

The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels

3 ideas

1. Our global energy discussion is fundamentally flawed.
2. A framework for rationally discussing our energy choices.
3. If we do follow a rational framework there is a strong moral case for using more fossil fuels, not less.

**Our global energy discussion
is fundamentally flawed.**

A framework for rationally discussing our energy choices.

1. Clarity about the choice.
2. Clarity about the process.
3. Clarity about the goal.

Clarity about the choice

What is the right policy toward fossil fuels?

(Restriction → liberation)

Clarity about the process

What are the **specific benefits** and **costs** of all the alternatives?

Full context thinking.

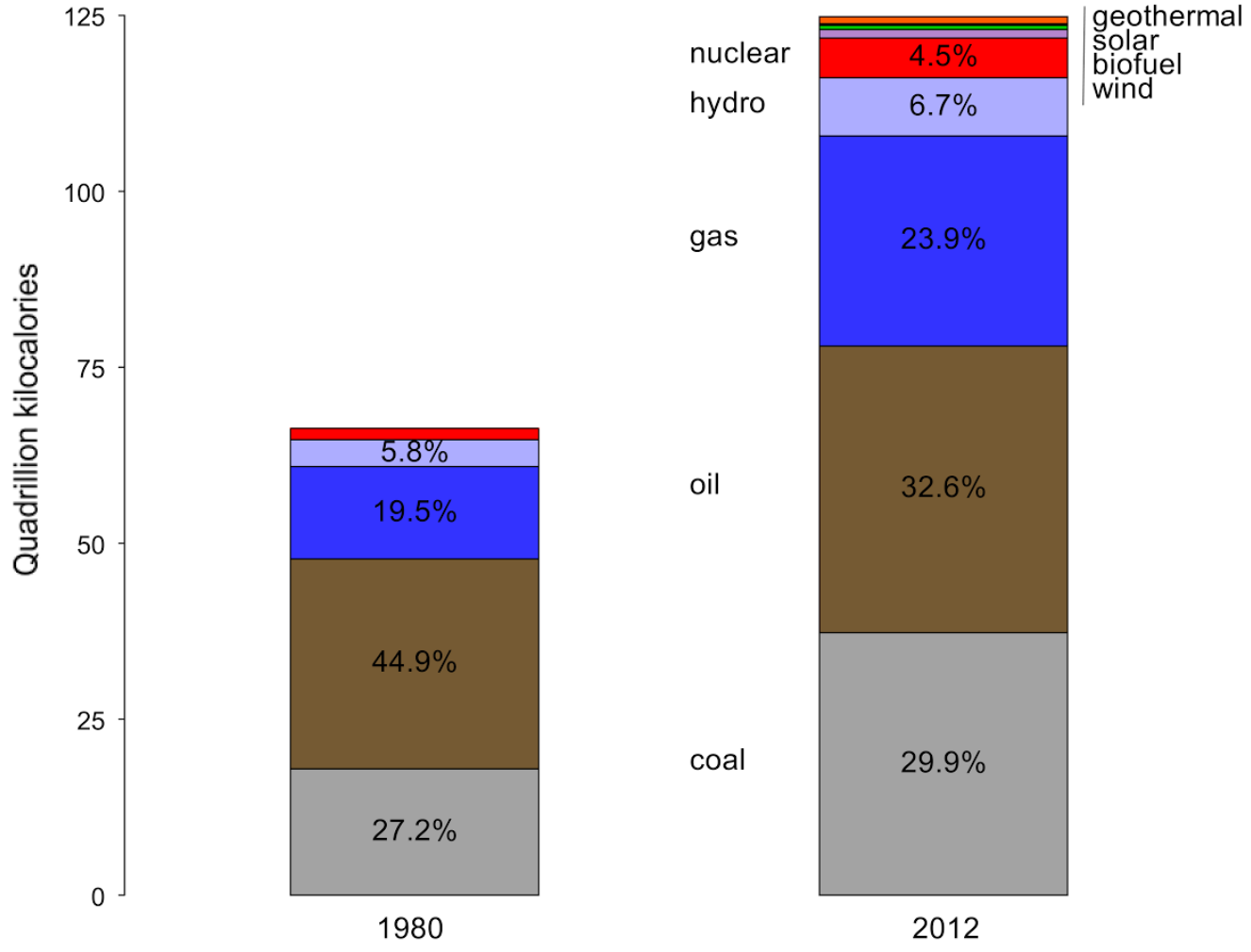
Clarity about the goal

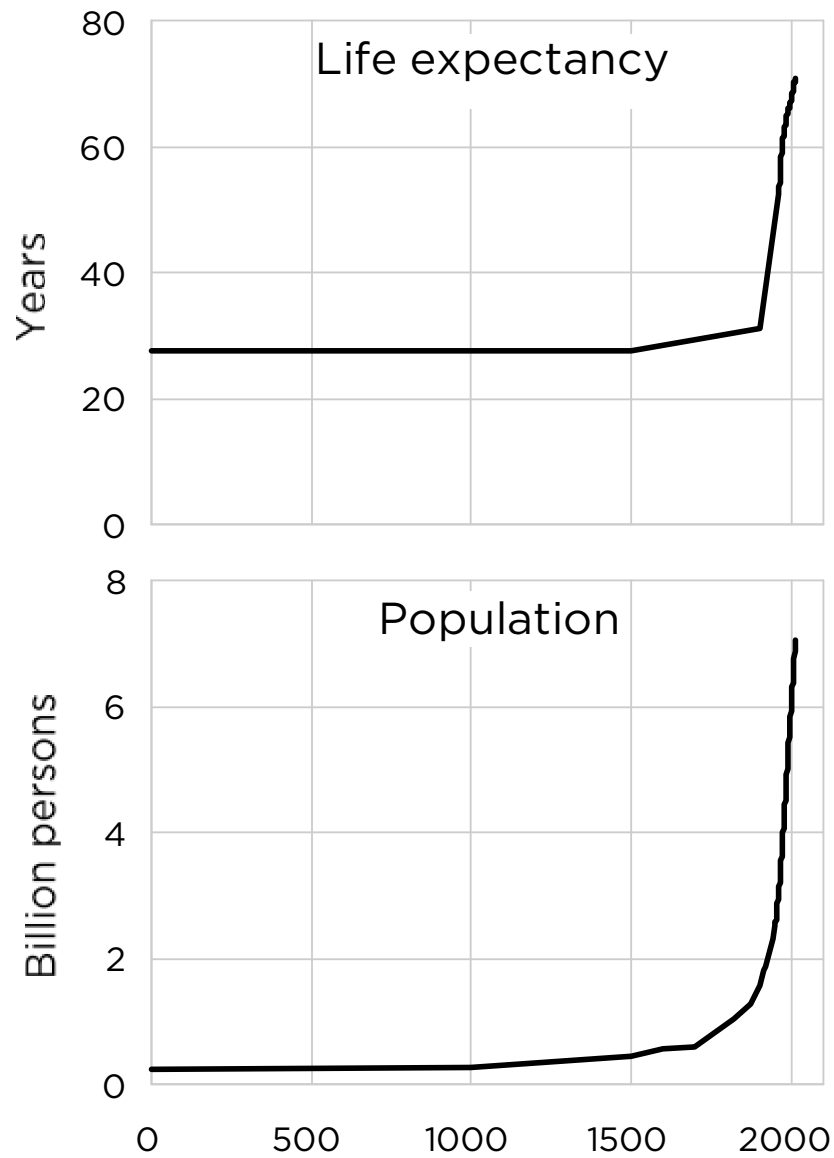
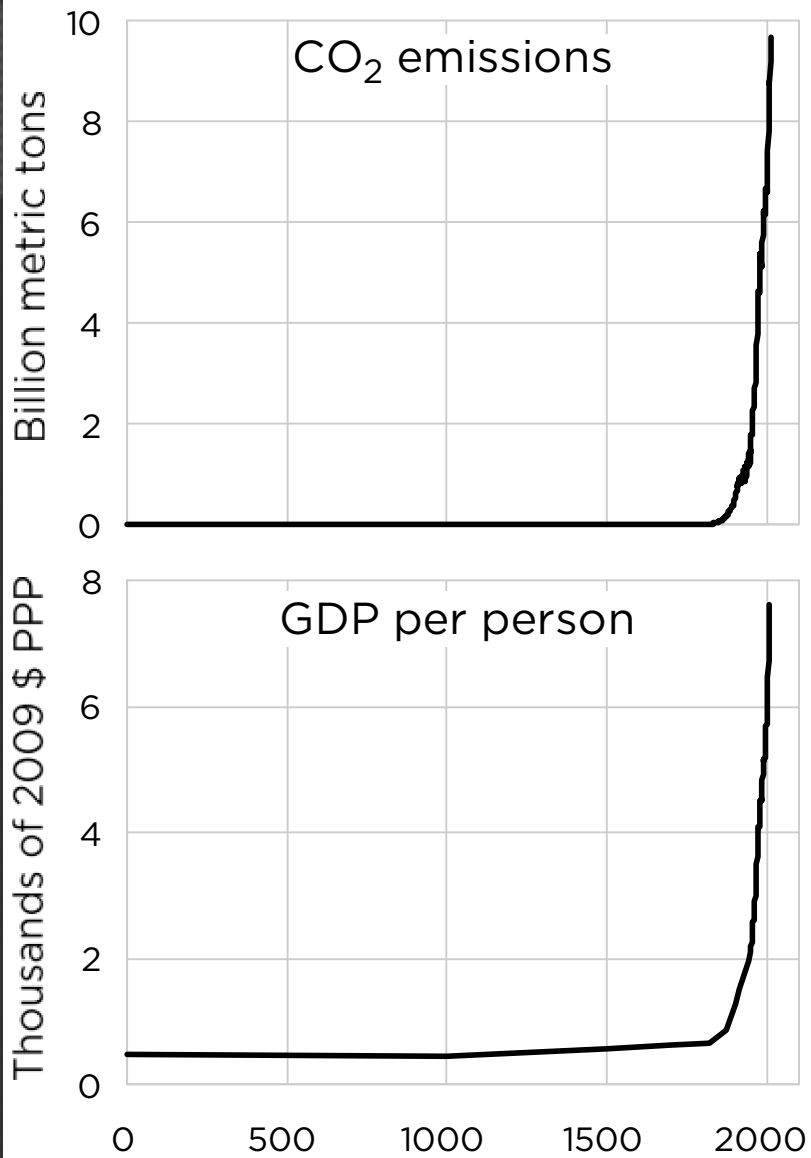
What will **maximize** human flourishing?

