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Viewpoint

Geopolitical health: A new imperative for understanding the health of the people we serve

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Public Health in the era of despair, denial, disinformation, despots and disasters

We face a difficult task just doing our jobs in public health and health services - be it in health promotion, health protection or health services tasks

But those tasks are made more difficult by the perfect storm of global health risks that now face us

And those risks are made the greater by the climate of disinformation which throws everything and everyone into doubt, hesitancy and fear

There has never been a more important time to be in the service of the health of the public, and never a more difficult time





These smug pilots have lost touch with regular passengers like us. Who thinks I should fly the plane?

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Many streets in Valencia were left stacked high with debris and destroyed cars

A woman living in Valencia when it was engulfed by flash floods has put together a group of volunteers to help rebuild in the wake of the "devastating" disaster.

The **torrential rain and flooding** which hit the coastal city at the end of October was the deadliest in modern Spanish history, killing more than 220 people.

The world is burning and drowning

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More than 9,000 structures damaged or destroyed, at least 10 killed in L.A. County fires



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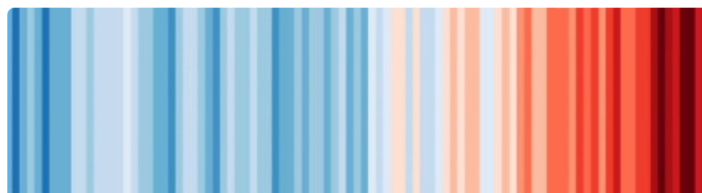
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The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has confirmed that 2024 is the warmest year on record, based on six international datasets. The past ten years have all been in the Top Ten, in an extraordinary streak of record-breaking temperatures.

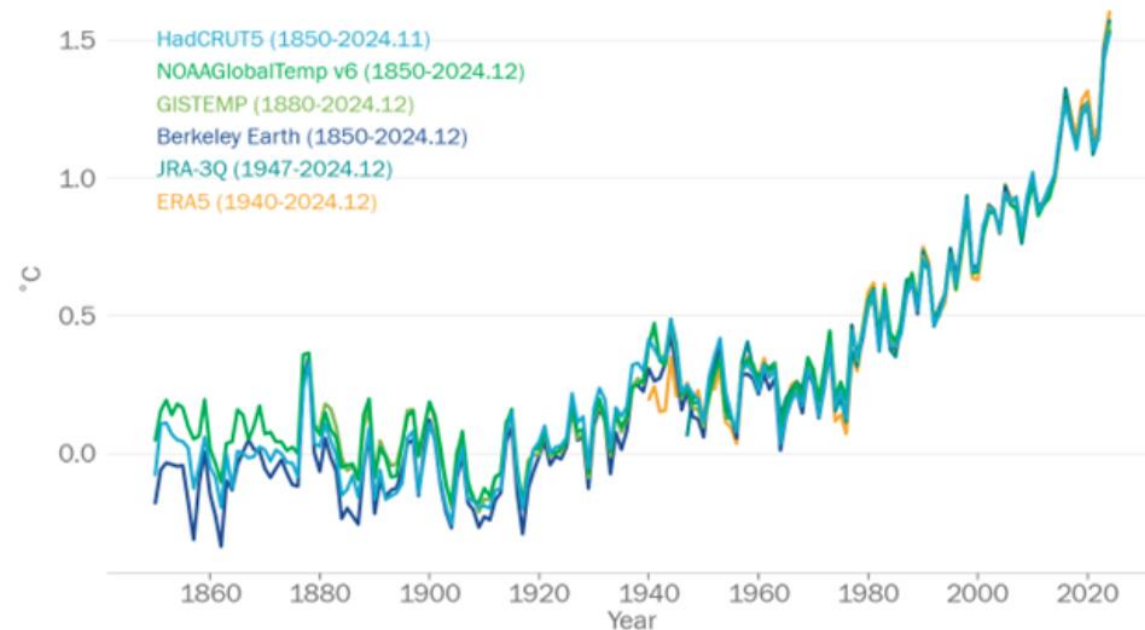
Key messages

- The past ten years 2015-2024 are the ten warmest years on record
- We have likely seen the first calendar year with a global mean temperature of more than 1.5°C above the 1850-1900 average
- Six international datasets are used to reach the consolidated WMO global figure
- 2024 saw exceptional land and sea surface temperatures and ocean heat
- Long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement not yet dead but in grave danger



