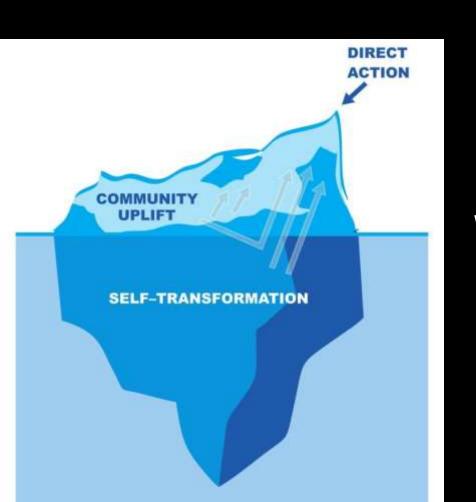
# Climate action & Racial healing Framework of YTBN Direct Action Network



Dr. Kritee (Kanko)

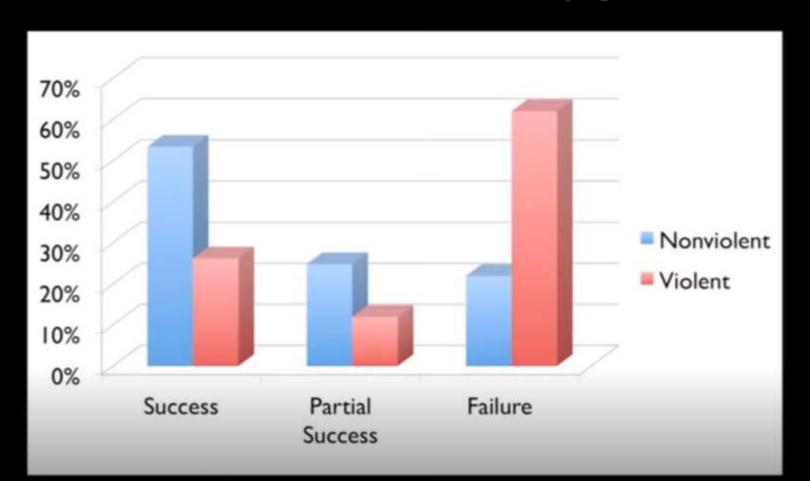
Website boundlessinmotion.org
Twitter @KriteeKanko

# Gratitude/Grounding practice

### Erica Chenoweth's TEDx talk

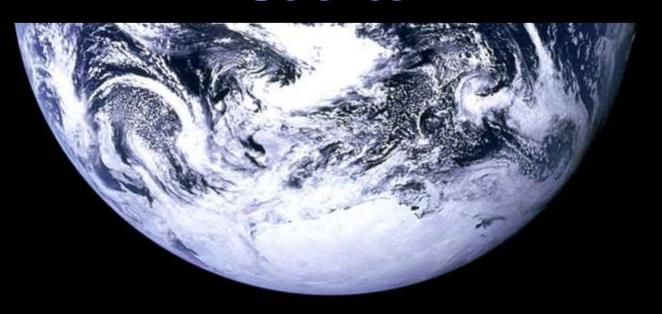
Violence & courage are not same! Violence is not the way out!

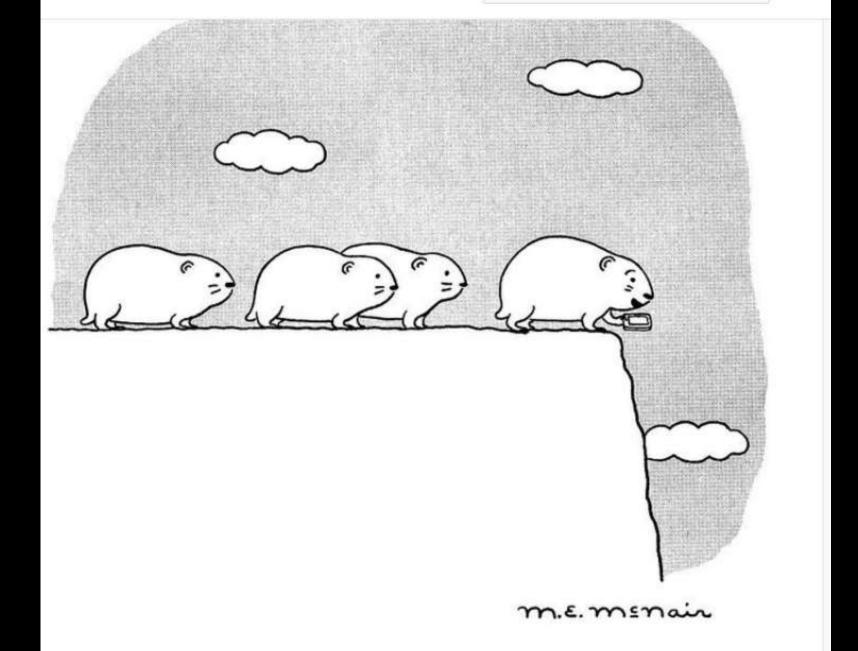
#### Success Rates of Nonviolent and Violent Campaigns, 1900-2006





# Science





"Hey, I just got my thousandth follower!"