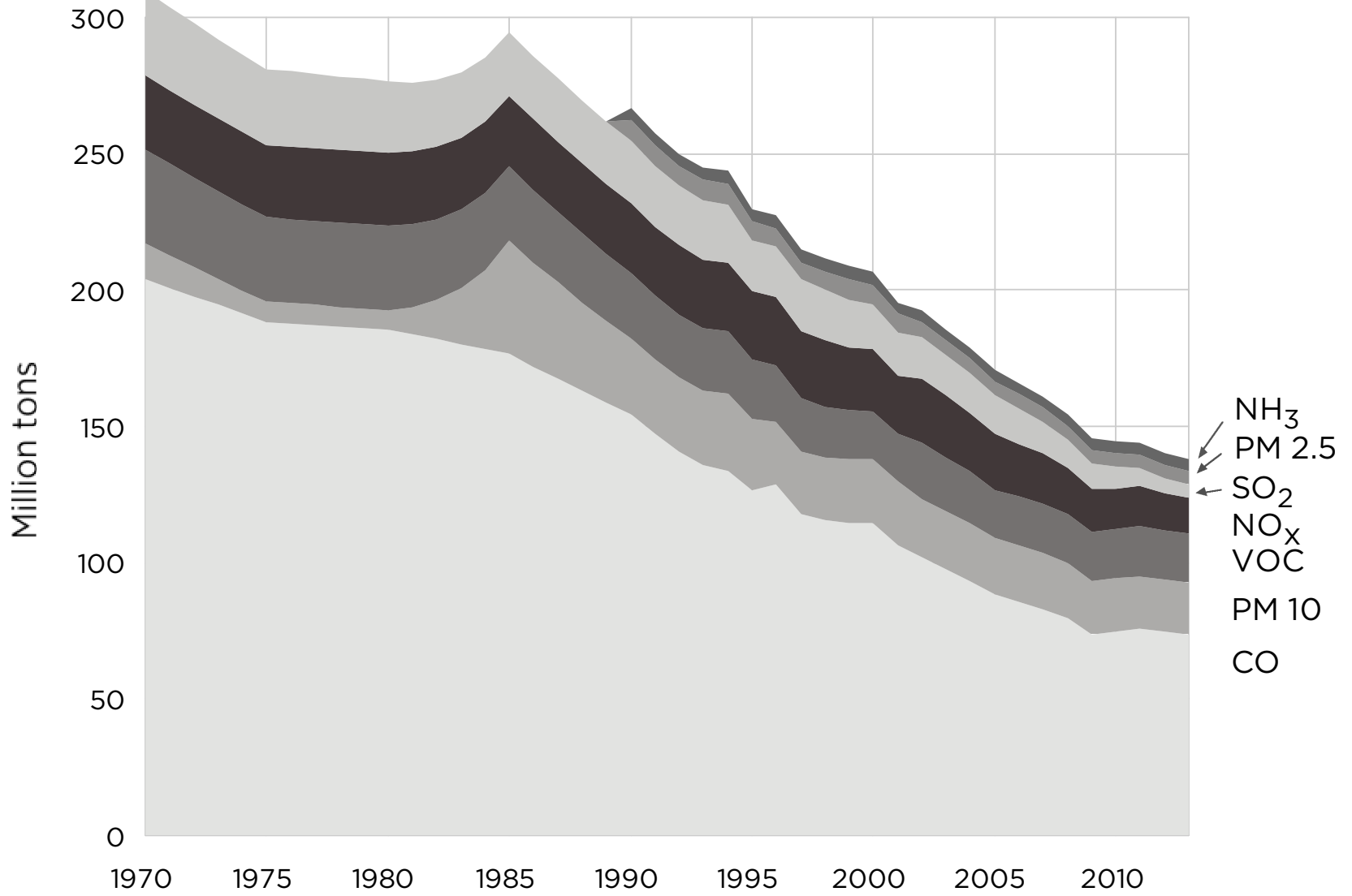
Human flourishing as the standard of value.

