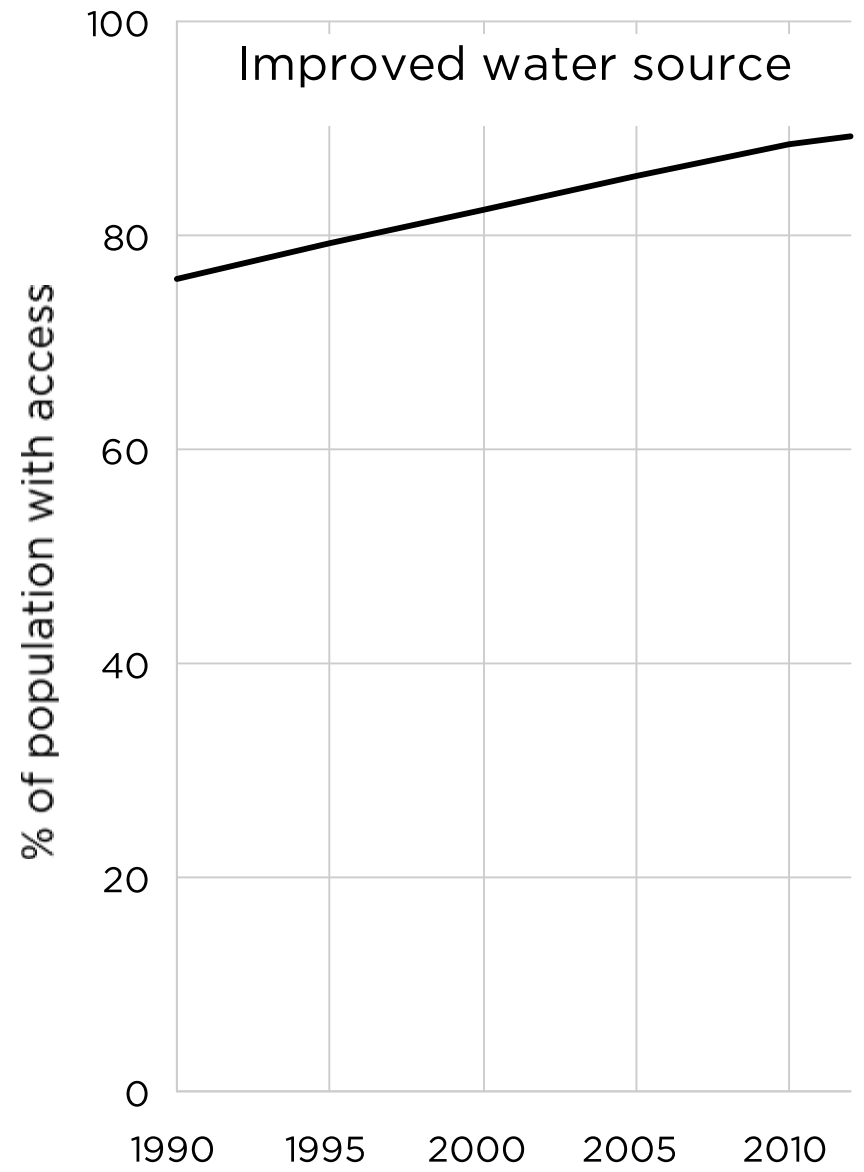
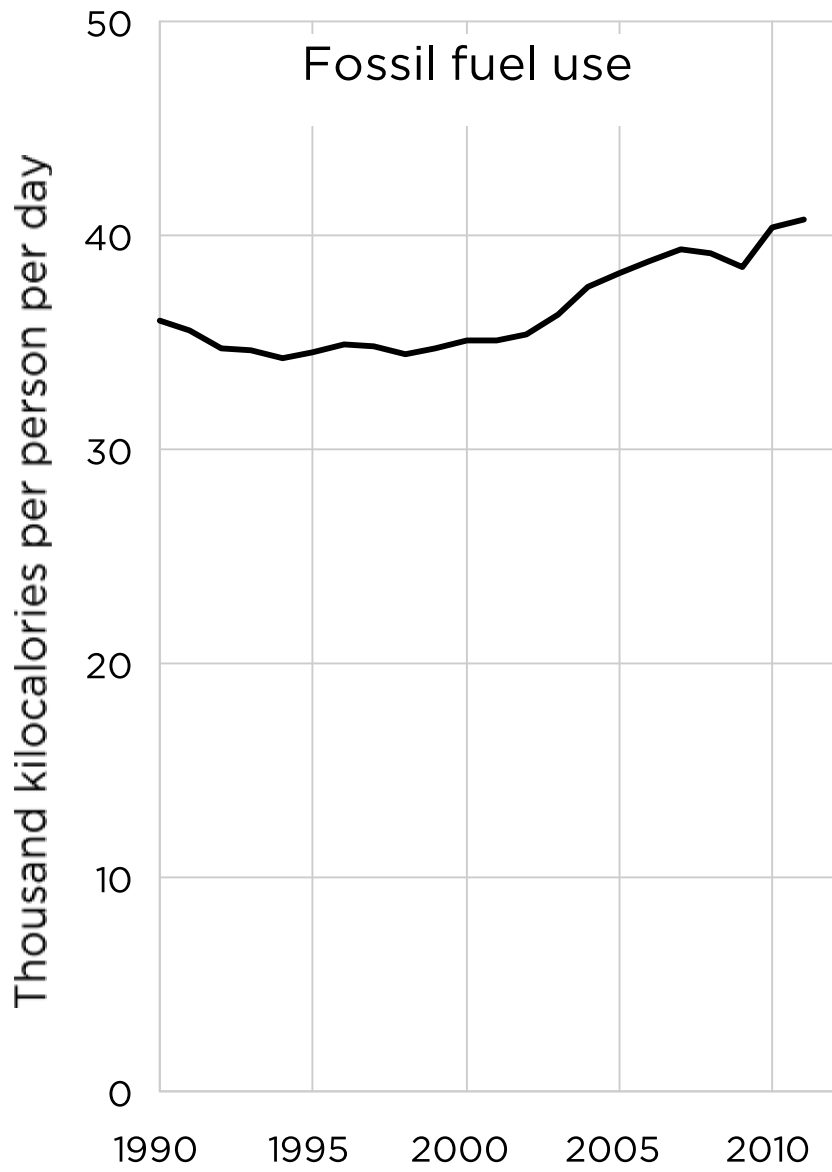
What does the energy industry do?