### What ultimately makes all life possible?

Thin inter-connected layers

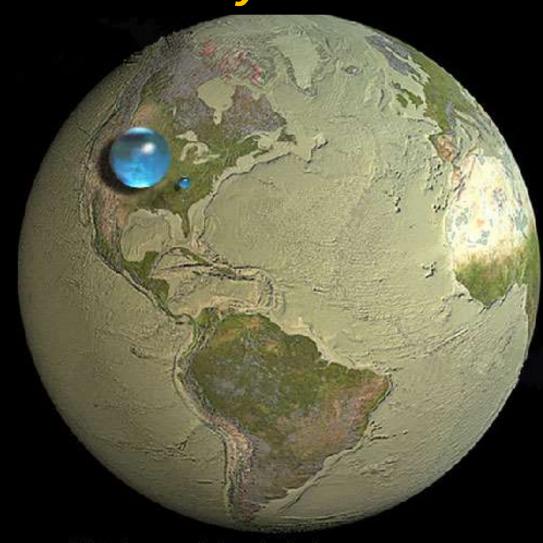
**Freshwater 50-100 miles sphere** 



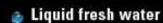
Topsoil: 2-8 inches



**Atmosphere: 20 miles** 



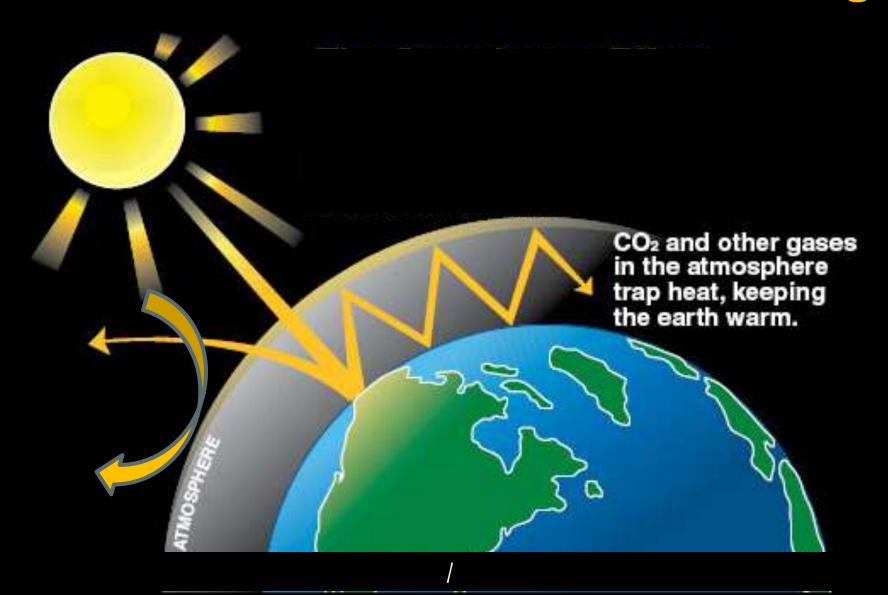
Water in, on, and above the Earth



Howard Perlman, USGS Jack Cook, Adam Nieman

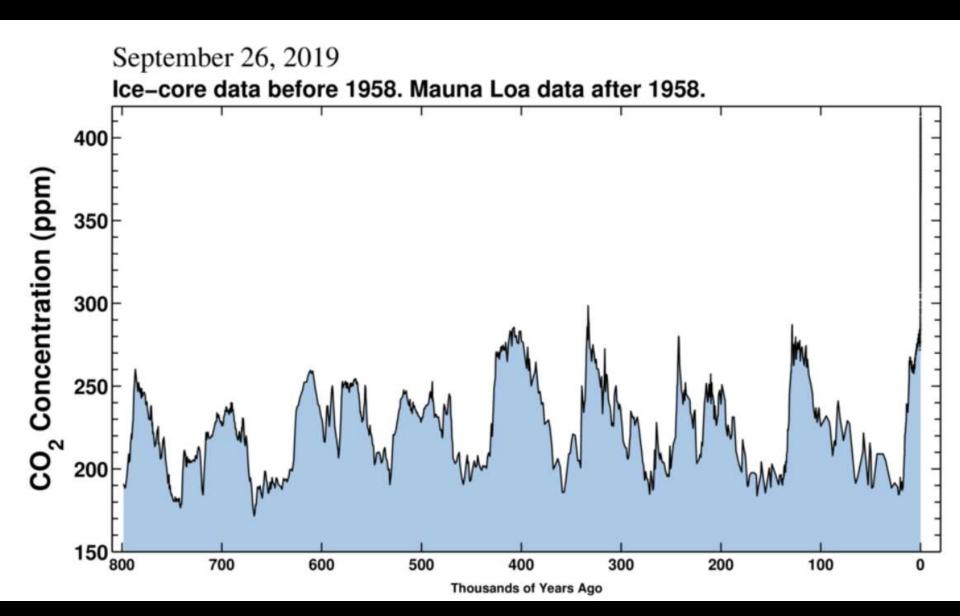
# **Physics**

# Greenhouse effect and climate forcings

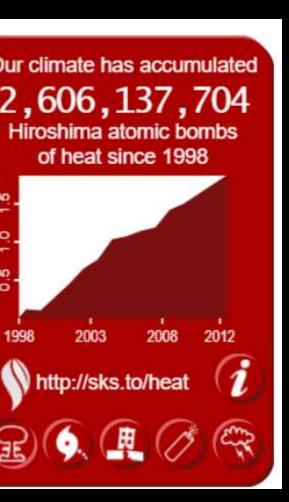


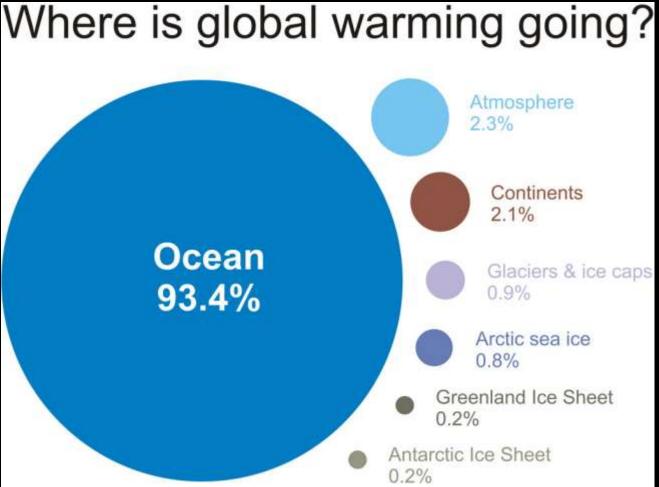
### Our planet's atmosphere's EKG

180-280 ppm circle & the 400 ppm tangent



### Heat = 4 atomic bombs per second





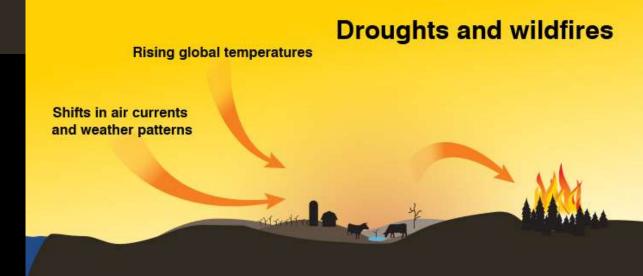
## **Temperature**

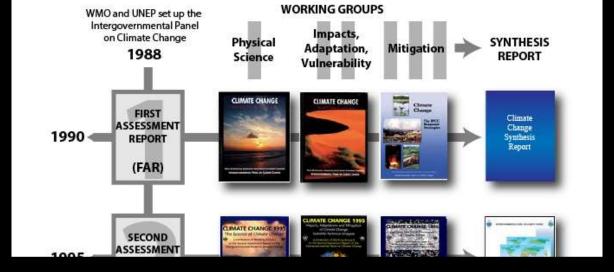
Heat + Drought +
Fires



# Indirect result Weather on steroids



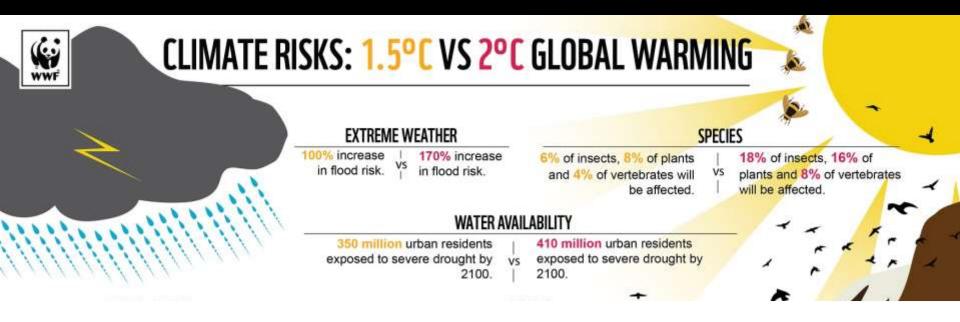




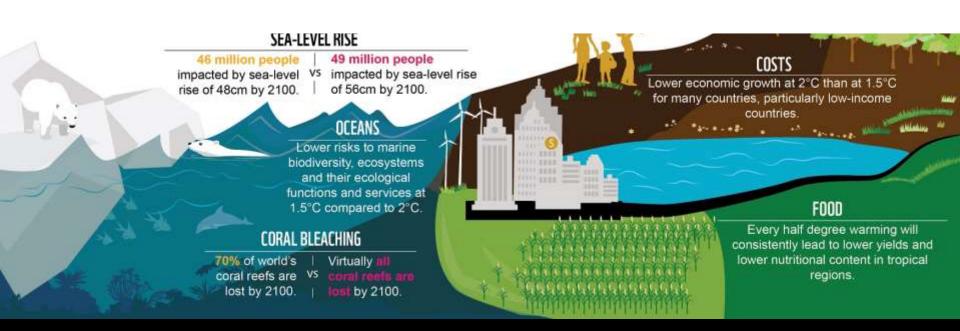
# IPCC reports in the last year

# ~195 countries approve summaries line by line Conservative process

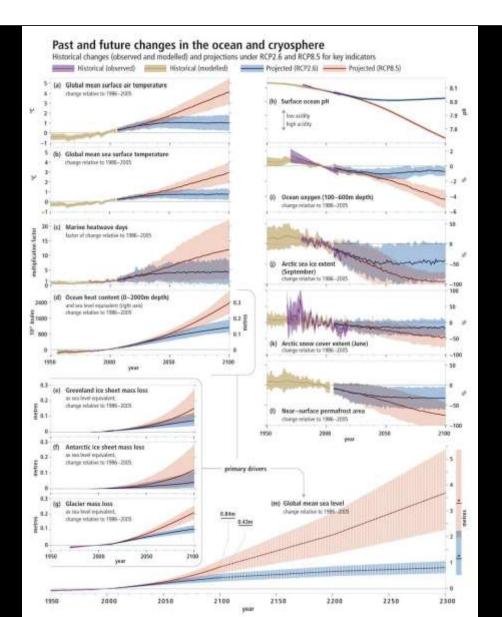




### Best case scenario also means a lot of loss



# Recent special report on oceans



# **Soundscapes**



#### The New York Times

MATTER