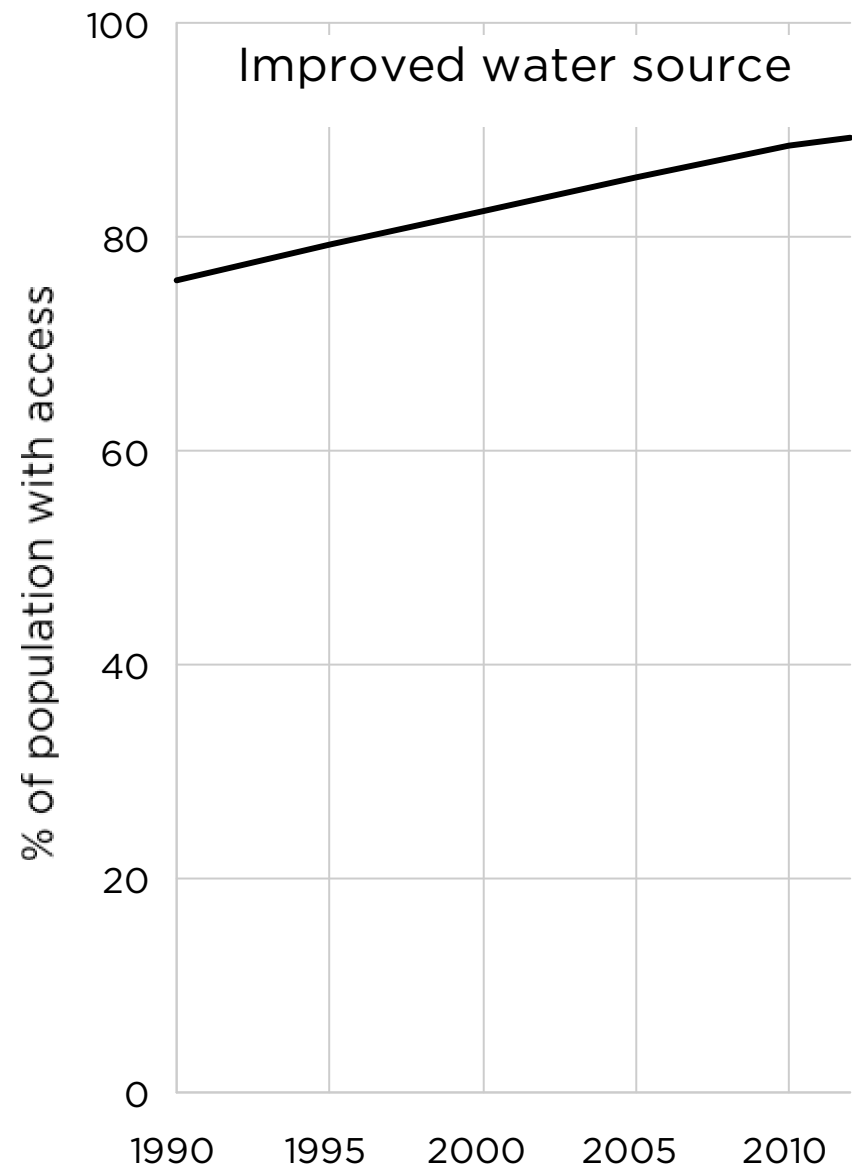
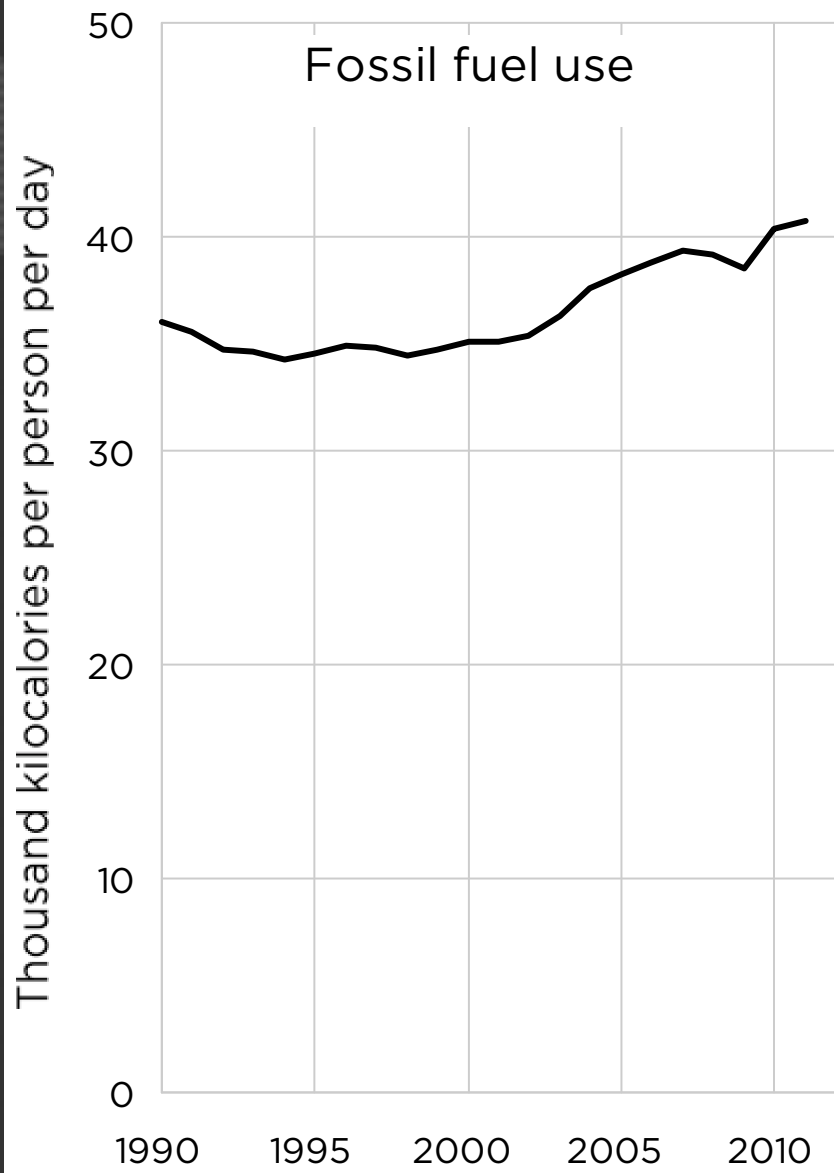
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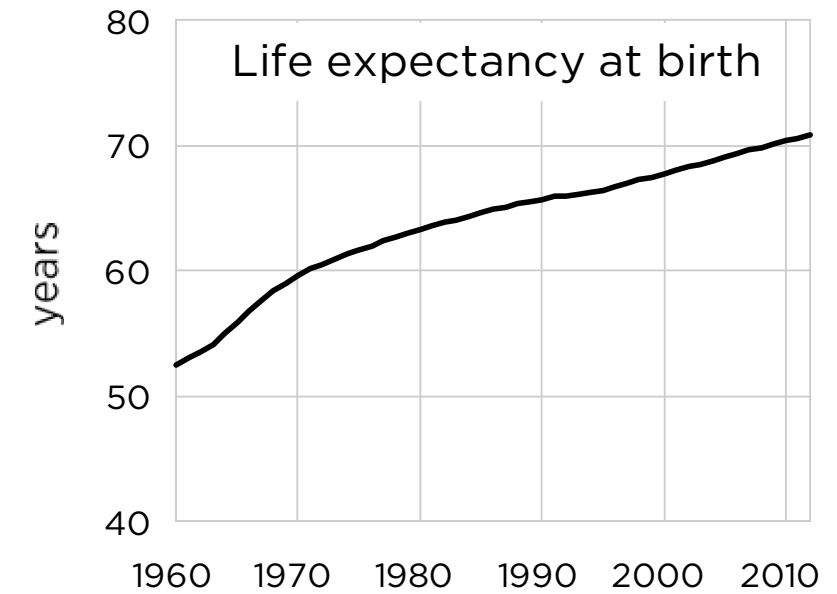
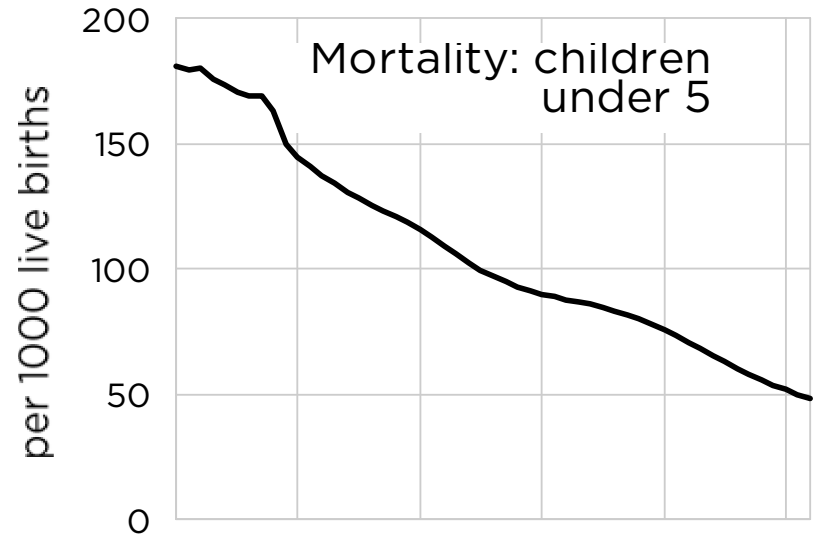