4 underappreciated benefits of cheap, plentiful, reliable energy

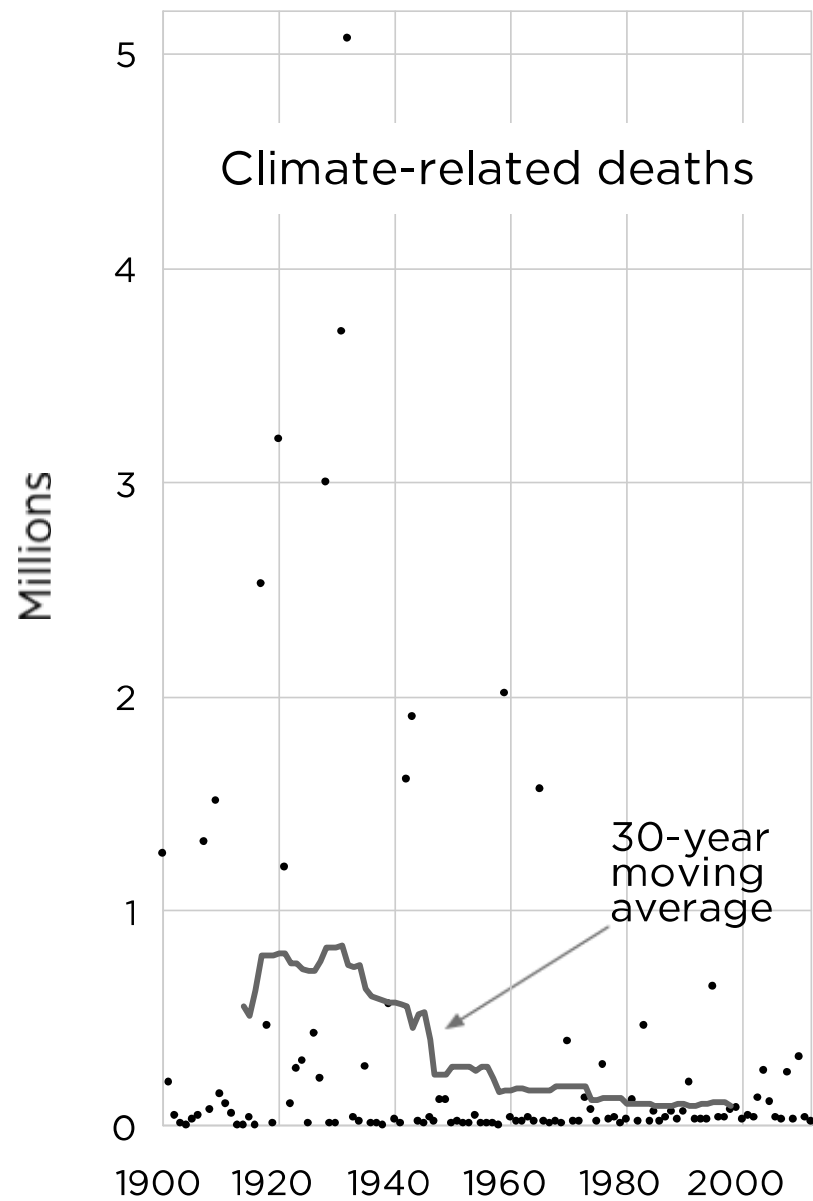
