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Fossil Fuels  
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Models

BioRegeneration



# WHOLE EARTH ECONOMICS



Planetary  
Boundaries


Fair-Share Taxes  
to Reduce  
Violence

Global  
Demilitarization

Funding for  
Human, Social  
& Earth's Needs

Peace  
& Work-Life  
Balance

Whole Earth  
Economics  
Education



Over  
millions of years,  
humans evolved  
technologically,  
but not in  
character and  
wisdom.



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The  
Problem  
& Solution

# Maturation of A Global Civilization



# Stop Earth Harm

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| ①   | ②  | ③  | ④  | ⑤  | ⑥   |
| Earth systems failing as air, water, land, heat, and life forms go out of balance | GDP includes growth of harm expenditures   | Subsidized fossil fuels destroy life on Earth      | Plastic and non-renewable industry create massive waste        | Greed is good business models                            | Deterioration of land, water, and forests |
| ⑦   | ⑧  | ⑨  | ⑩  | ⑪  | ⑫   |
| Planetary boundaries breeched   | Ever-expanding wealth gap creates violence | Global militarization creates war and starves SDGs | No funding for education, health care, housing and needed work | Culture of violence, work-life imbalance, and addictions | Lack of Whole Earth Economics education   |



# A Student Opportunity

- Many organizational and educational narratives sound good but are essentially delusional, and just make people feel good.
- They do not address the systemic, structural, and institutional transformation needed to avoid humanity's collective extinction.
- Greed is Good Capitalism, fossil fuels, corporate profiteering, and shareholder indifference are killing planet Earth.
- We need Whole Earth Economics (WEE) to create a sustainable, flourishing planet Earth.
- We have identified 12 parts of the process that need monitoring, reporting, and promotion globally to elevate human consciousness rapidly.



## The Plan

1. Have monthly meetings on Zoom.
2. Identify programs around the world for Whole Earth Economic Education.
3. Reach students who care about Earth to form the 12 teams.
4. Students create social media.
5. Students create a crowdsourcing campaign for funds for the website.
6. Build the website.
7. Update the website.

You can Contact Us Here

# Build a Website for Progress on the 12 Economic Goals for Earth & Humanity with 12 Student Reporter Teams for Quarterly Updates

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| <p>Interdependence<br/>of life on a<br/>planet with<br/>finite resources</p> <p>Population /<br/>Carrying Capacity<br/>Balance</p> | <p>GDP to GWP</p> <p>Gross<br/>Wellbeing<br/>Product</p>                | <p>ESG Investment<br/>&amp; Real Support<br/>for<br/>Renewable Energy<br/>&amp; Smart Grids</p> <p>Disinvest from<br/>Fossil Fuels</p> | <p>Circular<br/>Economy</p>   | <p>Whole Earth<br/>Business<br/>Models</p>                   | <p>BioRegeneration</p>                         |
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# Introduction

See  
the  
Flyer  
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Dear Friend of Earth & Humanity,

NATURE: Canada is having unprecedented forest fires. New Delhi and Vermont were underwater. The world is having the hottest days on record. Big city buildings are sinking from underground heat. Microplastics in some lakes are worse than in "garbage patches" of oceans.

PEACE: International war continues in Europe. Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Libya, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan, and Syria are all in civil wars. Colombia and Mexico are in drug wars. Israel and Palestinians remain in conflict after 75 years.

We need systemic, structural, and institutional evolution to help create peace and sustainability on Earth. I am happy to share this document about Whole Earth Economics and another document for political evolution on [Wisocracy for wise democracy](#) for free. I am available to teach them informally on Zoom.

We are now seeking 12 students to create a Whole Earth Economics (WEE) website to monitor, report on, and help promote new economic thinking globally to elevate human consciousness rapidly. If you are a student anywhere in the world and would like to participate in the website development and updating process, feel free to join the meeting.

Sandy Hinden

# Status Quo, Privilege, and Earth Destruction



1. The status quo at any time is the existing state of affairs, regarding social, political, or economic issues, with some people having a vested interest in maintaining the status quo.
2. Privilege is a right or immunity granted as a benefit, advantage, or favor. Race, education, wealth, power, and position can create a sense of privilege and a sense of superiority.
3. Whereas positive self-esteem with humility can be beneficial, an attitude of superiority leads to bias and ignoring critical issues. Superiority preserves advantages for some while allowing environmental destruction to continue with no commitment to systemic, structural, and institutional change to address nature's needs.
4. What is the cost of preserving the status quo and privileges at the expense of destroying the environment? The cost is extinction of life on Earth.

# Economics for Earth & Humanity



1. Human and Earth-centered development is about the well-being of people through creating societies that provide fundamental rights, just social and political outcomes, and the sustainability of nature.
2. Sustainable and inclusive development requires transformative changes across fundamental areas: in the structures of economies, in institutions that govern social and market interactions, and in society itself.
3. Economic education has been developed in a way that served colonizers, extractors, bankers, businesses, and investment sectors, and economists themselves.
4. Whole Earth Economics seeks to make economics understandable for humanity and seeks to fulfill Earth's and humanity's needs.

# Economics for Wisdom & Wellbeing



1. Economists have served colonizers, extractors, bankers, businesses, and investment sectors, and economists themselves.
2. They proceeded to use mathematics to appear knowledgeable about the dynamics of money.
3. What they never learned to account for and quantify directly are the higher human qualities and values of:

|               |             |                 |                  |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Balance       | Courage     | Harmony         | Selfless-Service |
| Benevolence   | Forgiveness | Humility        | Serenity         |
| Calmness      | Good Humor  | Loving-Kindness | Simplicity       |
| Charity       | Grace       | Mindfulness     | Truth            |
| Clarity       | Gratitude   | Peace           | Unity            |
| Compassion    | Goodwill    | Positivity      | Wellbeing        |
| Consciousness | Happiness   | Reverence       | Wisdom           |

4. Greed and destruction are the result of living without these values.
5. Whole Earth Economics seek to help restore these values and bring wisdom and wellbeing to Earth and humanity.



## Origin of Economy






The origin  
of the word "economy"  
comes from the Greek "oikonomia"  
meaning "household management",  
based on "oikos" house + "nemein" manage,  
management of the house.

Wise Economy seeks to understand  
how to repair and manage  
our Earth home  
wisely.



## MEMEnomics of Said Elias Dawlabani

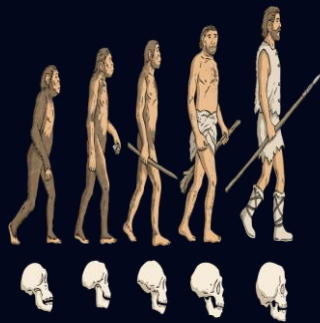
The framework illustrates that as societal and economic complexities increase, a culture experiences new problems that cannot be solved by the previous system. Cultures must transition to new higher-order value systems to solve existential economic and social problems or face decay and entropy. Each cycle corresponds to a predominant value system level that is color-coded in the Spiral Dynamics theory.

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|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Level | FIEFDOMS OF<br>POWER CYCLE                                  |    | Aligns with the 3 <sup>rd</sup> level red values of the human ego in raw form identified with the warrior archetype, egocentrism, heroism, and feudalism. Power is vested in the charismatic individual.   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Level | PATRIOTIC<br>PROSPERITY CYCLE                               |     | Identified with the values of the communal 4 <sup>th</sup> level blue system of righteous living, law, order, the one-true-way, and heavy regulation. Power is vested in the institution.  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Level | ONLY MONEY<br>MATTERS CYCLE                                 |    | Identified with the values of the individualistic 5 <sup>th</sup> level orange value system of strategic enterprise, personal advancement, and resource manipulation.  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Level | DEMOCRATIZATION<br>OF INFORMATION<br>AND RESOURCES<br>CYCLE |    | Aligns with a 6 <sup>th</sup> level green value system, that of egalitarianism, equality, and community. The internet represents the systemic entry into this value system. Its overarching purpose is to eliminate hierarchy and seek the equal distribution of information, knowledge, and resources.  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Level | FUTURE FIFTH<br>MEMENOMIC<br>CYCLE                          |  | Based on the big picture views of the 7 <sup>th</sup> level yellow system, the first level of the second tier systems, a significant breakthrough to humanity's momentous leap, not tied to a particular ideology, it is a functional system that does what works based on the problem at hand, making considerably more effective decisions in less than half of the time and with less than half of the resources than the entire six systems that appeared before it. Informed by the awareness of the interdependence of life on a planet with finite resources. |



# Evolving Earth Economy

Maximizing corporate shareholder returns above all other considerations is driving destruction of Earth and civilization to collapse.