## Birds Are Vanishing From North America

The number of birds in the United States and Canada has declined by 3 billion, or 29 percent, over the past half-century, scientists find.

#### **Insects**

This article is more than 7 months old

# Plummeting insect numbers 'threaten collapse of nature'



Sun 10 Feb 2019 18.00 GMT





# IMPLICATIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY OF GLOBAL WARMING: 2°C

18% 8% 16% insects vertebrates plants

with further impacts on ecosystem function

One ice-free Arctic summer per YEARS

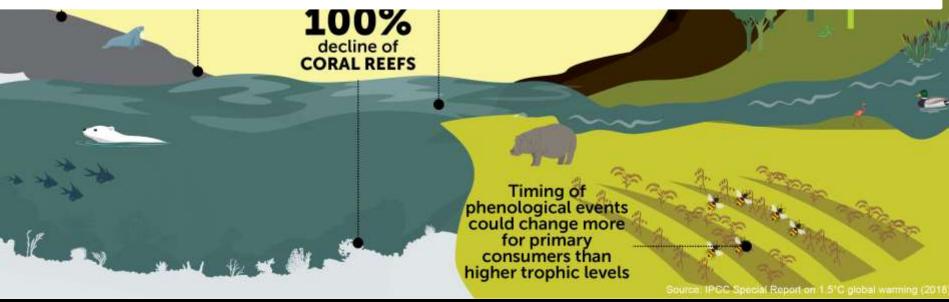
OCEAN
ACIDIFICATION
will further impact the growth, development,

ALPINE SPECIES
adaptation to warmer
temperatures limited
by mountain height
and habitability

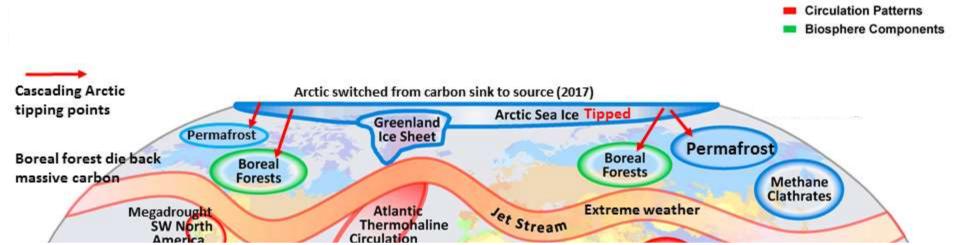


Limiting warming to

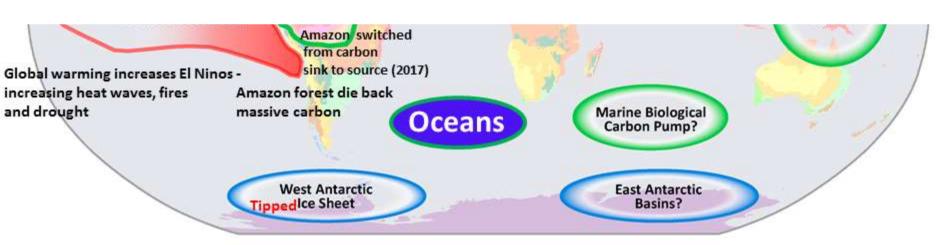
One million plant and animal species on the verge of extinction because of us



### **Global Warming Vulnerable Tipping Points**



### Lungs & heart are hurting but no single tipping point

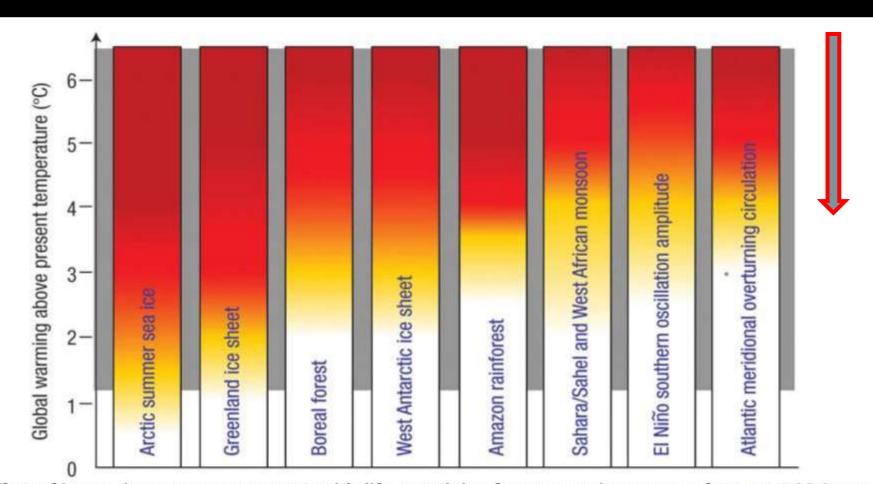


Adapted from Potsdam Climate Institute Tipping Elements the Achilles Heels of the Earth System

Cryosphere Entities

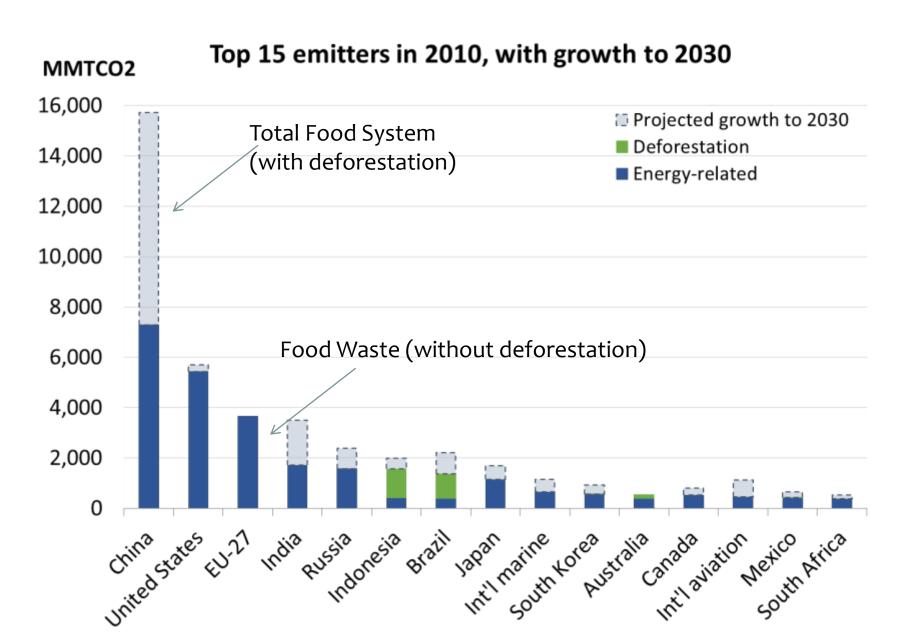
### Is it too late?