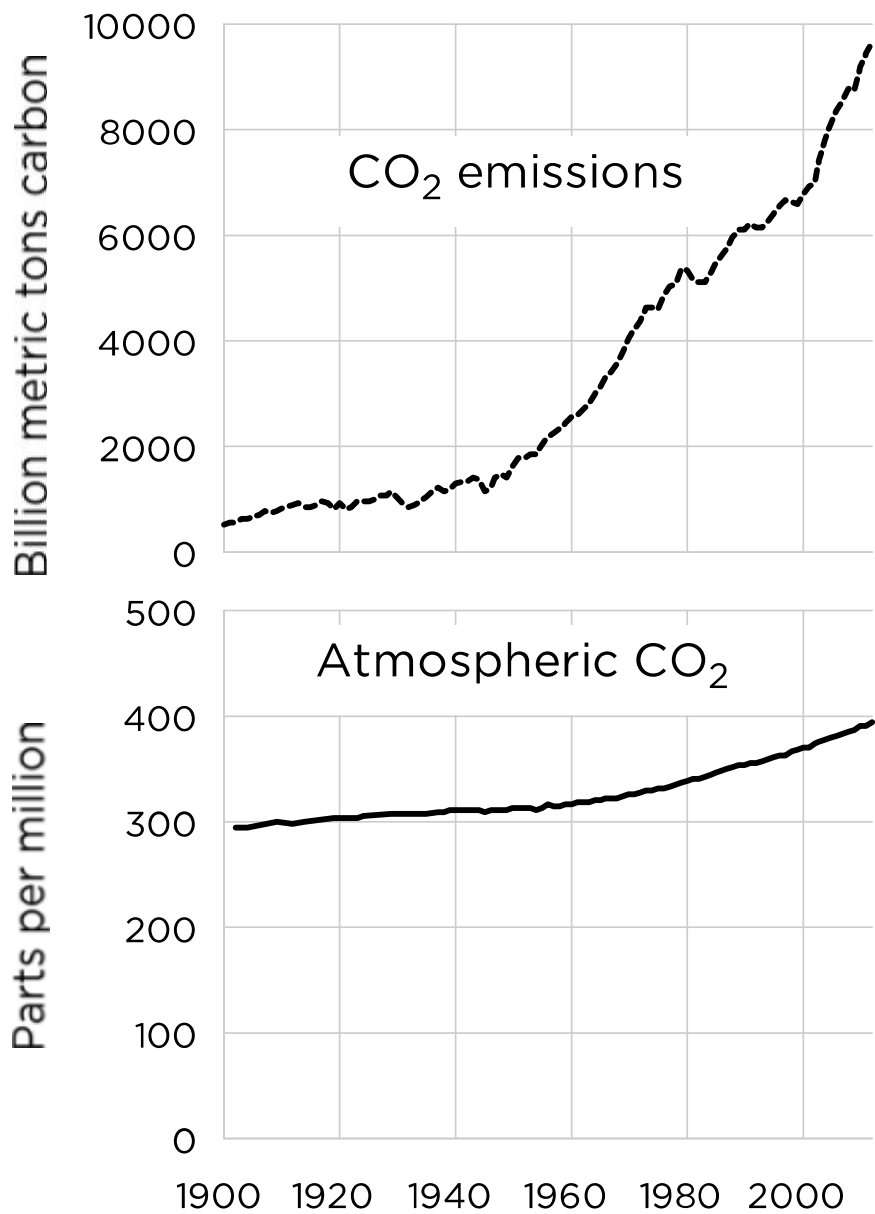
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Knowledge