HUMANS



CORPORATIONS



SHAREHOLDERS



WISE EARTH  
WELLBEING CIVILIZATION  
FUTURE GENERATIONS



We need people who care and collaborate to solve local, national, and global problems.  
 We need to find ways to communicate it is in people's interest to support peace and nature.

|                   |                  |  |   |   |   |
|-------------------|------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>SURVIVING</b>  | 2 billion people | Can't afford to care   | Struggling to survive   | Finding water, food, shelter  | Living day-to-day   |
| <b>STRIVING</b>   | 2 billion people | Can almost afford to care, may not seem to care  | Struggling to succeed   | Finding work, transportation  | Living week-to-week   |
| <b>SUCCEEDING</b> | 1 billion people | Can afford to care, but don't seem to care very much about the environment or future generations | Average status quo  | Climbing the ladder of success  | May have no time<br>May vote for who supports cheap gasoline<br>Fear of crime and competition, support police & military to preserve gained advantages<br>Very high CO2 emissions |
| <b>ADVANTAGED</b> | 1 billion people |  | Elite status quo  | Competitive<br>Protecting wealth<br>Some are proud of high-carbon lifestyle |   |
| <b>CARING</b>     | 2 billion people | Can afford to care, and do care  | Many NGOs, Nonprofits, Health & Human Services, Educators Philanthropists | Competing for attention, positions resources, and recognition               | Attend many conferences<br>Little to no incentives to collaborate   |

M.A.D. or M.A.S.

## IT'S OUR CHOICE. WHICH IS IT?

SHOCKING PHOTO SHOWS  
THE DEVASTATION NUCLEAR WAR  
AND CLIMATE CHAOS WOULD CAUSE



**Mutually Assured Destruction**  
that destroys  
everyone and everything

SHOCKING PHOTO SHOWS  
THE BEAUTY, WELLBEING, PEACE  
AND CLIMATE SAFETY WOULD CAUSE



**Mutually Assured Survival**  
that safeguards  
everyone and everything

# MUTUALLY ASSURED SURVIVAL (M.A.S.) PROCESS

## Trust Building & Peace Building

Gradual Global Disarmament  
through  
Annual 10% Military Expenditure Reduction

End Fossil Fuel Subsidies  
by making corporations pay costs  
of health and environmental damage



### Investments in Human & Social Needs

Water, Food, Energy  
Health, Housing, Education  
Income & work  
Political voice  
Networks  
Peace & Justice  
Gender equality  
Social equity



### Investments in Earth's Needs

remediation of  
Climate change  
Ocean acidification  
Chemical pollution  
Nitrogen & phosphorus loading  
Freshwater withdrawals  
Land conversion, Biodiversity loss  
Air pollution, Ozone layer depletion

# Economics on Earth

## Unhealthy Economics

1. Indifference to the environment
2. Only money matters
3. Fossil fuel subsidies and greenwashing
4. Addiction to growth
5. Addiction to consumption and substances
6. Money buys government
7. Lobbying and corruption
8. Criminal enterprises flourish
9. Money laundering and tax evasion
10. Crypto burning up the planet
11. Ever-expanding wealth gap creates violence
12. Military receives ever-expanded funding

## Healthy Economics

1. Informed by the awareness of the interdependence of life on a planet with finite resources
2. Earth and human wellbeing are valued as more important than growth
3. Circular economy
4. Real support for renewable energy and regeneration
5. Protection and repair of planetary boundaries
6. Finance and funding for human, social, and Earth's needs
7. Work-life balance
8. Reducing the wealth gap through fair-share taxes
9. Peace is valued and funded

New  
Economic  
Systems

# Wise Earth Economy - Jeremy Lent



## 1. LIFE QUALITY, WISDOM & WELLBEING

The solution is to transform our underlying culture – to stop seeking growth in consumption and instead, seek growth in the quality of our lives.

## 2. CIRCULAR ECONOMY

We can choose to participate in a circular economy, where we borrow, share, reuse, and recycle – and when we do have to purchase something new, make sure it's sourced from a sustainable process.



## 3. NON-PERPETUAL MATERIAL GROWTH

But just like changing lightbulbs won't stop climate change, so going circular alone won't prevent civilization from collapsing under its own weight. We need to engage actively at the source of this frenzied rush for perpetual growth.

## 4. THE DOMINATION OF OUR ECONOMY BY GLOBAL CORPORATIONS

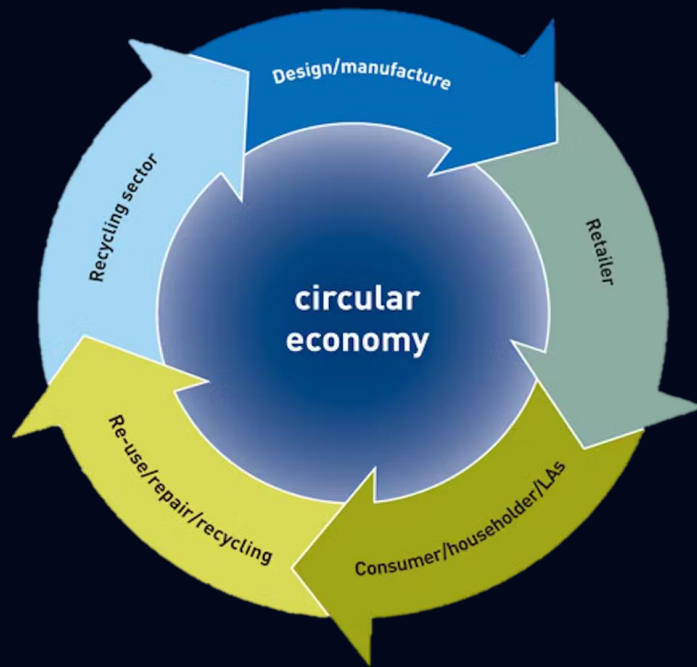
is impelled by the mandate of maximizing shareholder returns above all other considerations.



## 5. RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

of how these nonhuman forces are driving humanity to catastrophe is one of the most important tasks for anyone who cares about the flourishing of future generations.