# There are multiple tipping points. We still have a lot to work for.

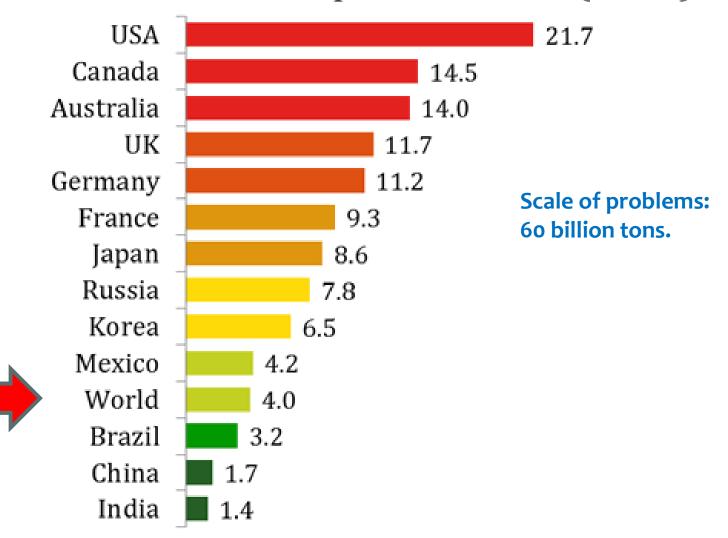


Effect of increasing temperature on Earth's life-sustaining features and processes, from a NRCC Commentary)

# What countries produce most GHGs



### Personal Carbon Footprints: t CO2e (2001)



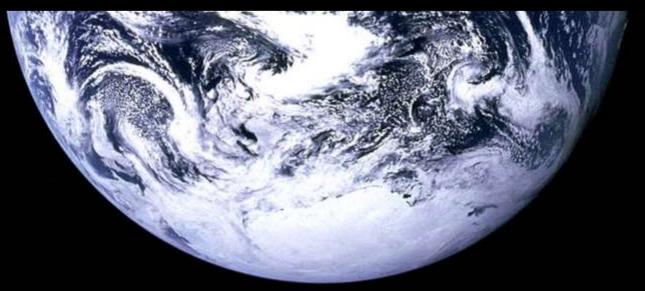
Note: The personal carbon footprint represents the combined emissions from personal consumption, inleuding housing, travel, food, product and service emissions. It excludes capital, government and land use emissions.

Shrink'