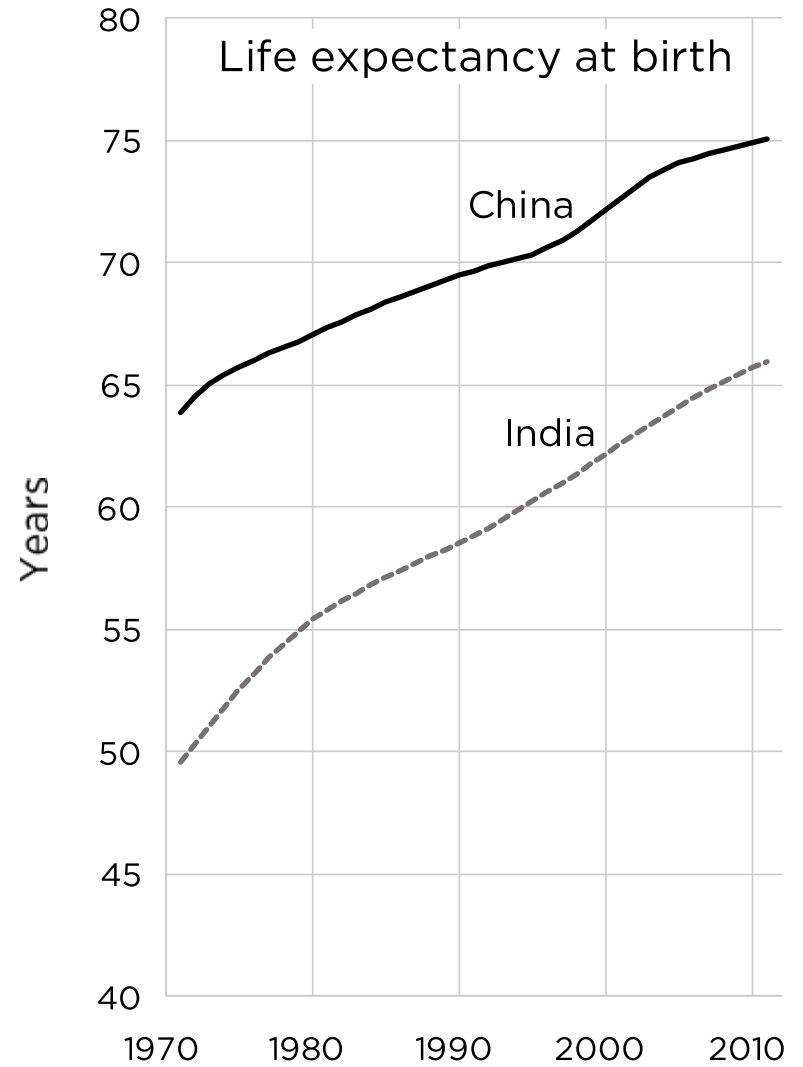
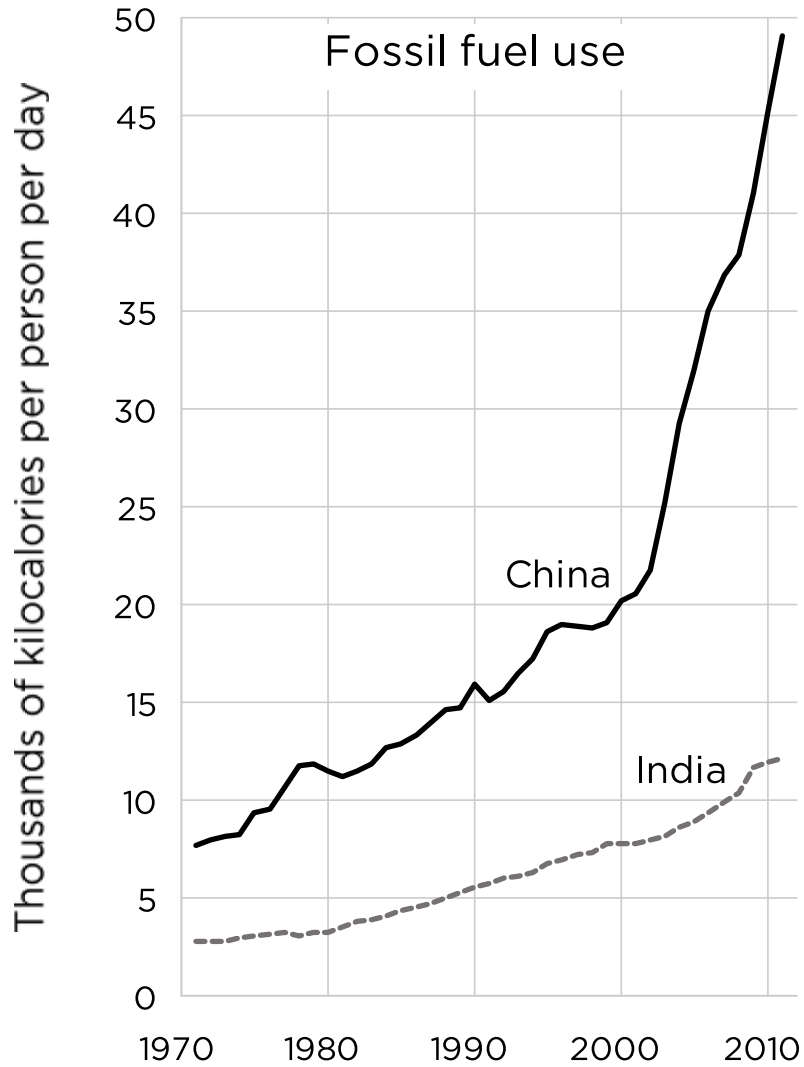