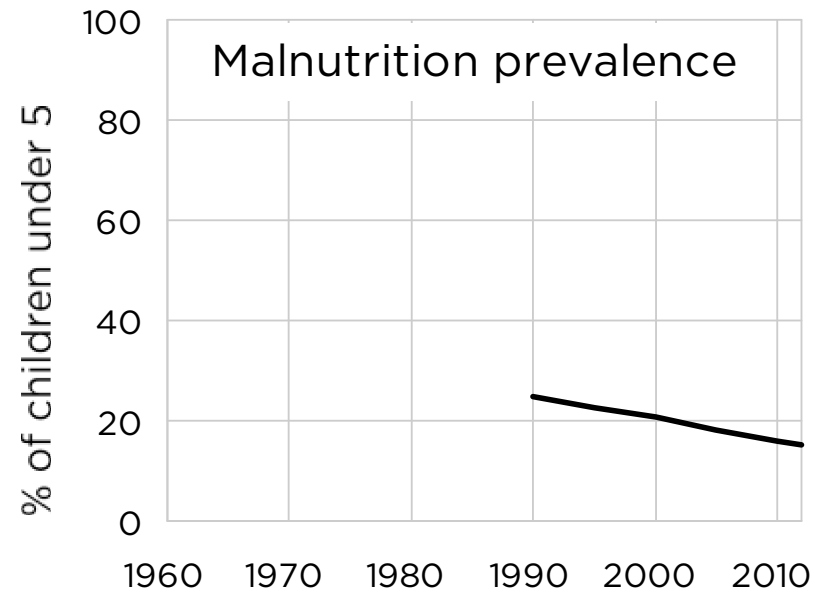
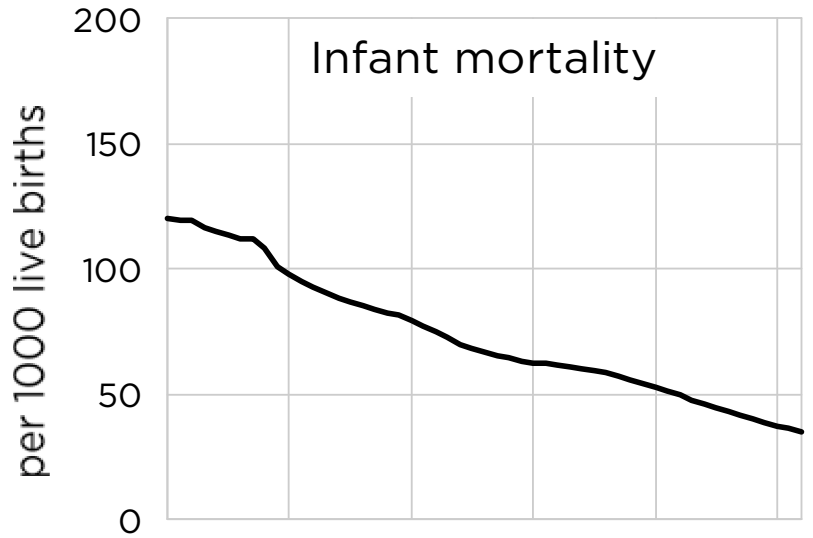
The unique benefits of fossil fuel use place an extremely high burden of proof on any restrictive proposals.