# Circular Economy



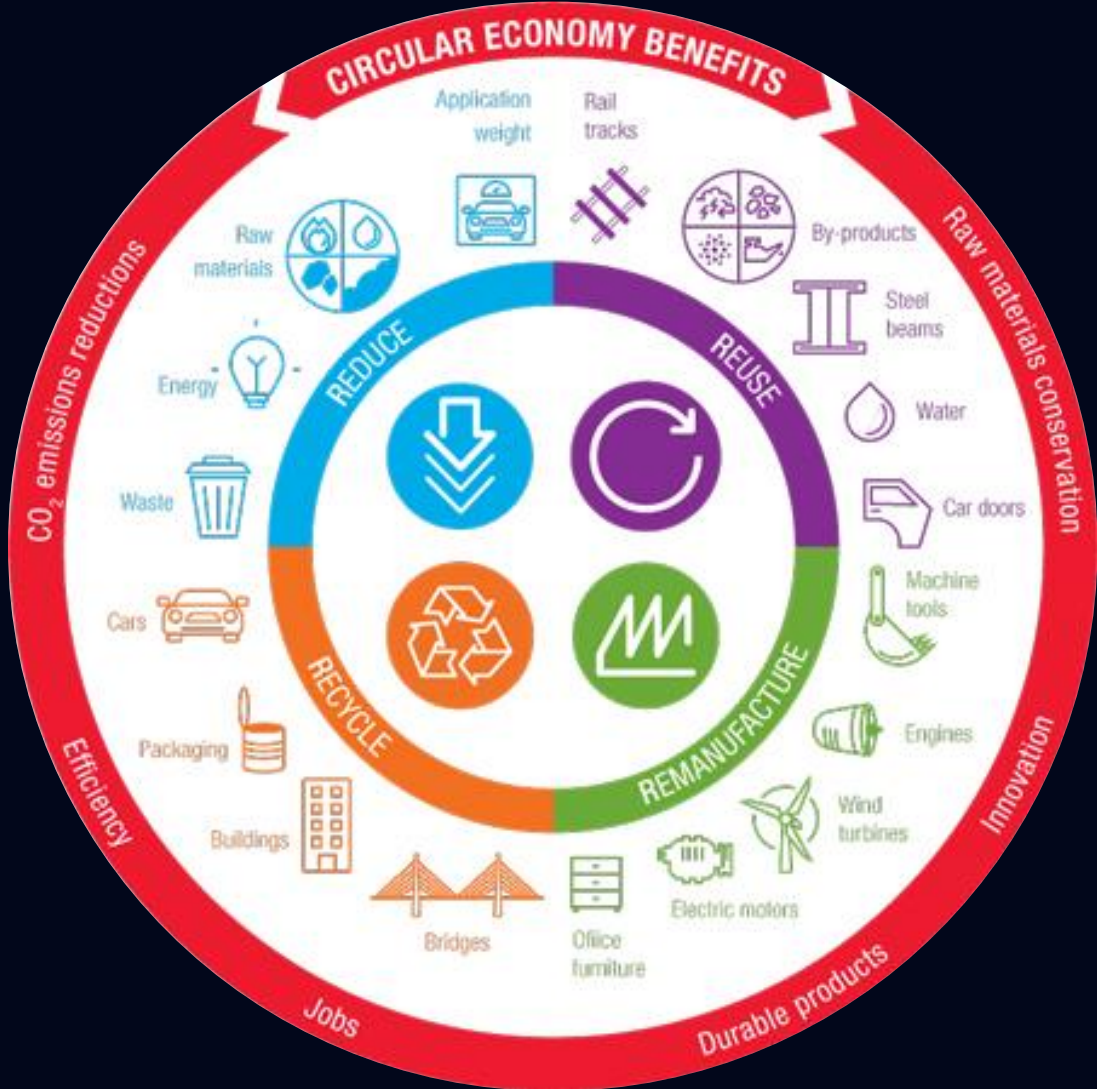
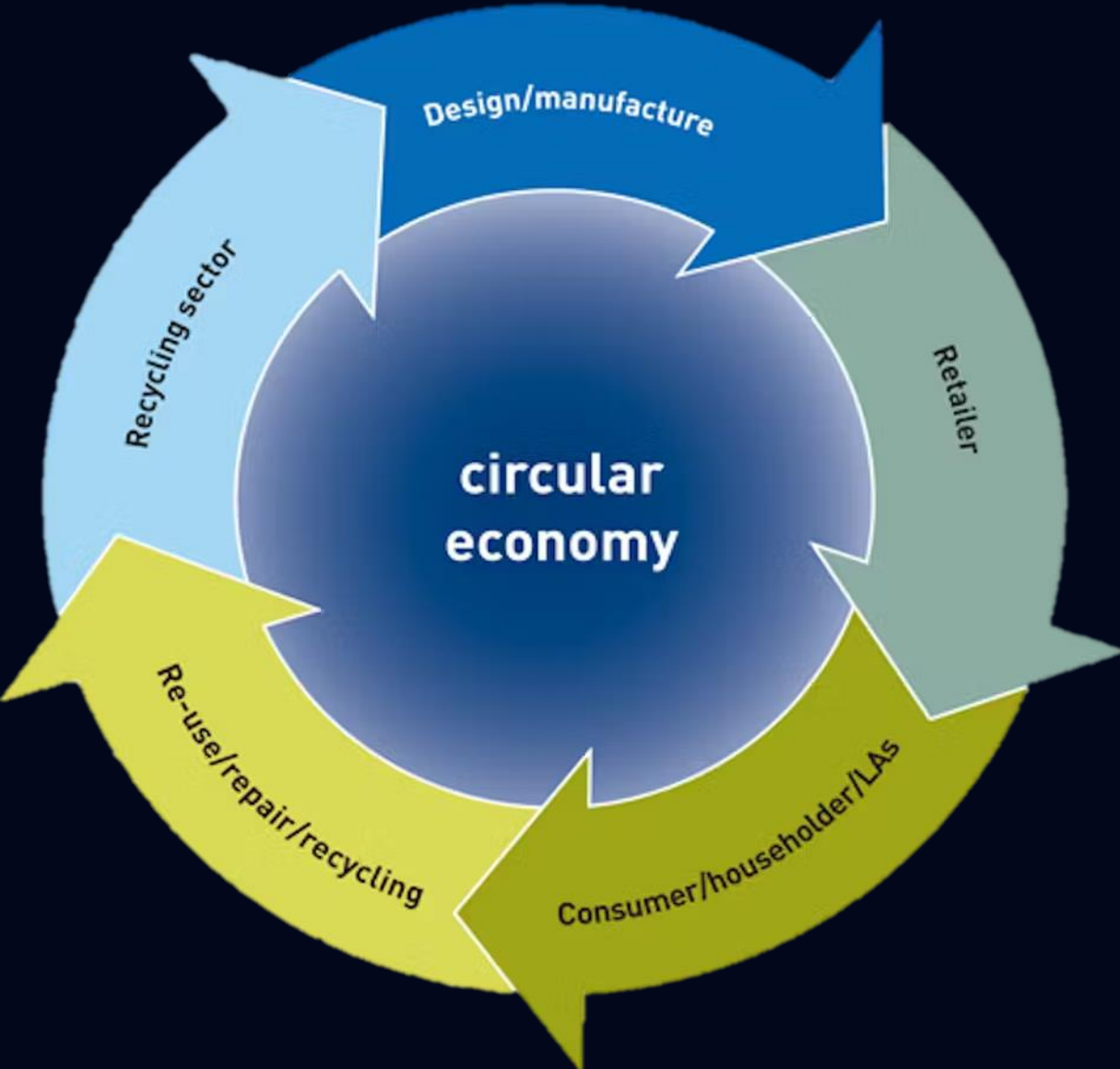
A circular economy entails markets that give incentives to reusing products, rather than scrapping them and then extracting new resources.

In such an economy, all forms of waste, such as clothes, scrap metal and obsolete electronics, are returned to the economy or used more efficiently.

This can provide a way to not only protect the environment, but use natural resources more wisely, develop new sectors, create jobs and develop new capabilities.