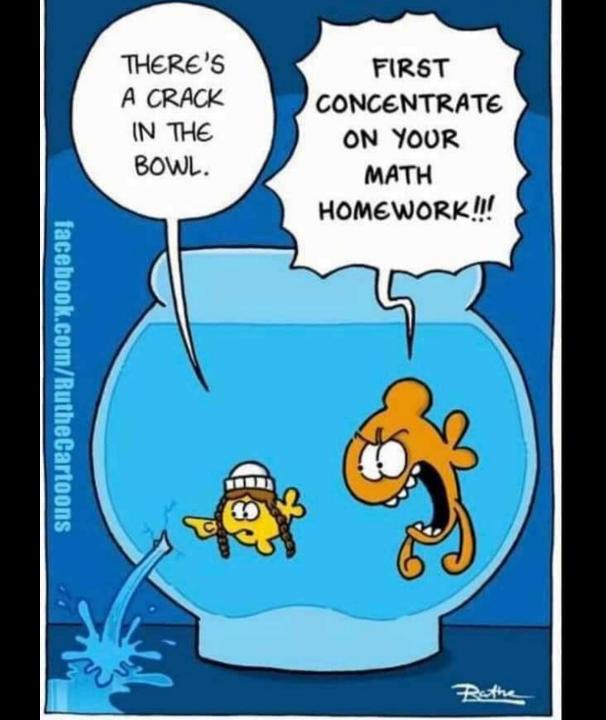
Sources: Hertwich & Peters 2009



# **Ethics & Equity**



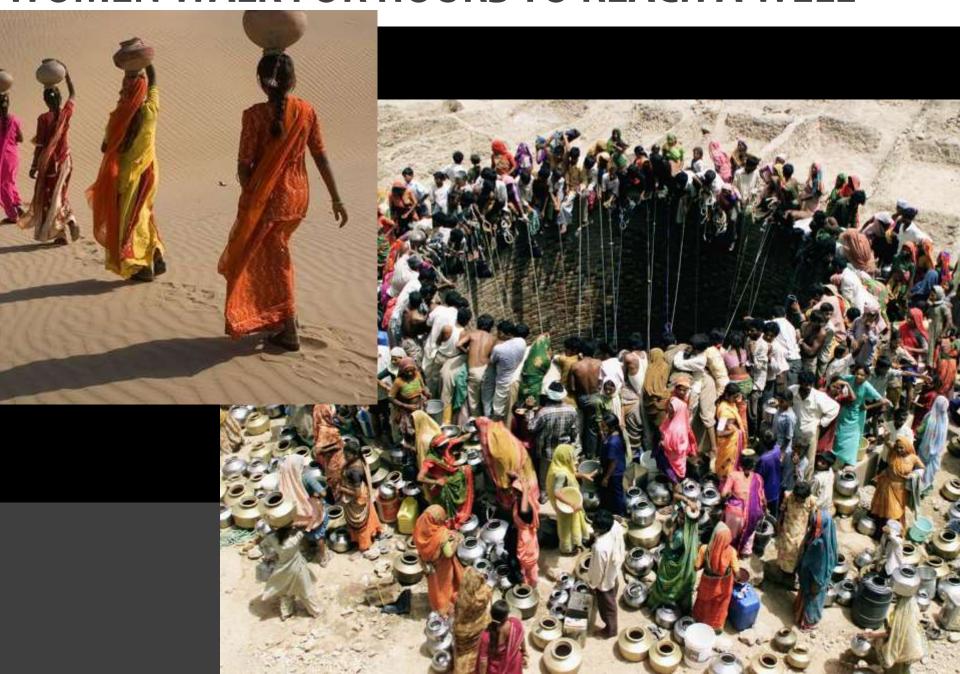


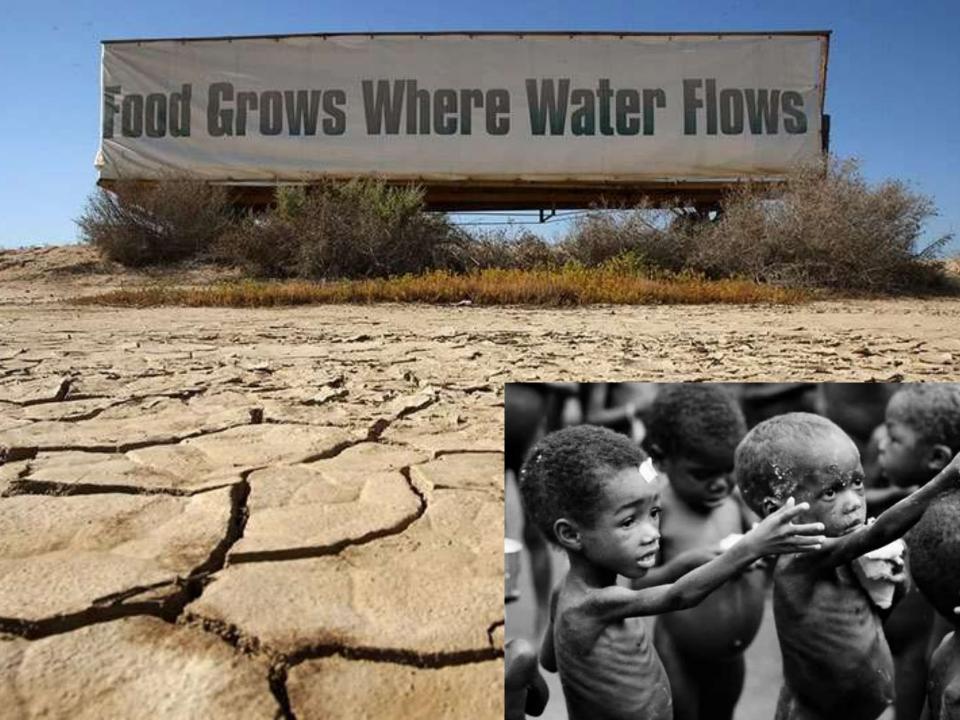


Why millennials are facing the scariest financial future of any generation since the Great Depression.

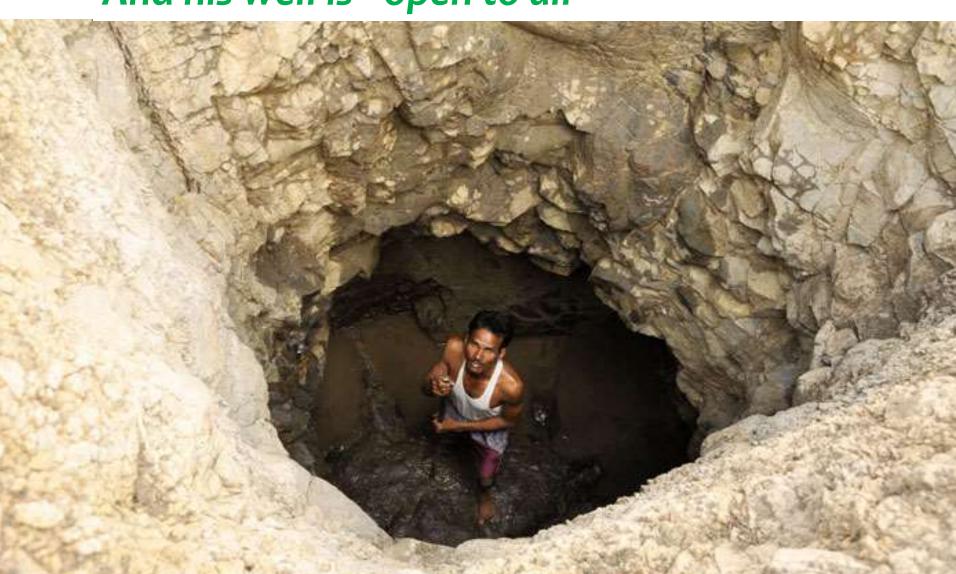
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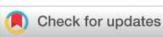
### WOMEN WALK FOR HOURS TO REACH A WELL





# Dalit Man Digs Well In 40 Days After His Wife Was Caste Shamed And his well is "open to all"





#### Climate change in the Fertile Crescent and implications of the recent Syrian drought

Colin P. Kelley<sup>a,1</sup>, Shahrzad Mohtadi<sup>b</sup>, Mark A. Cane<sup>c</sup>, Richard Seager<sup>c</sup>, and Yochanan Kushnir<sup>c</sup>

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Syria's Climate-Fueled Conflict, In One Stunning Comic Strip f

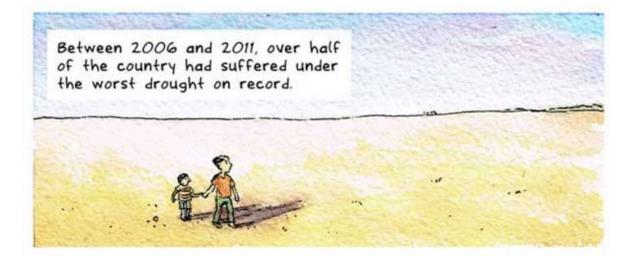


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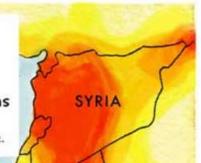
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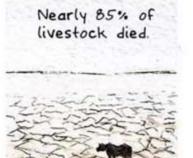
#### Significance

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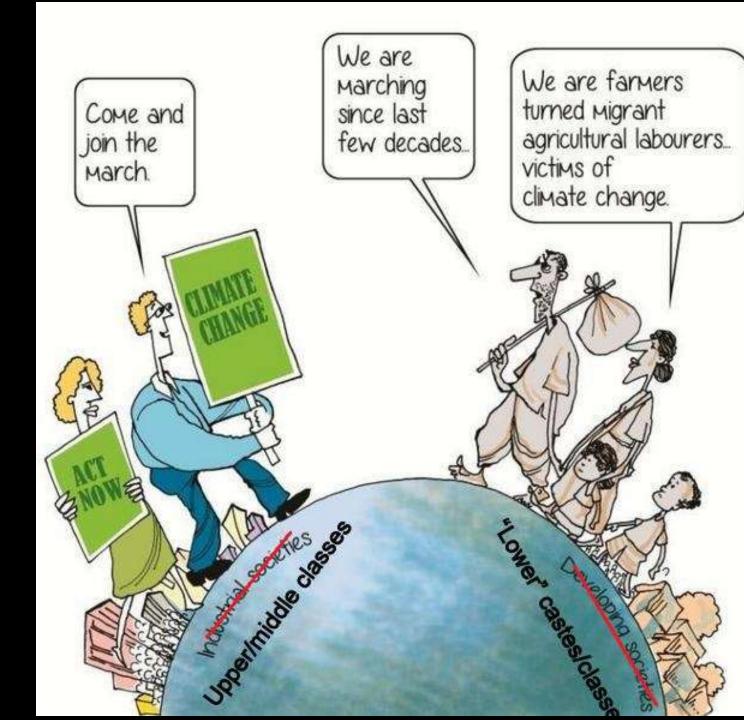


This drought was more intense and lasted longer than could be explained by natural variations in weather. This was climate change.