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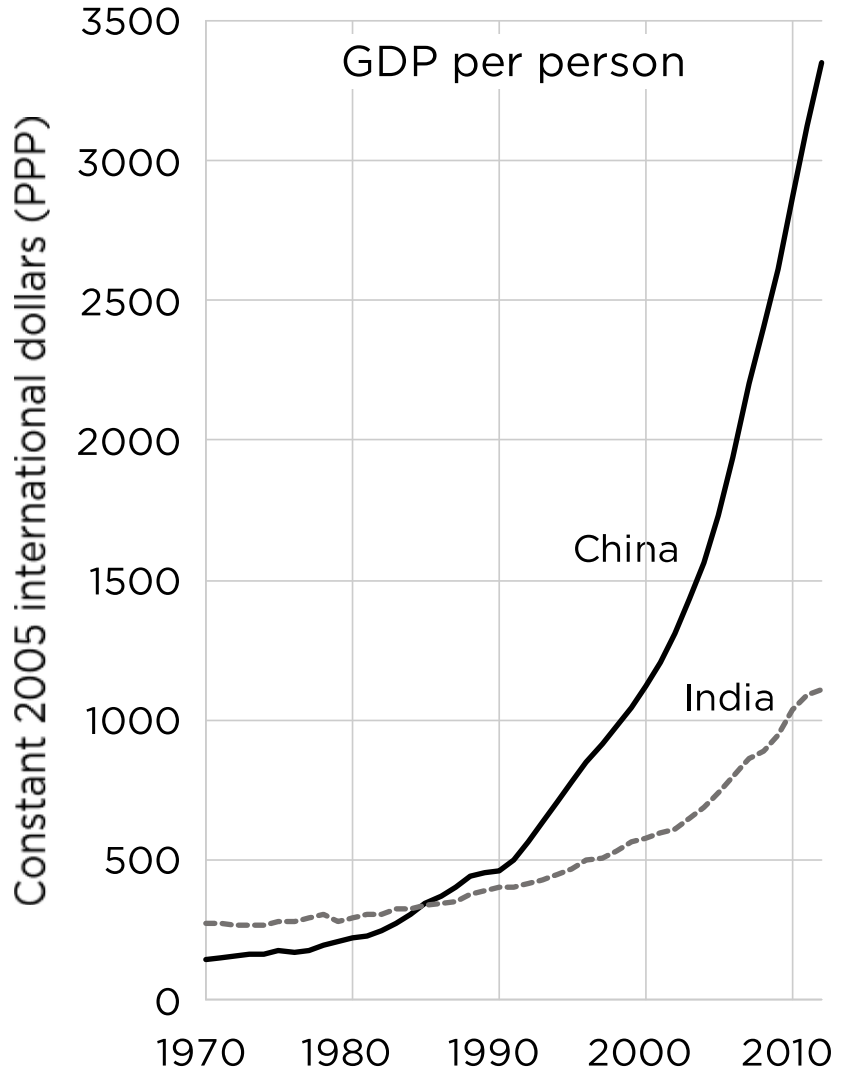
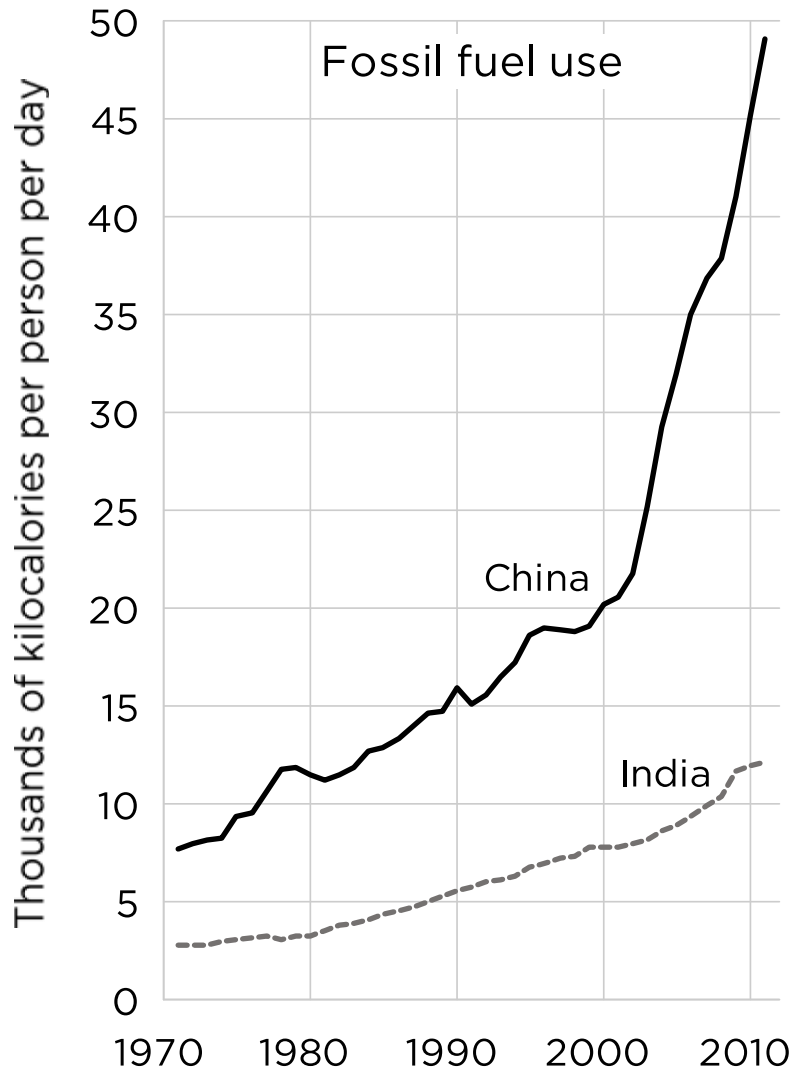