Global mean temperature 1850-2024

Difference from 1850-1900 average



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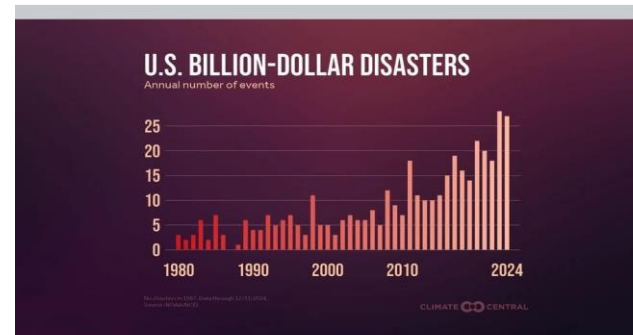
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events are becoming more frequent and intense, resulting in devastating losses in the U.S. and across the globe. <https://bit.ly/billion-dollar-disasters-2025> #climatematters

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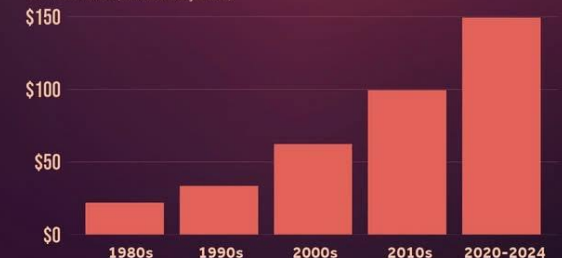


Average number of days between billion-dollar disasters each calendar year. No disasters in 1987; one in 1988. Data through 12/31/2024. Source: NOAA/NCEP

MORE COSTLY DISASTERS

Average annual cost of U.S. billion-dollar disasters

Billions of USD (inflation-adjusted)



Average annual cost of U.S. billion-dollar weather and climate disasters, adjusted for inflation. Source: NOAA/NCEP

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By Mike Pearl Illustrated By Annie Zhao

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Climate refugees – the world's forgotten victims



Migrant climate refugees seeking asylum from Honduras and Guatemala. Image: REUTERS/Adrees Latif

18 Jun 2021

Tetsuji Ida
Senior Staff Writer and Editorial Writer,
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- Data on climate refugees – those forced to flee due to disasters and other weather events – is limited, which is why they're called the "forgotten victims of climate change".
- Australian think tank IEP predicts that at least 1.2 billion people could be displaced by such climate-related events by 2050.

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INDIA NEWS

Climate crisis link to India's spring heatwave

Last month, India recorded its warmest March since records were maintained and one of the driest spring seasons, with dry warm winds plunging much of North India into summer temperatures sooner than usual.



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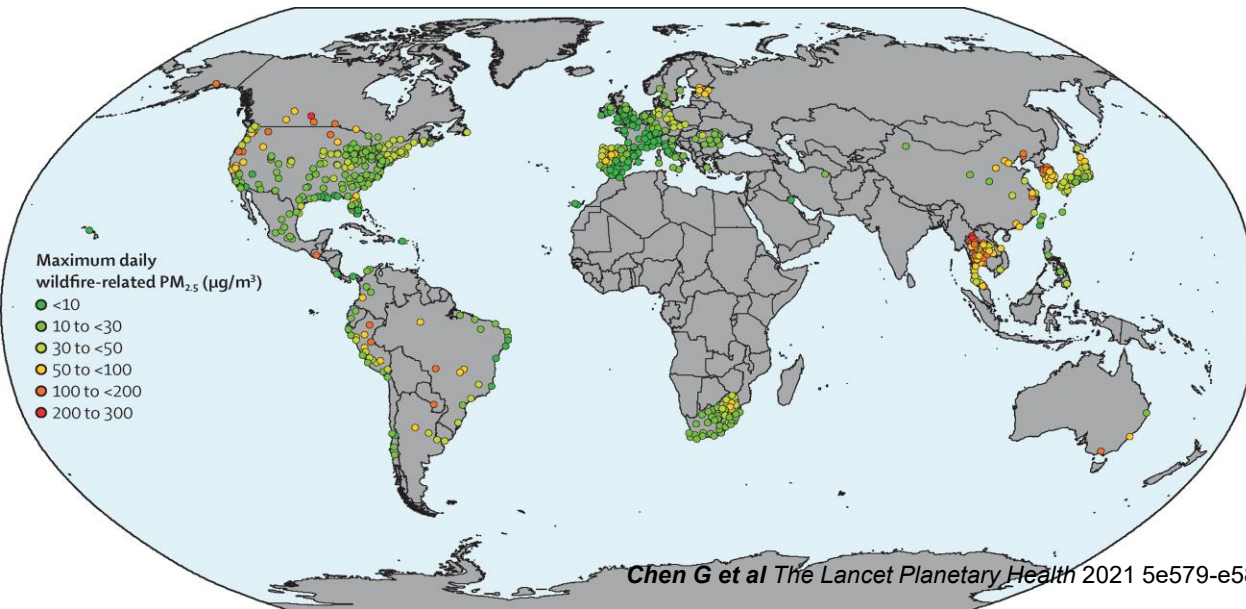
Increased wildfire risks to health from climate change.