## **Justice**



# **Justice**







# BP oil spill

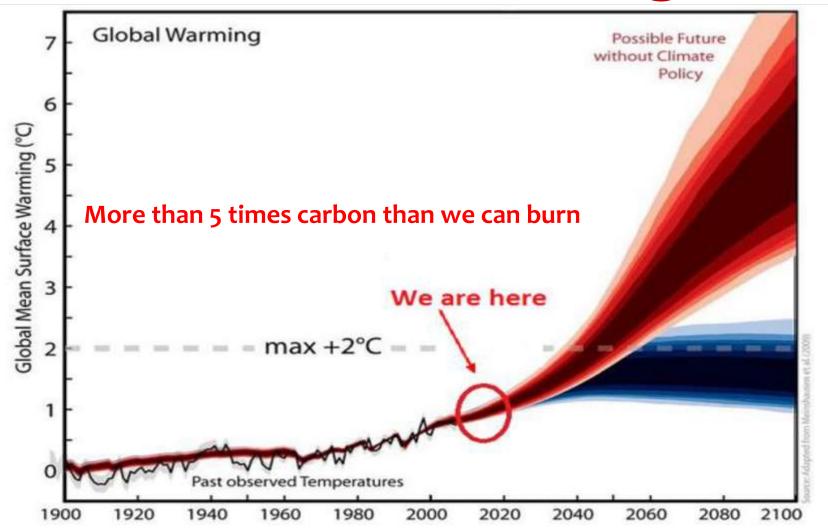




Where can and will we go from here?

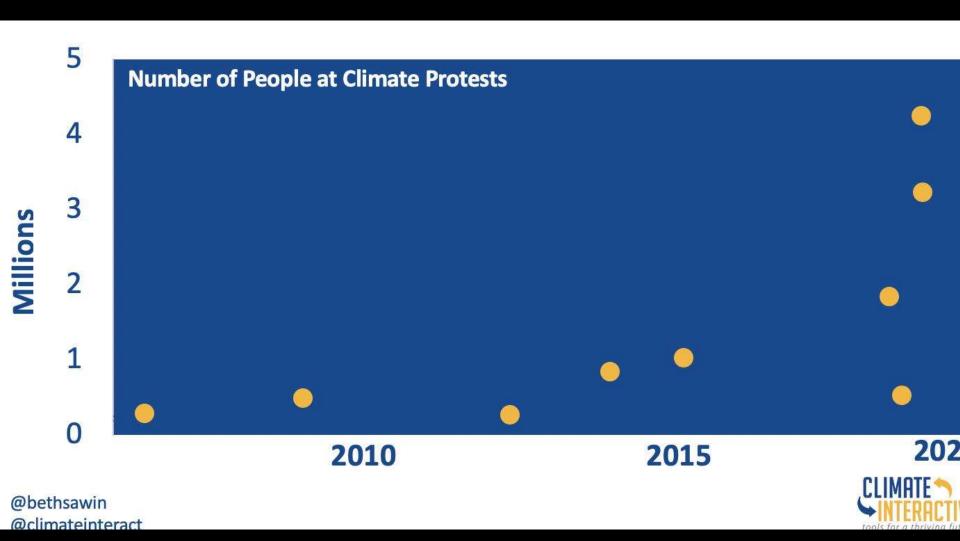


# **Hope and Challenge**



(Figure 3: Fork in our global road: How do we get ready to take the blue, safer path?)

### Climate movement since 2005



### Extinction rebellion + Sunrise movement



# There are encouraging signs but the path ahead is going to be very hard

We are not just being asked to do something hard.

"We all need to the seemingly impossible"

-Greta

# A home for those who want it To scaling spiritual iceberg together!



### Strands of network's seed-DNA

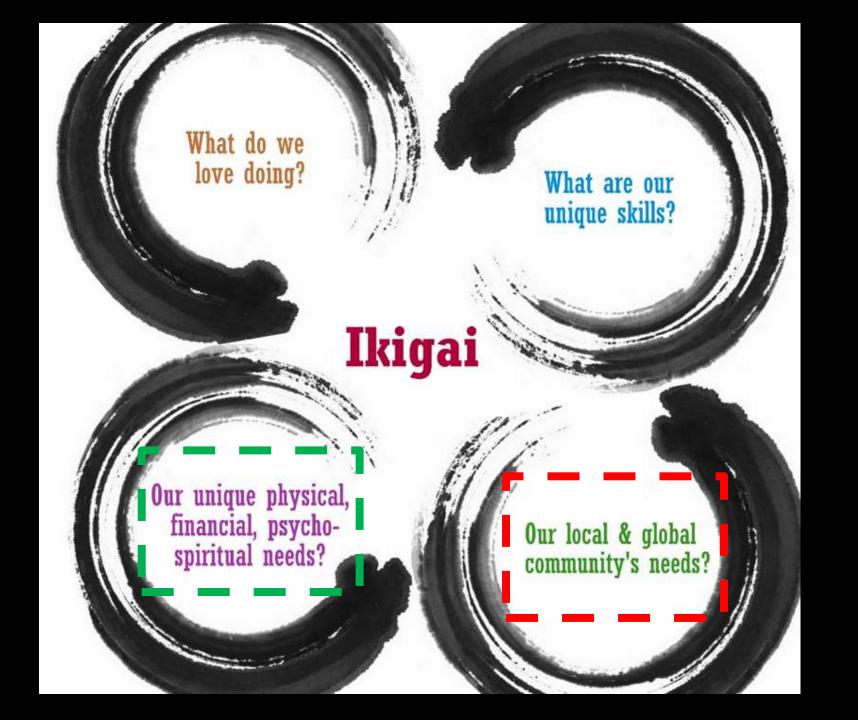
Seeds will blossom in different ways over time at different places

- Integral nonviolence and fierce vulnerability
- Climate action as a team to build power: 21 days per year
- Racial healing through reparations (land and money) as a team
- Vocation: Doing what we love for the team
- Emergence: Learning from nature + decentralization
- Deep understanding oppression systems
- Honoring trauma and neuro-biology

# Direct action & vocations 21 days of strategic team action to win a campaign

Point of Production – where harmful items are created
Point of Destruction – where resources are extracted, pollution released, natural resources destroyed
Point of Consumption – where products reach consumers
Point of Decision – where plans for the future are crafted
Point of Assumption – where social norms are developed and held

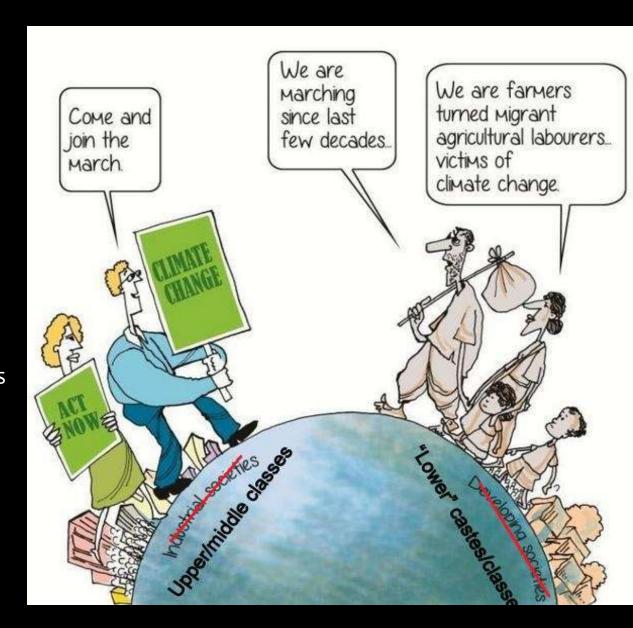
Point of Potential – when cultural or historic moments become actions opportunities



### Racial justice & reparations

#### People of global majority

- Cause least harm
- (will) suffer the most
- Have teachings that we need to face chaos
- Bodies, religion, culture & resources subjugated to create financial wealth in the West.
- "Side dish"
- Have called for reparations



Nationally, white households have a median net worth of \$127,200.

while Black and Latino households have a median net worth of just \$9,250 and \$12,550, respectively.