Climate safety



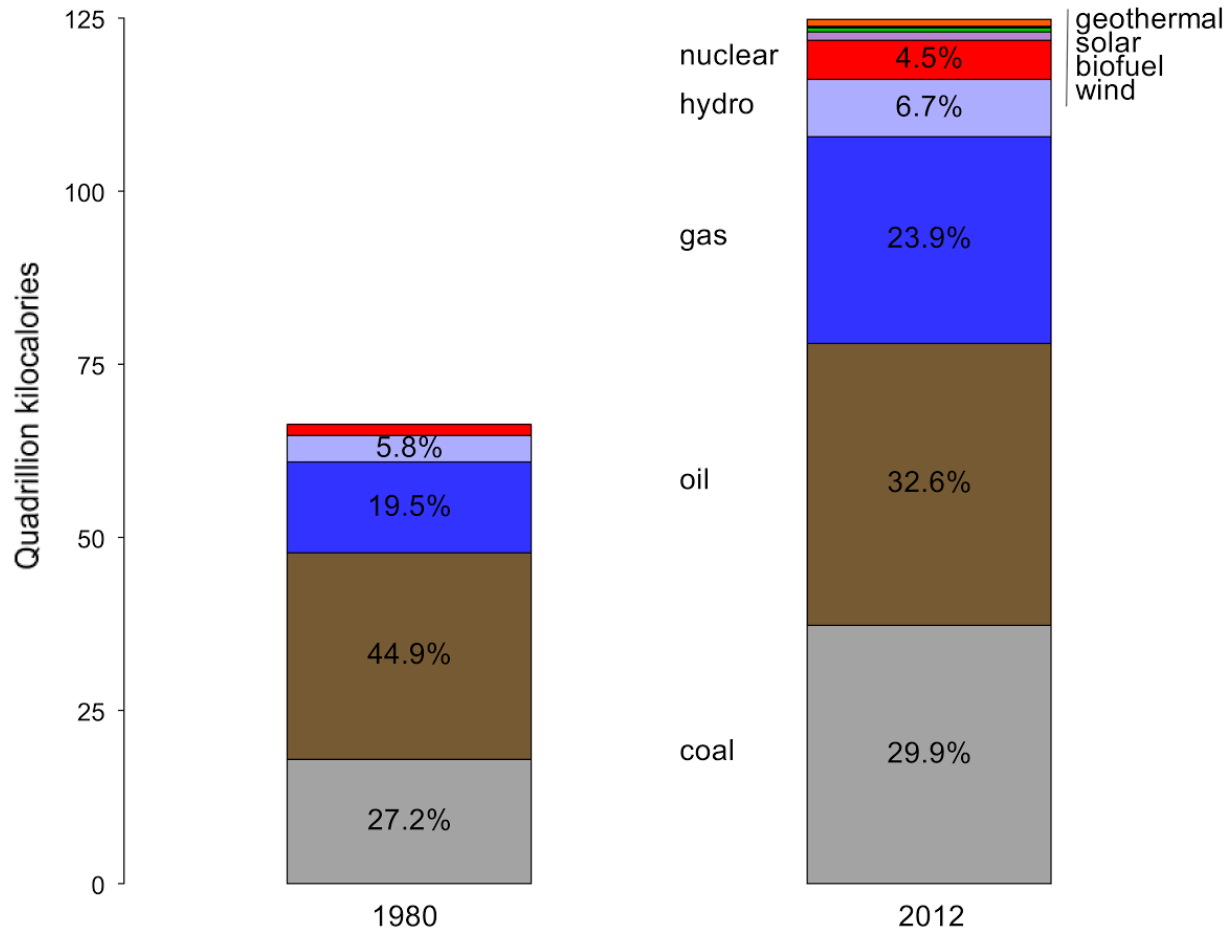
The China & India Experiments





Cause 2:
**We undervalue the most
efficient energy industries.**

The truth about energy





CLIMATE SUMMIT

WHAT IF IT'S
A BIG HOAX AND
WE CREATE A BETTER
WORLD FOR NOTHING?

- ENERGY INDEPENDENCE
- PRESERVE RAINFORESTS
- SUSTAINABILITY
- GREEN JOBS
- LIVABLE CITIES
- RENEWABLES
- CLEAN WATER, AIR
- HEALTHY CHILDREN
- ETC. ETC.



Jimmy Fallon makes the world's best case...