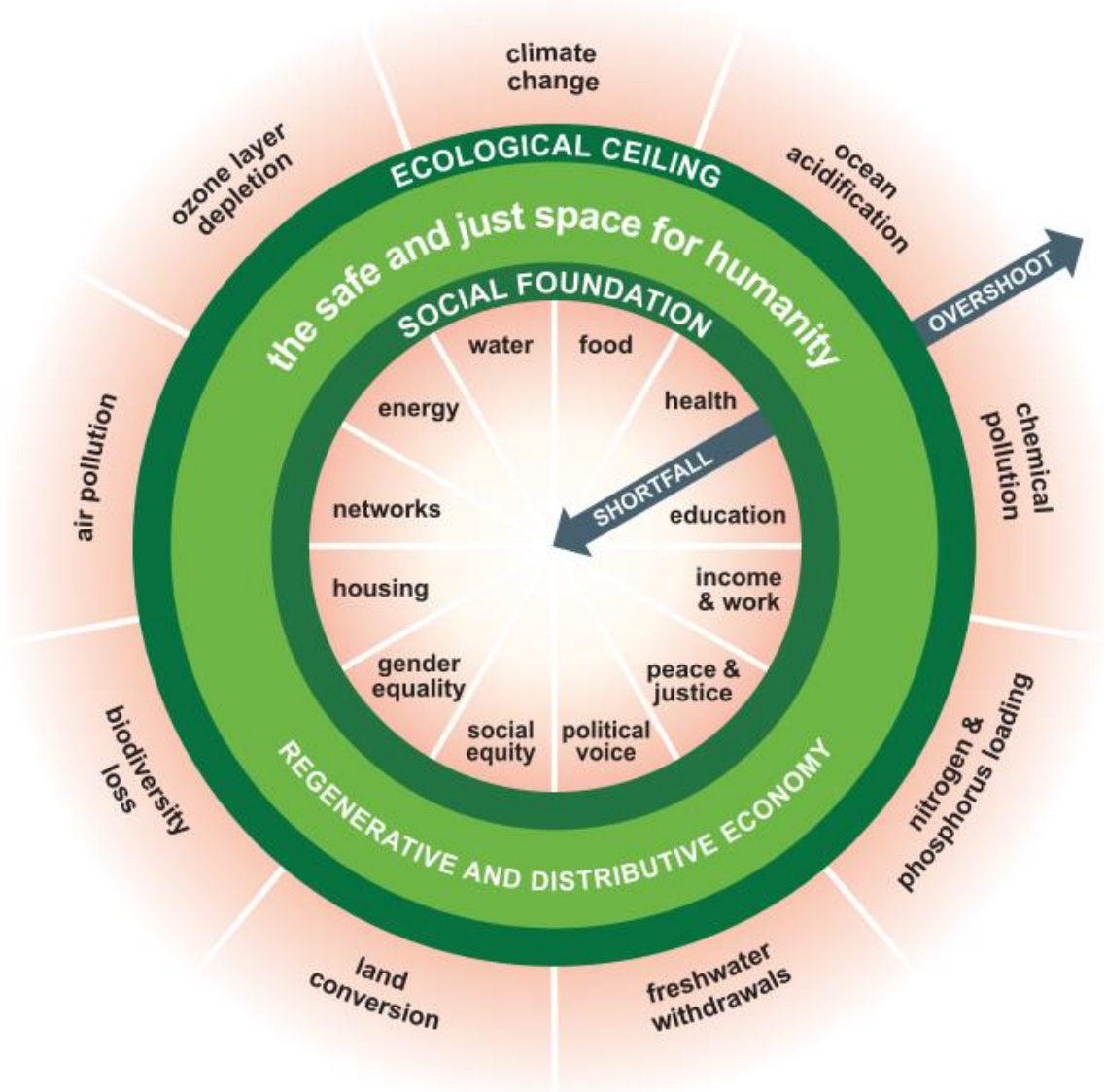


# Circular Economy

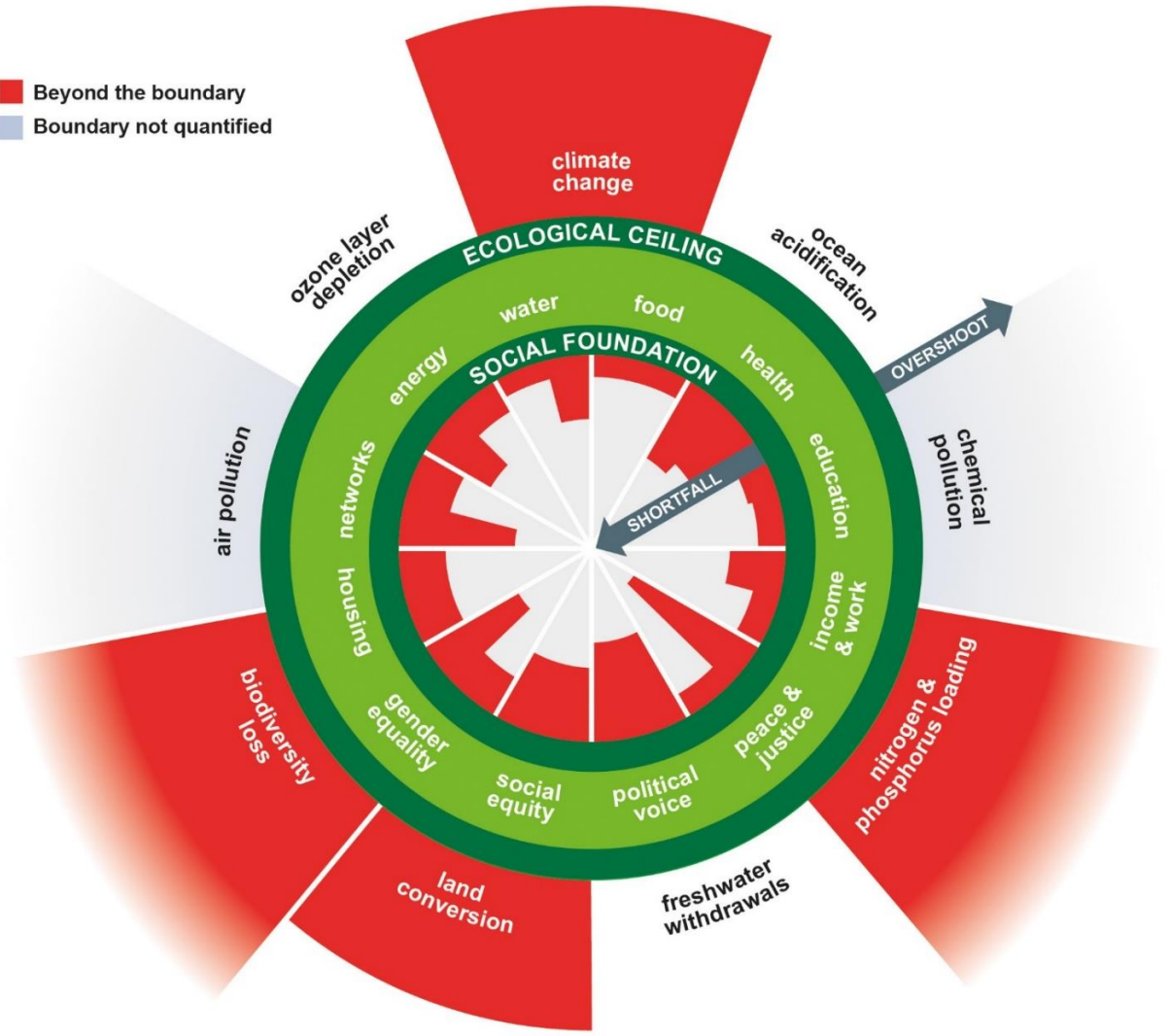




# Doughnut Economics



■ Beyond the boundary  
■ Boundary not quantified



# Wellbeing Economy Alliance



## Nature

A restored and safe natural world for all life



## Dignity

Everyone has enough to live in comfort, safety, and happiness



## Purpose

Institutions serve the common good and create real value



## Fairness

Justice is at the heart of the economy

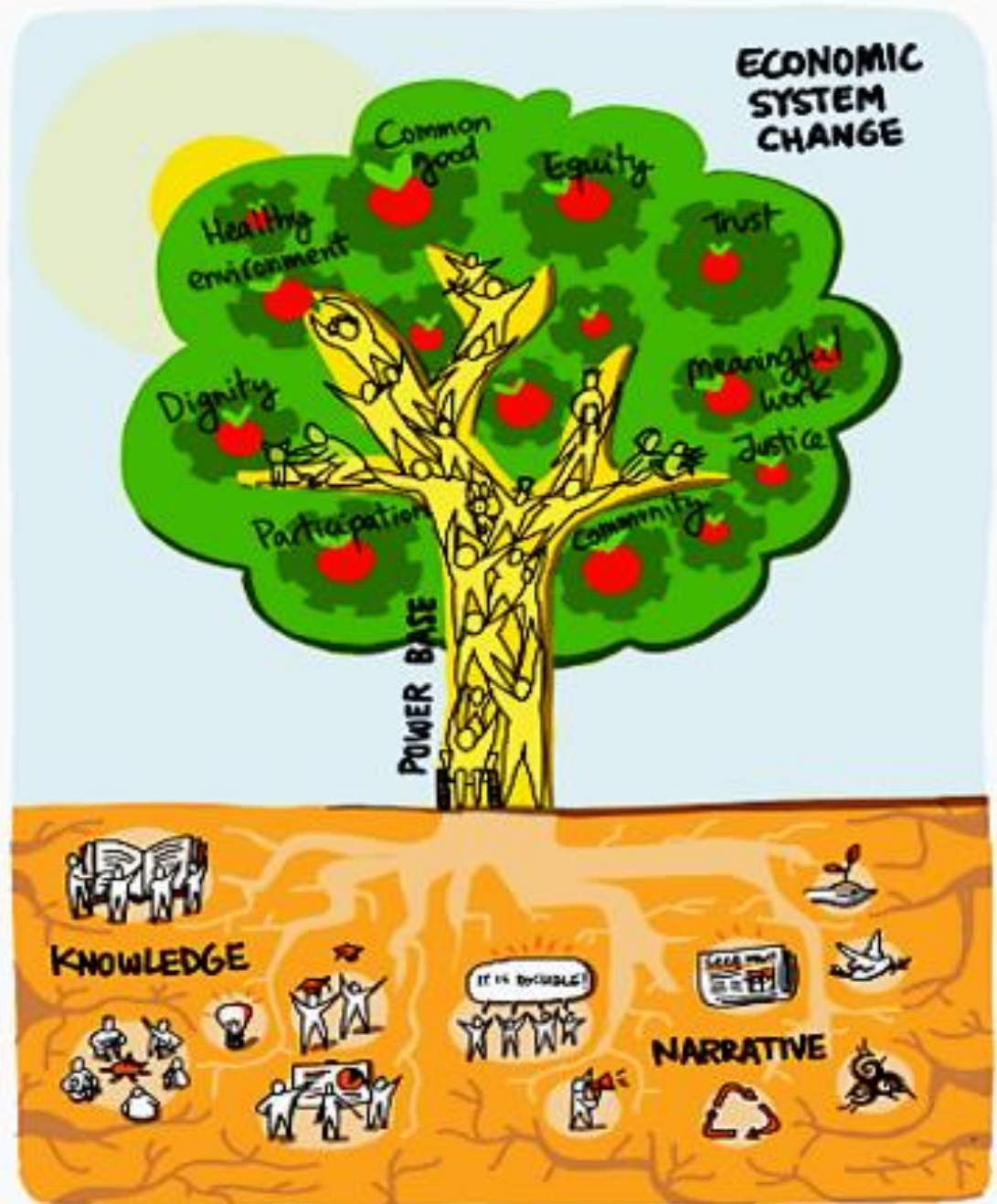


## Participation

Citizens are actively engaged in their communities and locally rooted economies

# HOW ARE WE TRANSITIONING TO A WELLBEING ECONOMY?

We bring together multiple actors across all regions, sectors and levels of our system to influence societal values and norms, and above all, to show that change is necessary and possible. Our underpinning value is that collaboration and togetherness define both our destination and also how we get there. Transformation calls for an entirely different way of being within human society: a shift from "us vs them" to "WE All".



# Green Growth



- Green growth is a term to describe a hypothetical path of economic growth that is environmentally sustainable. It is based on the understanding that as long as economic growth remains a predominant goal, a decoupling of economic growth from resource use and adverse environmental impacts is required.
- As such, green growth is closely related to the concepts of green economy and low-carbon or sustainable development.
- A main driver for green growth is the transition towards sustainable energy systems. Advocates of green growth policies argue that well-implemented green policies can create opportunities for employment in sectors such as renewable energy, green agriculture, or sustainable forestry.
- A green economy is an economy that aims at reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities, and that aims for sustainable development without degrading the environment. It is closely related to ecological economics but has a more politically applied focus.
- The 2011 UNEP Green Economy Report argues "that to be green, an economy must not only be efficient, but also fair. Fairness implies recognizing global and country level equity dimensions, particularly in assuring a Just Transition to an economy that is low-carbon, resource-efficient, and socially inclusive."
- A feature distinguishing it from prior economic regimes is the direct valuation of natural capital and ecological services as having economic value (see The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity and Bank of Natural Capital) and a full cost accounting regime in which costs externalized onto society via ecosystems are reliably traced back to, and accounted for as liabilities of, the entity that does the harm or neglects an asset.



# Wise Wealth - Investing

## ESG Investing

assesses factors listed below

offering a way to invest in funds that consider issues of the **Environment, Society, and Governance**.  
The term is used interchangeably with "**socially responsible investing (SRI)**" and "**sustainable investing.**"



### Environmental

Conservation & protection  
of the natural environment

- Air emissions and air quality.
- Energy use and conservation.
- Natural resources and land use.
- Waste management and water quality.
- Hazardous materials use.



### Social

Relationships with employees,  
suppliers, clients & communities

- Labor standards and employee relations.
- Production quality and safety.
- Local community impact.
- Equal employment opportunities.
- Health care, education, and housing services.



### Governance

Standards for company leadership,  
risk controls & shareholder rights

- Ethical business practices.
- Board independence and diversity.
- Voting rights.
- Executive pay vs. employee pay.
- Account and tax transparency.