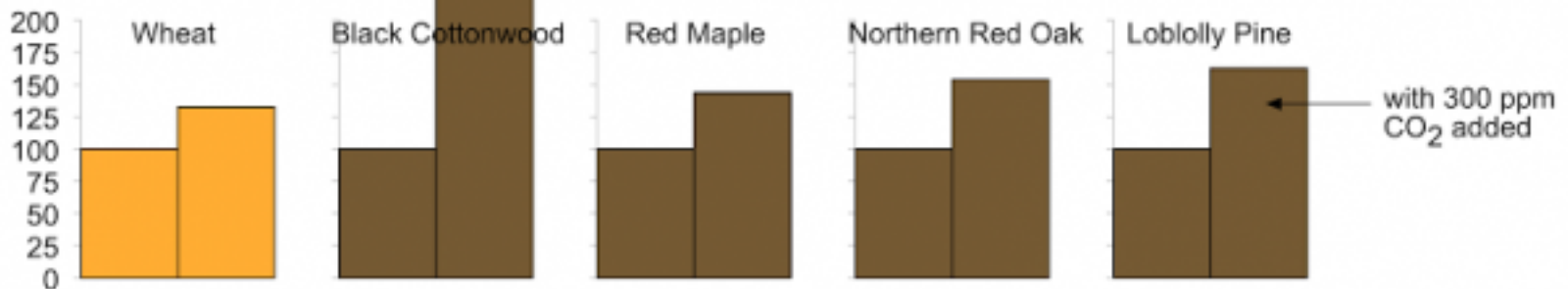
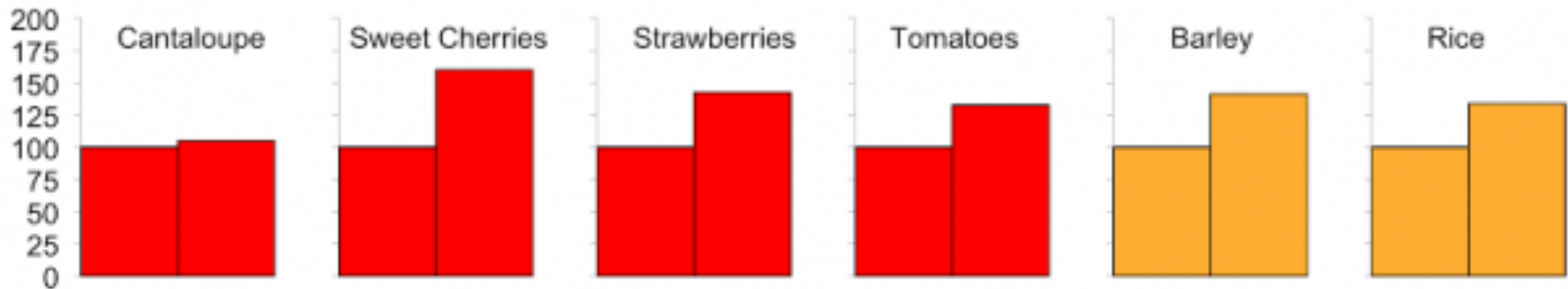