It would take a Black family 228 years

and a Latino family

84 years

to achieve the wealth that the average white family has today.

# Team reparations + Atonement for racial healing

**Video** 

### **Emergence (Swarm model)**

- Seed or DNA = authority
- No top-down organization
  - Sunrise Movement (Momentum)
  - Extinction rebellion (XR)
  - (e.g., Alcoholics anonymous 12 steps)



### Oppression systems: Separate + Control

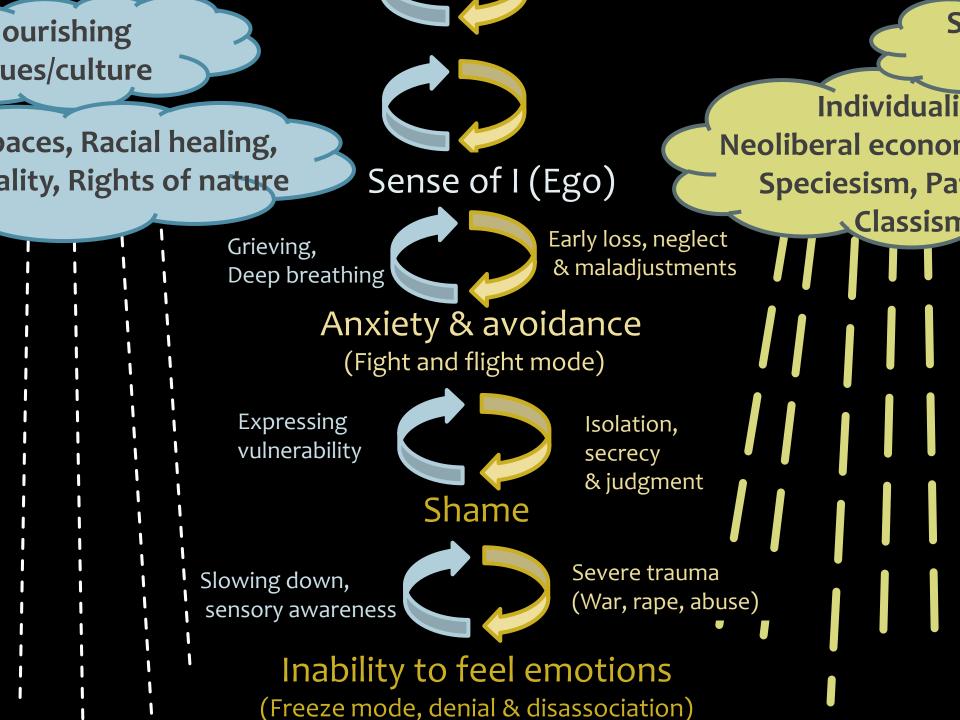


### **Domination culture = Separate + Control**

Neoliberal capitalism, Class, Supremacy of European culture

> Sexism, Speciesism, Patriarchy

Buddhism 101
Suffering = Delusion of separation





"Prior to reading Gandhi, I had about concluded that the ethics of Jesus were only effective in individual relationship. The "turn the other cheek" philosophy and the "love your enemies" philosophy were only valid, I felt, when individuals were in conflict with other individuals; when racial groups and nations were in conflict a more realistic approach seemed necessary. But after reading Gandhi, I saw how utterly mistaken I was."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

# Fierce vulnerability



### Resources

Ecodharma, grief, resilience articles boundlessinmotion.org

Responses to skeptical question <u>skepticalscience.com/</u>

#### Spiritual/Buddhist responses

- Greenfaith & Interfaith Power & Light
- Joanna Macy
  - Work That Reconnects
  - Paradigm of Great Turning and our role in it

### Solutions/advocacy

Personal <u>shrinkthatfootprint.com/</u>

Big Greens edf.org renewables100.org/ 350.org

Climate Disobedience Center

East Point Peace Academy

Jerusalem Farm

New Community Project -Vine & Fig

**Cultural Catalyst Network** 

**Evening Star Farm** 

Joyfield Farm

Possibility Alliance

### **Lynice Pinkard**

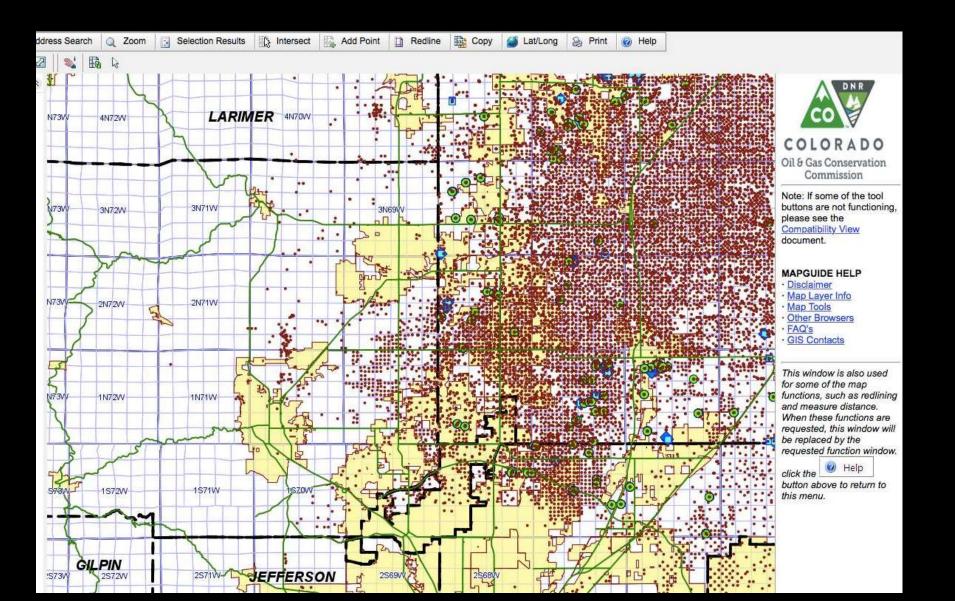
To what extent does any one of us identify with the forces of domination and participate in relations that reinforce that domination and the exploitation that goes with it? In what ways and to what extent are we wedded to our own upward mobility, financial security, good reputation, and ability to "win friends and influence people" in positions of power? Or conversely, do we identify (by identify by putting our lives on the line) with efforts to reverse patterns of domination, empower people on the margins (even when we are not on the margins ourselves), and seek healthy, sustainable relations?"

## EXTRA SLIDES

# (NOT USED IN THIS LECTURE)

# We worked hard for 1.5 years & failed to limit fracking in Colorado

### Rape of mother Earth in Boulder, Colorado



### May 2017 Meditate-pray the frack out of Boulder





### Meditate-pray the frack out of Boulder



# Greta and youth

### Sept 2018: Greta's strike one year ago in Sweden



"Somebody's got to do it."





# CLIMATE STRIKE: WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD COMES TOGETHER TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD



HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?TIME\_CONTINUE=2&V=ZA-S4P4BWQY

### Greta "Shame on you" video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMrtLsQbaok

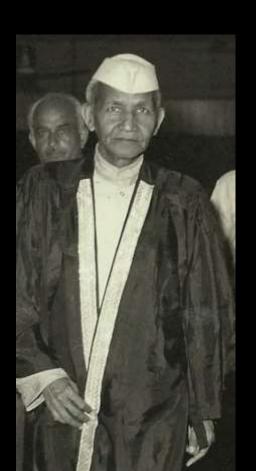
### Greta and George Monbiot video

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Nail and Hammer.