## ESG Divestment

is the opposite of ESG investment – it simply means getting rid of stocks, bonds, or investment funds that are unethical or morally ambiguous.



# World Divestment From Fossil Fuels & Investment in Smart Energy Systems & Grids



1. UN SECRETARY-GENERAL GUTERRES called for phasing out fossil fuels to avoid climate catastrophe through detailed plans from financial institutions with the explicit strategy to progressively strip out fossil fuel assets from their portfolios to ensure alignment with the net-zero goal and disclosing all lobbying and policy engagement. Financial institutions everywhere must end lending, underwriting, and investments in coal, oil, and gas anywhere, including new coal infrastructure, power plants, mines, exploration for new oil and gas fields, and expansion of oil and gas reserves.
2. AS INDIVIDUALS, we divest our wealth from investments in coal, oil, and gas.
3. ALL RELIGIOUS PEOPLE who honor Earth are asked to divest their wealth from fossil fuel investments.
4. YOU CAN JOIN THIS EFFORT by disinvesting your wealth from fossil fuels.
5. WE ENCOURAGE ALL to invest wisely in smart energy systems and grids so Earth can be sustainable for future generations.

# An Earth-Friendly Financial & Economic System



ChatGPT: An Earth-friendly financial and economic system would prioritize sustainability, social well-being, and environmental preservation. Here are some key features and principles that such a system could incorporate:

1. **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** The system should prioritize long-term sustainability by promoting renewable energy, resource conservation, and responsible consumption and production. It should aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimize waste, and protect biodiversity.
2. **CIRCULAR ECONOMY:** Implementing a circular economy model would be crucial, where resources are used efficiently, waste is minimized, and materials are recycled or repurposed. This approach promotes closed-loop systems, encourages product longevity, and reduces the need for extraction of new resources.



# An Earth-Friendly Financial & Economic System



3. **SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY:** The system should strive for equitable distribution of wealth and resources. It should aim to reduce income inequality, provide fair wages and decent working conditions, and ensure access to basic needs such as healthcare, education, and affordable housing for all individuals.
4. **GREEN INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION:** Encouraging investment in green technologies, sustainable infrastructure, and environmentally friendly industries can foster economic growth while reducing ecological impacts. Governments and financial institutions can incentivize green investments through tax incentives, grants, and subsidies.
5. **CARBON PRICING:** Implementing carbon pricing mechanisms, such as carbon taxes or cap-and-trade systems, can create economic incentives for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

# An Earth-Friendly Financial & Economic System



6. **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS:** Robust environmental regulations can also be put in place to protect ecosystems, limit pollution, and hold companies accountable for their environmental impacts.
7. **ETHICAL BANKING AND FINANCE:** Promote ethical banking practices that prioritize socially and environmentally responsible investments. Financial institutions can adopt environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria to guide their investment decisions and encourage sustainable practices throughout the business sector.
8. **EDUCATION AND AWARENESS:** Promote education and awareness programs to enhance the general public's environmental and financial literacy. This can empower individuals to make informed decisions and adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives while fostering a culture of responsible financial management.