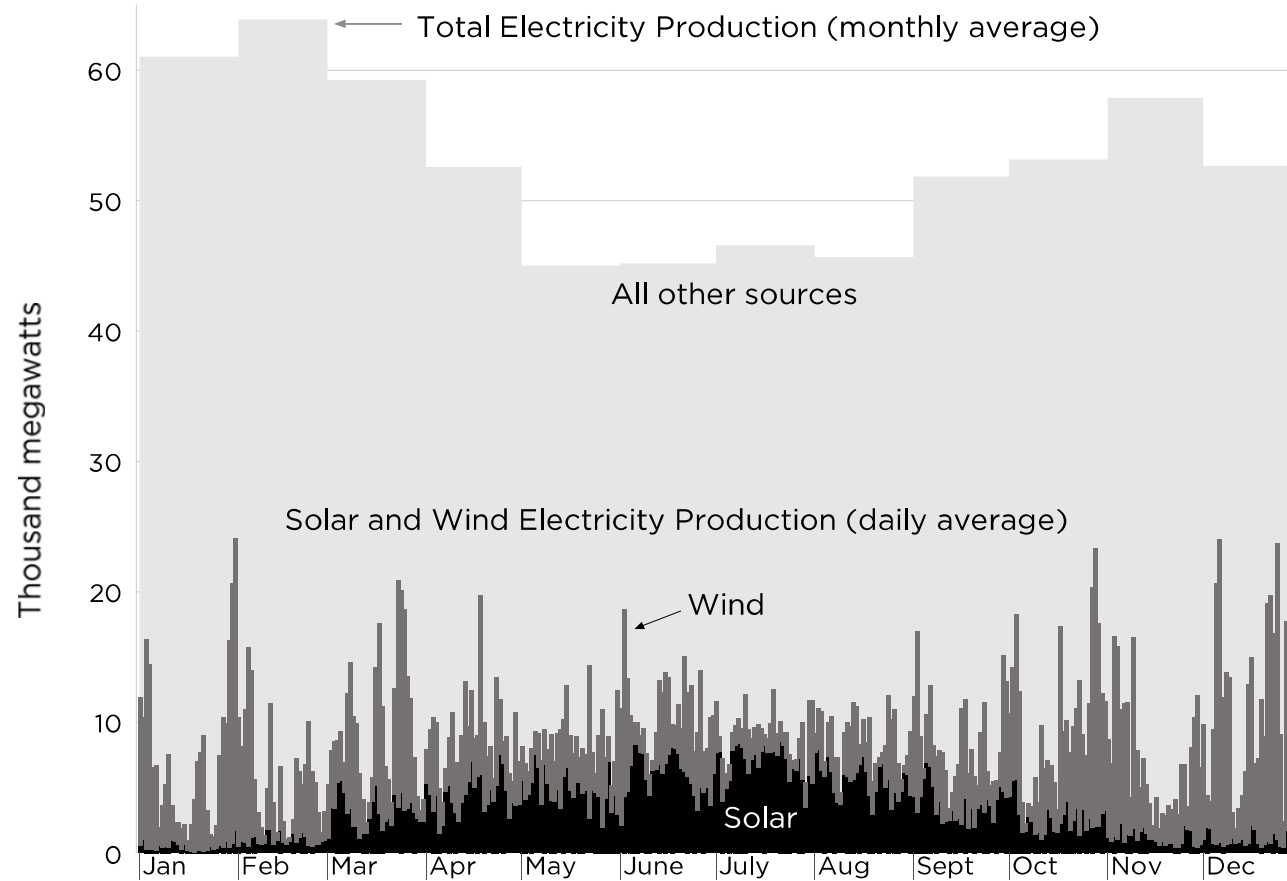


Every energy technology is a resource-intensive process—some are much more resource-intensive than others

- Mining
- Processing
- Manufacturing
- Transportation
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Disposal

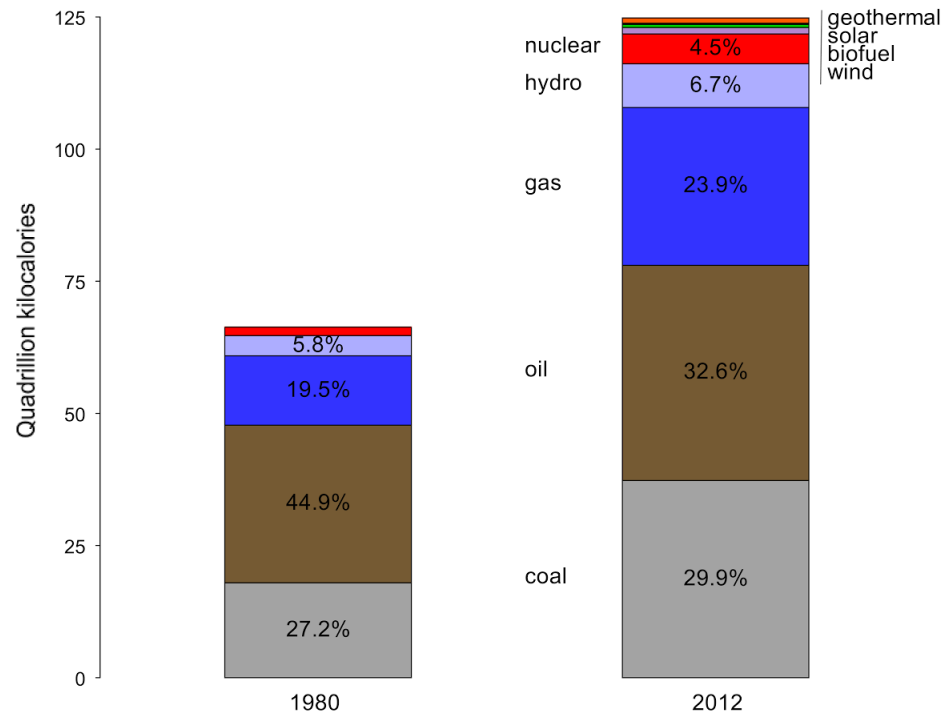
How resource intensive are solar and wind for producing reliable energy for billions?

The German experiment



Cause 3:
**We restrict the most efficient
energy industries**

Benefit of using vs. not using fossil fuels—more access to more energy → more years of life added onto billions of people's lives



If we were forced to use renewables/unreliables, billions would suffer and die prematurely—and if we use more fossil fuels, there is the potential to make everyone's lives better.

Yet no one seems to care too much...why?

If fossil fuels had a catastrophic climate influence, people should be mourning the prospect of inferior sources of energy, not gleeful at it

**Solution: Liberate all energy industries,
enforce**



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