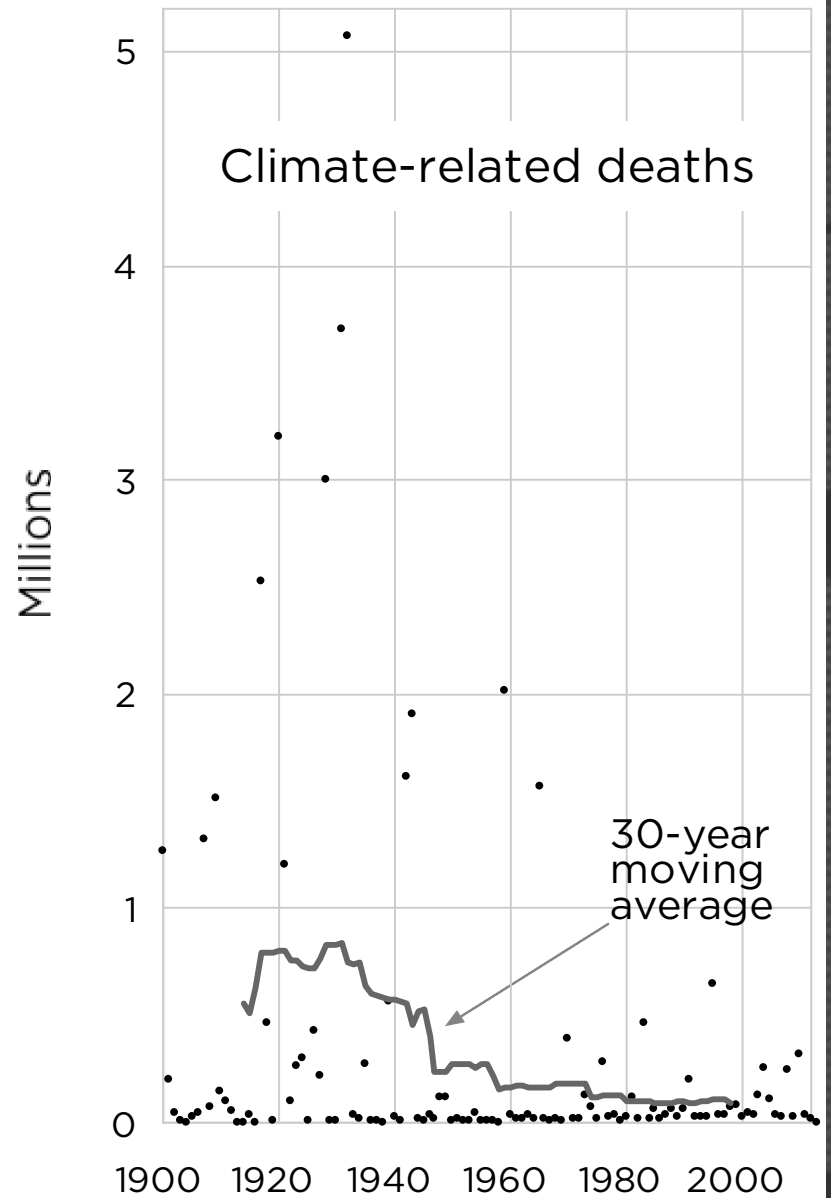
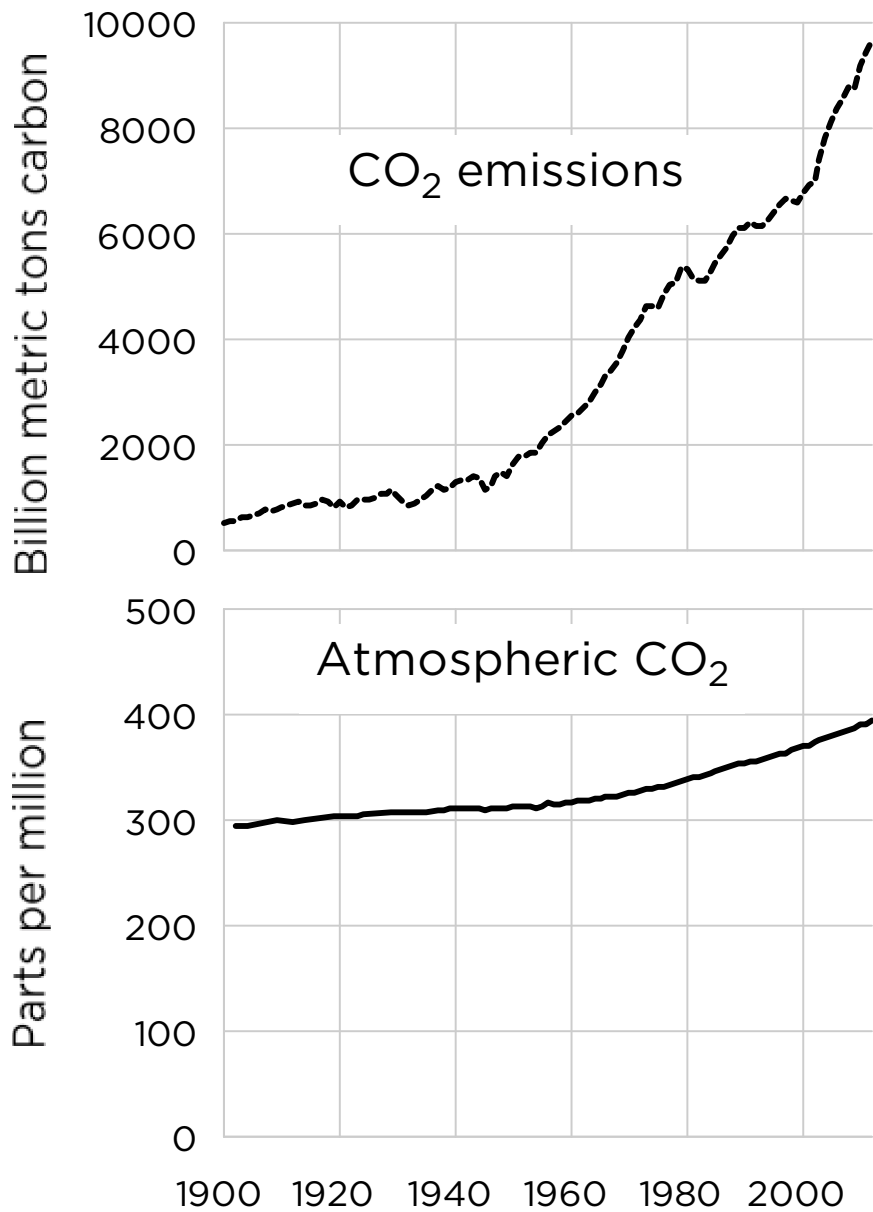