# An Earth-Friendly Financial & Economic System

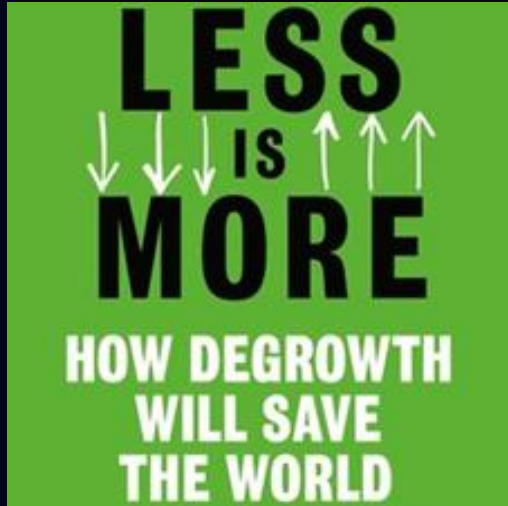


9. **COLLABORATION AND GLOBAL COOPERATION:** Addressing global environmental and economic challenges requires international cooperation. Governments, organizations, and businesses should work together to share knowledge, technologies, and best practices. International agreements, such as the Paris Agreement on climate change, can serve as frameworks for collective action.

It is important to note that creating an entirely Earth-friendly financial and economic system is a complex task that requires a multidisciplinary approach and the commitment of various stakeholders.

Transitioning to such a system would involve a combination of policy changes, technological advancements, and shifts in societal values.

# No Growth - Degrowth



- Degrowth (French: décroissance) is a term used for both a political, economic, and social movement as well as a set of theories that criticize the paradigm of economic growth.
- Degrowth is based on ideas from political ecology, ecological economics, feminist political ecology, and environmental justice, arguing that social and ecological harm is caused by the pursuit of infinite growth and Western "development" imperatives.
- Degrowth argues for a reduction in global consumption and production (social metabolism) and advocates a socially just and ecologically sustainable society with social and environmental well-being replacing gross domestic product (GDP) as the indicator of prosperity.
- Degrowth aims for social reorganization that modifies the flow and usage of material. This restructuring aims to shift away from mainstream (capitalist) economic activity.
- While GDP is likely to shrink in a "degrowth society", i.e. in a society in which the objectives of the degrowth movement are achieved, this is not the primary objective of degrowth.
- The main argument of degrowth is that an infinite expansion of the economy is fundamentally contradictory to the finiteness of the Earth.
- Degrowth highlights the importance of autonomy, care work, self-organization, commons, community, open localism, work sharing, happiness and conviviality.



# No-Growth Economics



**NO-GROWTH ECONOMICS:** Also known as steady-state economics or degrowth, is an alternative economic theory that challenges the conventional notion of continuous economic growth as a primary goal.

It advocates for a shift away from the pursuit of endless expansion in favor of a steady-state or shrinking economy that operates within ecological limits. The key principles of no-growth economics include:

1. **ECOLOGICAL LIMITS:** No-growth economics recognizes that the Earth has finite resources and ecosystems that cannot sustain perpetual growth. It emphasizes the need to operate within ecological limits, ensuring that resource extraction, production, and consumption do not exceed the planet's capacity to regenerate and absorb waste.

# No-Growth Economics



2. **WELL-BEING OVER GDP:** Instead of focusing solely on Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a measure of progress, no-growth economics emphasizes improving human well-being and quality of life. It calls for indicators that consider social equity, health, education, leisure time, and environmental sustainability to assess the success of an economy.
3. **REDUCING OVERCONSUMPTION:** No-growth economics advocates for reducing overconsumption and wasteful production patterns. It challenges the notion that increased consumption and material wealth necessarily lead to greater well-being and happiness. Instead, it promotes sufficiency, resource efficiency, and a shift towards sustainable consumption and production patterns.

# No-Growth Economics



4. **WORK-LIFE BALANCE:** The pursuit of continuous economic growth often leads to longer working hours, increased stress, and diminished personal well-being. No-growth economics emphasizes the importance of work-life balance, promoting shorter working hours, more leisure time, and a reevaluation of the role of work in people's lives.
5. **LOCALIZATION AND RESILIENCE:** No-growth economics promotes local self-reliance and decentralized economies as a means to reduce dependence on long-distance transportation and minimize the environmental impact of global trade. It encourages the development of resilient local economies that prioritize community well-being, local production, and sustainable resource management.

# No-Growth Economics



6. **REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH:** Addressing income inequality and promoting equitable distribution of wealth is a central focus of no-growth economics. It calls for progressive taxation, social safety nets, and mechanisms to reduce wealth concentration, ensuring that the benefits of economic activity are shared more equitably among society.

No-growth economics challenges the mainstream economic paradigm that views continuous growth as essential for prosperity.

Its proponents argue that pursuing endless growth within a finite planet is unsustainable and can exacerbate social inequality and environmental degradation.

Instead, they advocate for alternative economic models that prioritize well-being, sustainability, and a balance between human needs and planetary boundaries.



# No-Growth Economics



Depopulation  
+  
Voluntary Simplicity  
+  
Deconsumerism  

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Earth Carrying  
Capacity Balance

Simply reducing population size is not a quick fix for environmental problems, as it is also important to address per capita resource consumption and the technologies used to accommodate human demands.

Instead of focusing solely on population reduction, some argue that we should work towards reducing our individual demands on the planet, shrinking humanity's footprint without stifling growth in poorer countries.

This approach could involve promoting sustainable practices, improving resource efficiency, and addressing issues of inequality and overconsumption.

# Voluptuary Simplicity for Degrowth Economy



## Voluntary Simplicity

in a degrowth economy

is seen as a necessary component of a transition away from a growth-based economic model, by reducing one's consumption of goods and services, and family size.

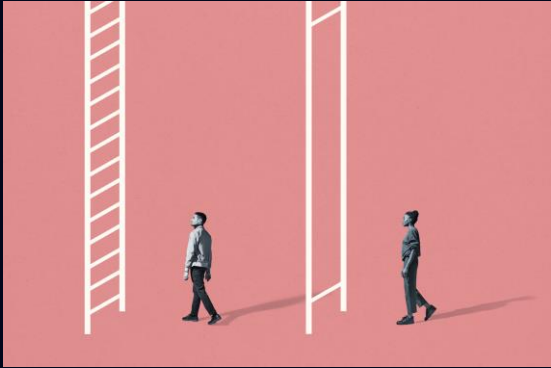
Deconsumption and depopulation may then lead to an Earth-carrying capacity balance and a more sustainable and fulfilling life.

# Voluptuary Simplicity for Degrowth Economy

| Reduce Consumption   | Embrace Self-Sufficiency   | Prioritize Community   | Reduce Waste   | Embrace Low-Tech Solutions   | Prioritize Experiences Over Possessions  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce consumption of goods and services</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Buy only what is necessary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Repair and reuse items</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Avoid unnecessary purchases</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> End unnecessary travel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> End fossil fuel-based entertainment</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Embrace self-sufficiency</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce dependence on external sources of goods and services</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grow own food</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generate own energy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engage in DIY projects</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community is seen as a key part of sustainability</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize community</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Build strong relationships with neighbors and local businesses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use public transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce waste</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Compost</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recycle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce use of single-use items</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Embrace low-tech solutions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce dependence on high-tech gadgets and appliances</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use manual tools</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce screen time, avoid unnecessary electronic devices</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose low tech end-of-life procedures</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize experiences over possessions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spend time in nature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engage in creative pursuits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Build strong relationships with friends and family</li> </ul> |

More Details

# Expanding Wealth Gap to Expanding Violence



1. The number of people living in modern slavery conditions has jumped 25% to 50 million over the last five years.
2. Flow-Up Economics is low taxes on the wealthy leading to wealth and real estate assets continuing to increase at the top.
3. Trickle Down Economics is low taxes for the wealthy that is supposed to lead to investment in new companies and an increase in wages for workers.
4. Low taxes on the wealthy has actually led to the poor deteriorating further with stagnant wages, inflation, infrastructure decay, and housing insecurity.
5. The top 1% now own 48% of world wealth.
6. The next 12% own 38% of world wealth.
7. The highest 13% own 86% of world wealth.
8. 53% own 1% of world wealth.