# Nonviolence

Activism that heals....





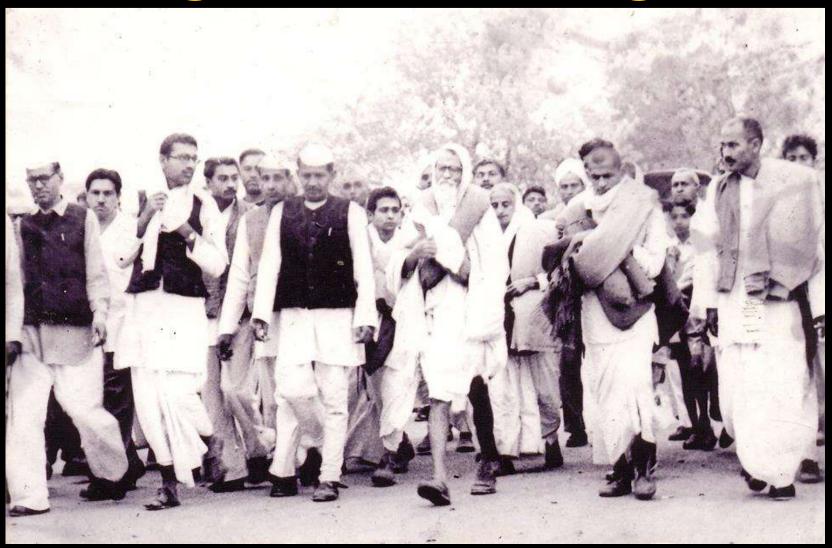
### My roots -- My grandpa



"One can not play safe and hope that a corrupt system will change itself. To weaken the cycle of corruption, it is essential that wise & courageous individuals step out of it and build public opinion even if it involves physical and financial harm". - Babuji

### Lawyer, Gandhian, National leader: moolchandjain.org

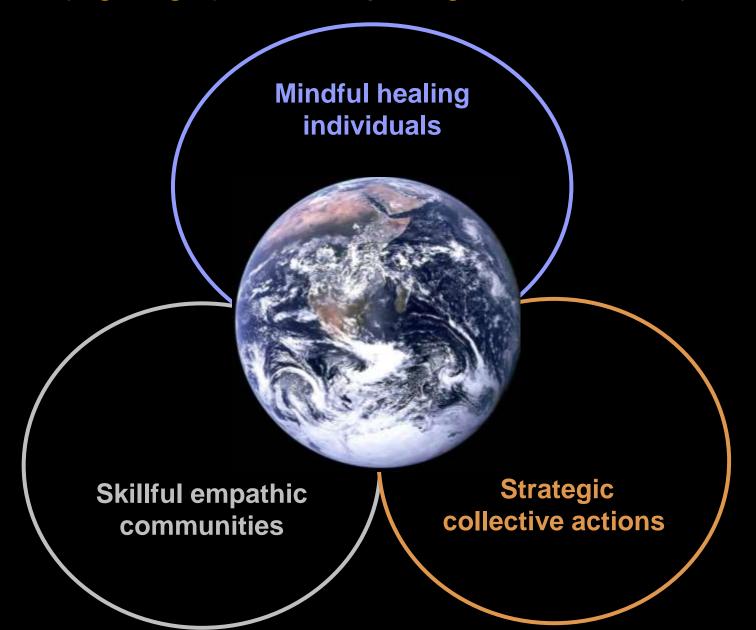
# Satyagraha = Asserting Truth



Grandpa with Vinoba Bhave, Gandhi's foremost satyagrahi

### Psycho-spiritual basis for a path forward

(Neglecting any one of this tripod's legs is not wholesome...)



# Emergence

Murmaration of starlings



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# What is our psychological + spiritual need? Ability to act in the midst of paradoxes

Unyielding when oppressed vs yielding when privileged

**Expressing grief-anger vs resilience & courage** 

Things getting better and better vs worse and worse

Living in joy/gratitude vs distraction & complacency

Community's wisdom-resilience vs dogma-conservatism

Urgency vs panic Resignation vs patience

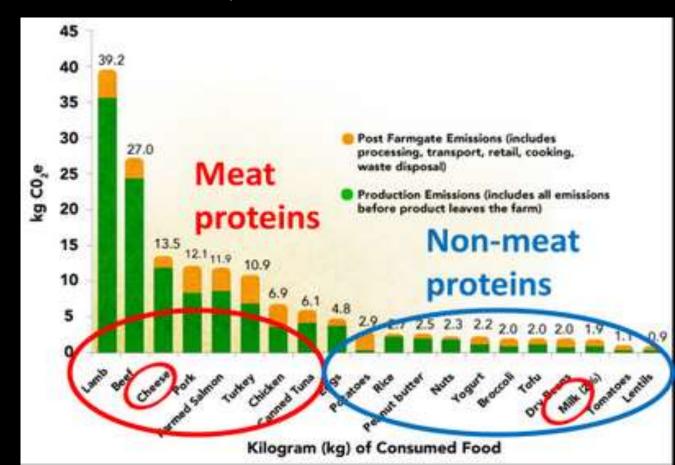
**Expressing uniqueness vs being in community** 

Being in the moment vs recognizing history/trajectory

**Education vs** intellectualization

### SHIFTING DIETS AND REDUCING WASTE

- Food waste: ~25 % of the world's food calories and 50 % of total food weight are lost or wasted before they can be consumed. (Rich vs. poor).
- Today ~55% of the world's crop calories feed people
  - 36% to livestock
  - 9% turned into biofuels and industrial products.
- For every 100
   calories of grain we
   feed animals,
  - 40% as milk,
  - 22 % eggs,
  - 12 % chicken
  - 10%pork, or
  - 3% beef.



# Methane & ongoing Extinction

# Please see this video online (not attached to powerpoint)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRGVTK-AAvw

#### **Trump's Executive Order: More Fossil Fuels, Regardless of Climate Change**

**Energy and Environment** 

One of the most troubling ideas about climate change just found new evidence in its favor

Scientists understood the climate 150 years ago better than the EPA head today

Trump has launched a blitzkrieg in the wars on science and Earth's climate

Trump's anti-science budget, anti-climate executive orders, and general disdain for scientific expertise come at a bad time

**Executive order to effectively withdraw from Paris climate treaty** 

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### Naropa peace studies class notes

#### **Roadblocks for activists**

### Root causes of problems

- Us vs them
- Lack of nature connection
- Level of ignorance about science & scale of problems
- Lifestyles
- Extractive economy
- Lack of connection with ourselves
- Aversion to suffering
- Psychic numbing
- Power structures
- Egotistical
- Value systems
- Individual actions don't matter
- Industrialization

- Bodily harm
- Financial harm
- Loss of relationships
- Sadness/grief
- Privileged NIBMY and lack of action on global issues
- Lack of education on law/power
- What is our YES?
- Privatized info/media
- Hierarchy

#### Path ahead + Solutions

- Step into wilderness
- Urban permaculture
- Mass civil disobedience
- Reconnect and bridgebuilding with family/friends
- Personal empowerment/meditation
- Sacred communication
- Art of community building
- Sacrifice/courage
- Strategic education

### What sectors produce GHGs?