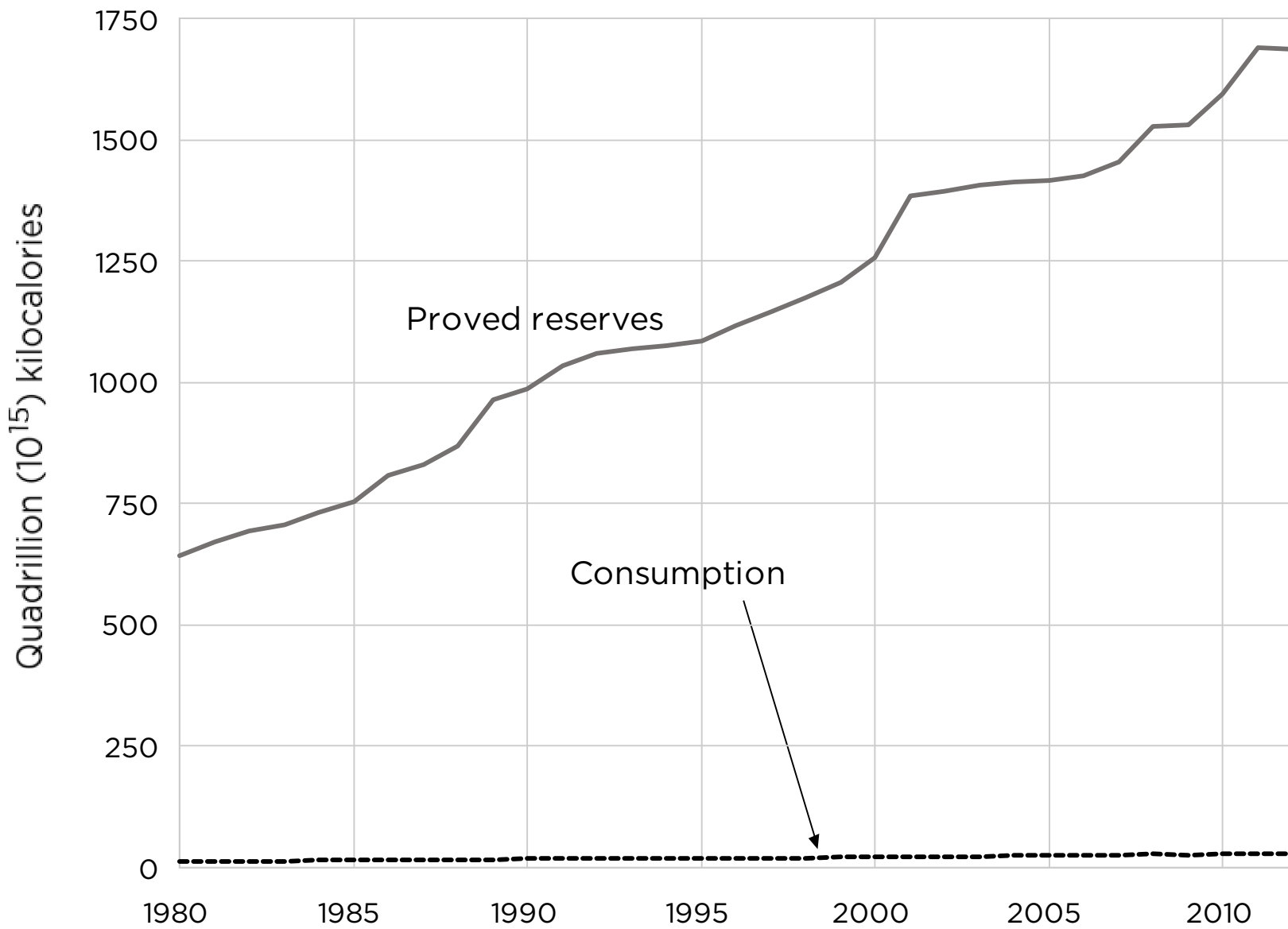












The supposed unique risks of fossil fuel use tend to be extremely exaggerated or even the opposite of the truth.

The case of climate livability.

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