# Expanding Wealth Gap to Expanding Violence



7. International tax evasion continues.
8. International money laundering continues and is expanding with cryptocurrency.
9. Housing Insecurity and homelessness grow when wealthy investors and corporations buy up existing affordable single-family homes and charge high rents.
  - In the US, many adults are living with their parents.
  - Many young couples are unable to afford to buy a home.
  - Landlords are not the only ones who benefit from housing exploitation; many homeowners do, too, their property values propped up by the collective effort to make housing scarce and expensive.
  - 583,000 individuals are experiencing homelessness in the United States, more people than the entire state of Wyoming.

# Expanding Wealth Gap to Expanding Violence



10. High inequality leads to limited access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities, exacerbating social exclusion, and increasing the likelihood of violence.
11. Economic inequality contributes to political instability, weakening governance, and social unrest, which can also drive violence.
12. Reverse Causality: The relationship between economic inequality and violence can be bidirectional.
13. High violence rates generate distrust and fear and lower economic growth.

# With violence surging this summer, a fight to keep D.C.'s kids alive

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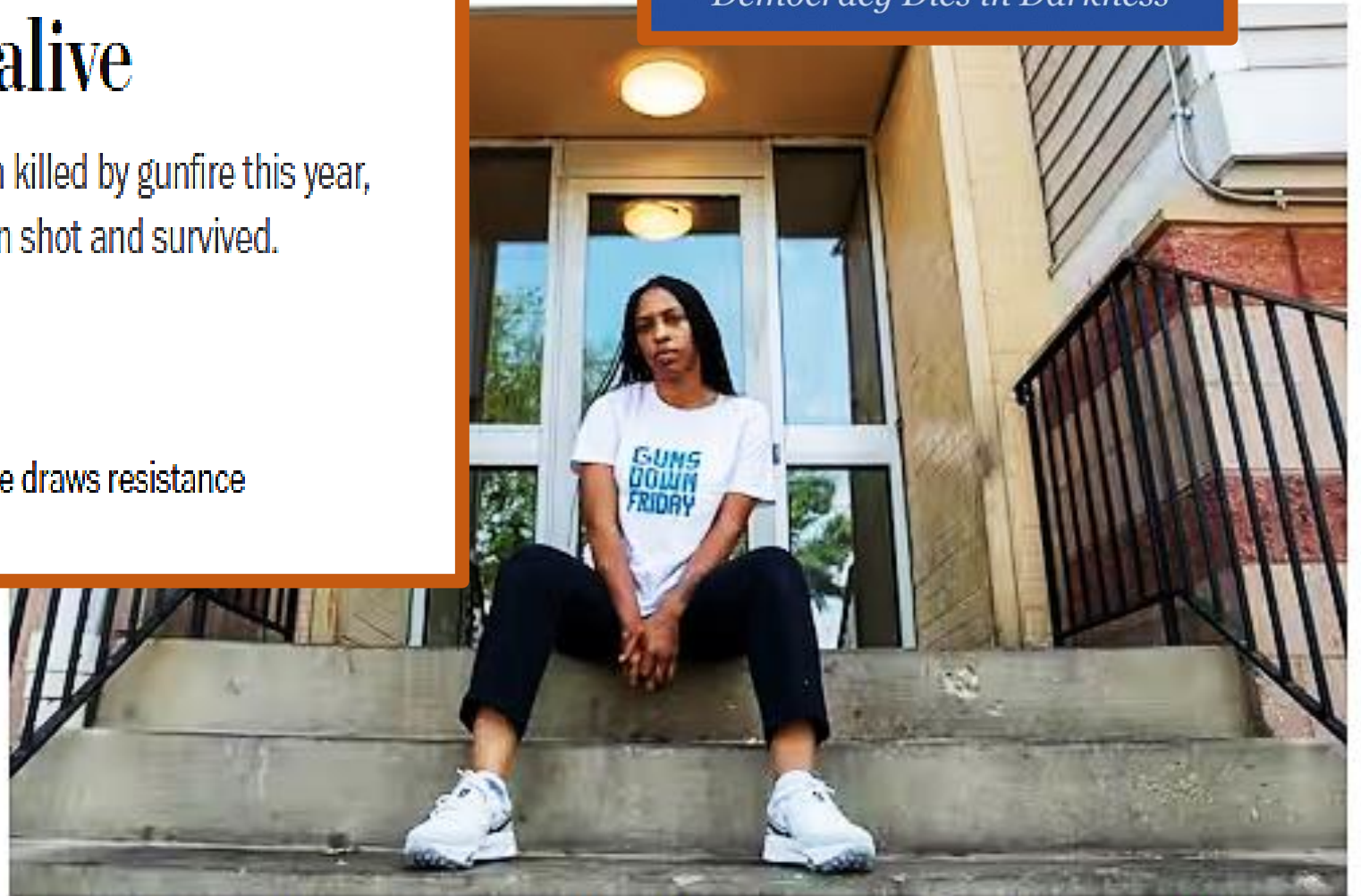
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**The Washington Post**  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*



Activist Jawanna Hardy sits outside an apartment where two teens were shot. (Amanda Andrade-Rhoades for The Post)

June 28, 2023



# Inequality & Deprivation Produce High Crime & Low Trust



1. Humans sometimes cooperate to mutual advantage, and sometimes exploit one another.
2. In industrialized societies, the prevalence of exploitation, in the form of crime, is related to the distribution of economic resources.
3. More unequal societies tend to have higher crime, as well as lower social trust.
4. There is a desperation threshold, a level of resources below which it is extremely damaging to fall.
5. People do not belong to fixed types. They condition their behavior on their current resource level and the behavior in the population around them.

# Inequality & Deprivation Produce High Crime & Low Trust



## New Crimes

- Cyber Scams
- Phishing
- Hacking
- Ransomware

6. Individuals who are close to the desperation threshold may exploit others.
7. This remains true even in the presence of severe and probable punishment for exploitation, since successful exploitation is the quickest route out of desperation, whereas being punished does not make already desperate states much worse.
8. Populations with a sufficiently unequal distribution of resources rapidly evolve an equilibrium of low trust and zero cooperation.
9. Desperate individuals try to exploit, and non-desperate individuals avoid interaction altogether.
10. Making the distribution of resources more equal or increasing social mobility is generally effective in producing a high cooperation, high trust equilibrium; increasing punishment severity is not.

# Weak Communities Are Where Gangs Grow



1. Weak communities are places with lower communication, fewer resources, and less problem-solving to create wellbeing for their community members.
2. They are places where gangs grow.
3. With poor education, lack of guidance for youth, and weak community structures, gangs flourish.
4. Gangs are growing worldwide in a culture of poverty.



# The Growth of Gangs



Lack of  
Guidance, Values, Mentors, Education, Employment, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



## GANGS WORLDWIDE



### Benefits

- Sense of identity
- Sense of belonging, family, community
- Protection against other gangs
- Adventure, intensity
- Sense of spirituality, group ritual
- Money
- Avoid thinking about the future

### Consequences

- Dropping out of school
- Teen parenthood
- Unemployment
- Victimization
- Drug, alcohol, and sexual abuse
- Petty and violent crimes
- Juvenile conviction and incarceration
- Being harmed or killed

# Growth of Gangs, Crime & War Worldwide



|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | Neighborhood-based gangs  |
| 2 | Prison gangs, white nationalist gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs, national-level street gangs |
| 3 | Transnational gangs   |
| 4 | Organized crime, drug cartels-consortiums; Traffickers in drugs, weapons, guns, sex, data   |
| 5 | Global hackers, ransomware, money laundering, crypto fraud                                  |
| 6 | Militias, mercenaries, terrorists   |
| 7 | Mercenaries morph into mineral extraction operations and full-scale war participants        |

Global  
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Keeping

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"Crime has  
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world governance..."