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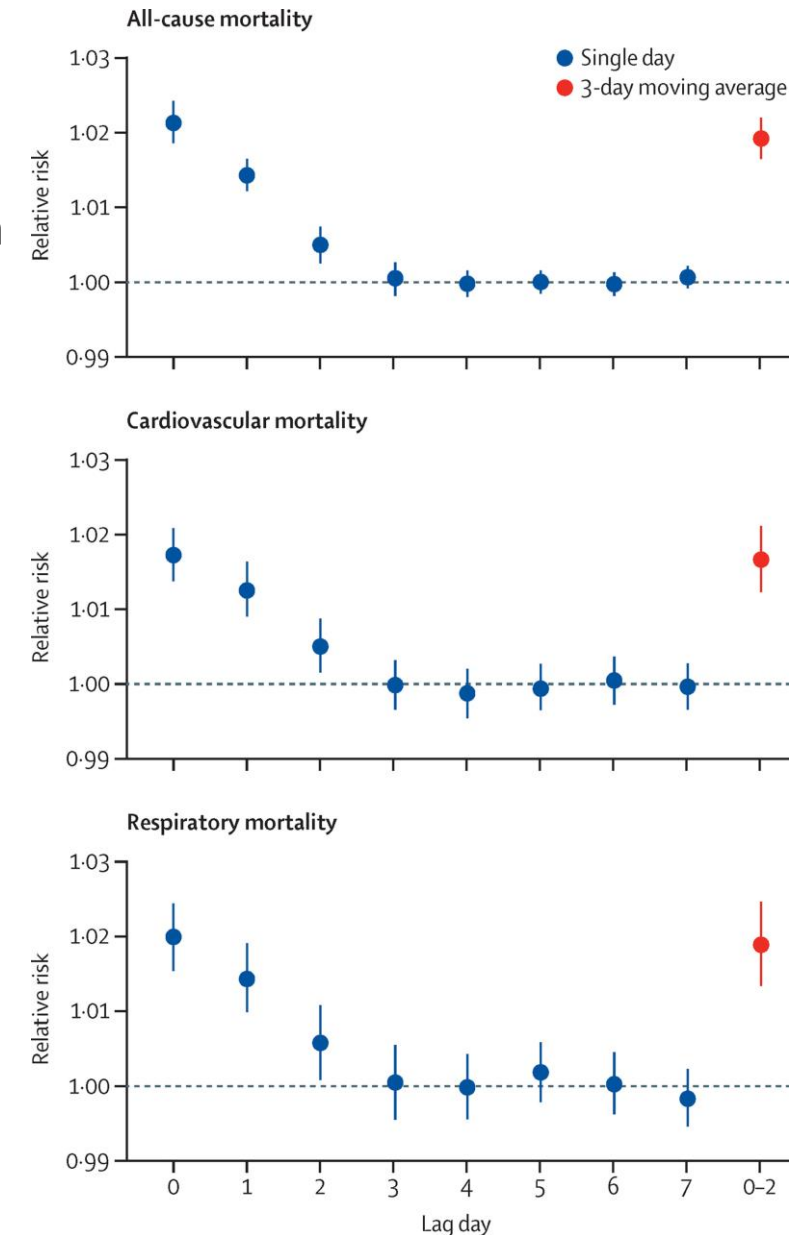
Health effects --Xu et al NEJM 2020, 4 articles Lancet Planetary Health 2021.



Wildfire particles are smaller than those in particulate matter from urban sources (i.e., with a **higher proportion of PM_{2.5} in PM₁₀**) and may contain **more oxidative** and **proinflammatory** components.