Antonio Maria Costa  
Former Executive Director  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

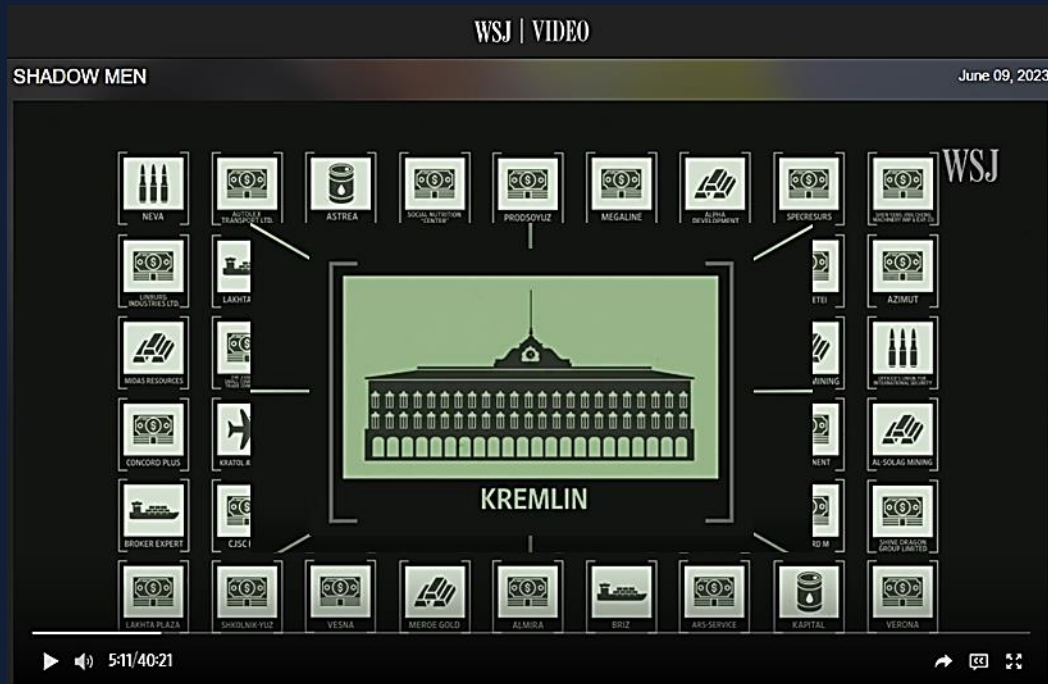
The Globalization of Crime:  
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# Military-Criminal Business Connections

## The Wagner Group Private Military & Minerals Company



Shadow Men:  
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Video by the Wall Street Journal

## Blackwater Private Military Company

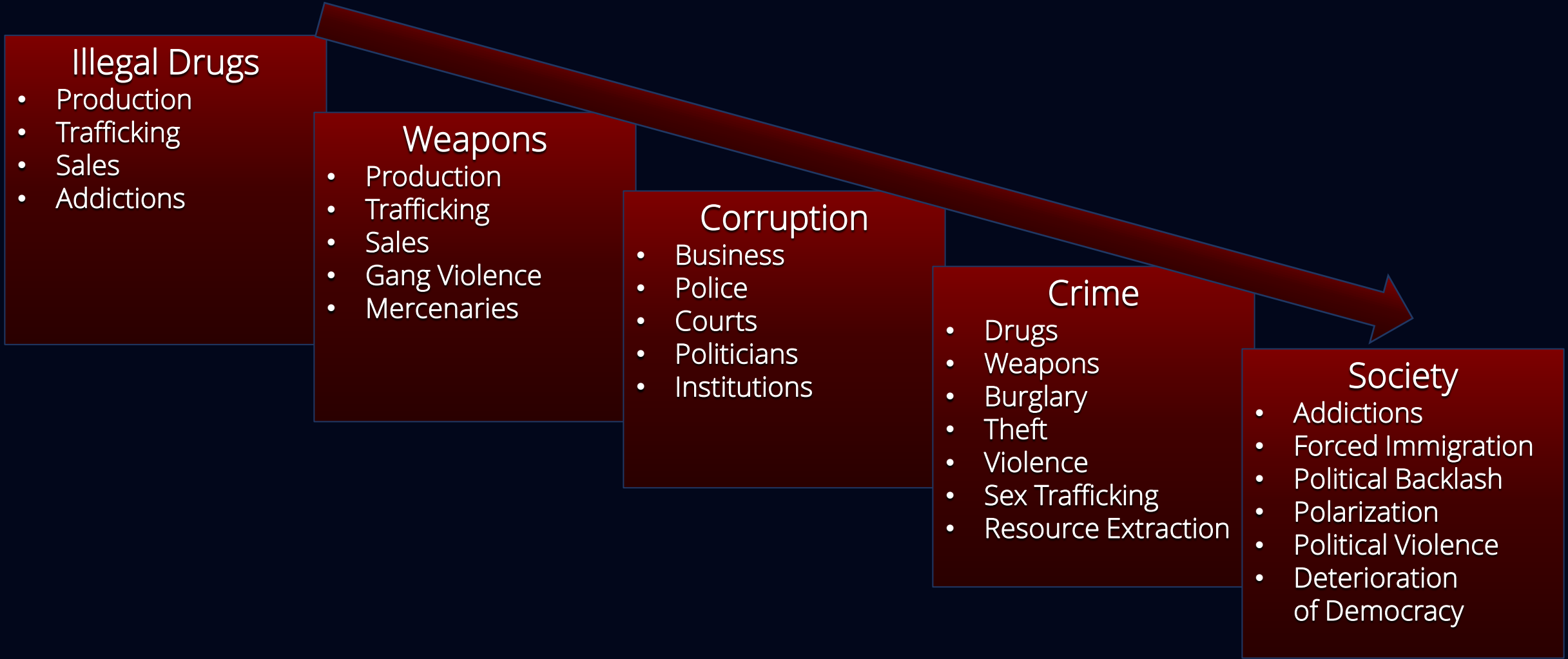


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# Devolution of Society





# Public Investment to Strengthen Communities

| Public Health & Prevention  | Economic Opportunity & Housing Security  | Youth Development & Education   | Built Environment & Community Spaces   | Institutional Transformation   |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create sustainable funding streams for community violence intervention programs.</li> <li>• Scale civilian crisis-response models.</li> <li>• Increase funding for community health clinics, trauma recovery centers, and community health workers.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand access to workforce development and employment programs.</li> <li>• Fund summer jobs for youth.</li> <li>• Fund targeted cash assistance programs for harm survivors.</li> <li>• Expand economic opportunity for formerly incarcerated individuals.</li> <li>• Expand access to housing through eviction defense, vouchers, and alternative real estate models.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a grant program to fund local youth violence prevention plans.</li> <li>• Increasing resources for low-income schools.</li> <li>• Fund youth centers, sports, enrichment activities, and neighborhood-based wraparound support programs.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Built environment and community spaces to lower stress can significantly reduce crime.</li> <li>• Increase grant funding for place-based neighborhood improvement projects.</li> <li>• Transform abandoned homes and buildings and clean vacant lots.</li> <li>• Create green neighborhood-led projects for “third spaces” such as parks, cafes, and community centers to lower stress &amp; increase connections.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide sustainable and accessible funding for grassroots organizations.</li> <li>• Enhance the capacity of community-based organizations.</li> <li>• Create a community safety division at the Department of Health and Human Services for civilian agencies dedicated to community safety.</li> <li>• Fund additional research on the social determinants of safety.</li> </ul> |



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- In 2014, he created the *Commonwealth for Earth & Humanity*, proposing annual 10% global military reductions to be used for funding human, social, and Earth’s needs.
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