Chen G et al The Lancet Planetary Health 2021 5e579-e587DOI: (10.1016/S2542-5196(21)00200-X)

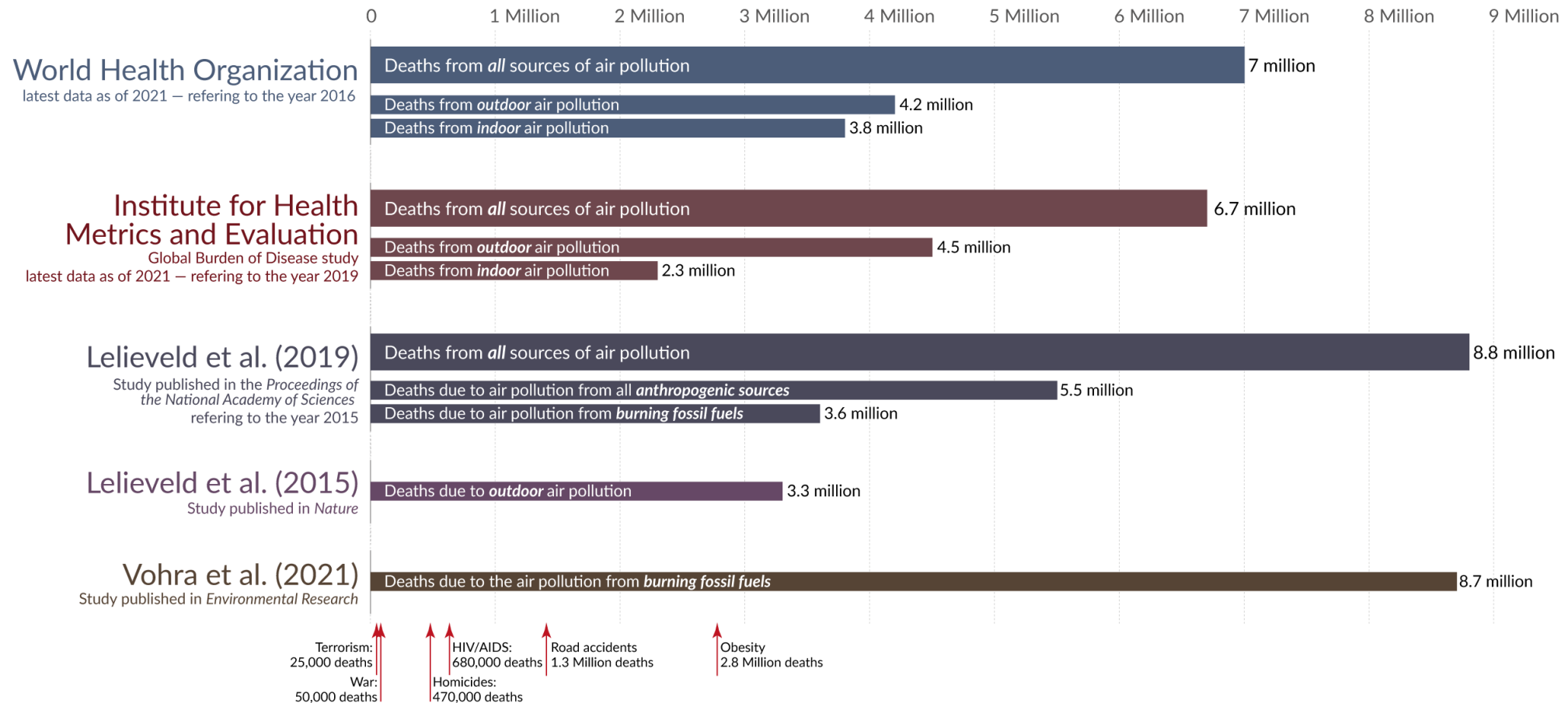


How many people die from air pollution each year?

Estimates of the global death toll from air pollution published in major recent studies

'All sources' includes both anthropogenic and natural sources:

- The largest source of natural air pollution is airborne dust in the world's deserts. Other natural sources are fires, sea spray, pollen, and volcanoes.
- Anthropogenic sources include electricity production; the burning of solid fuels for cooking and heating in poor households; agriculture; industry; and road transport.



Data on annual death tolls from other causes is the latest data from the World Health Organization, UCDP, and Global Terrorism Database as of November 2021.

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Interconnectness: Loss of agricultural land through global warming, crop failure, food riots, Arab Spring, Syrian war, mass migration, the rise of populist governments

Climate Change Helped Spark Syrian War, Study Says

Research provides first deep look at how global warming may already influence armed conflict.

By **Craig Welch**, for National Geographic

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A sand tornado passes through as thousands of Kurds stream into Dikmetas, Turkey, from Syria in September 2014. Years after rural residents fleeing drought poured into Syria's cities, helping to spark a civil war, the region remains in turmoil.

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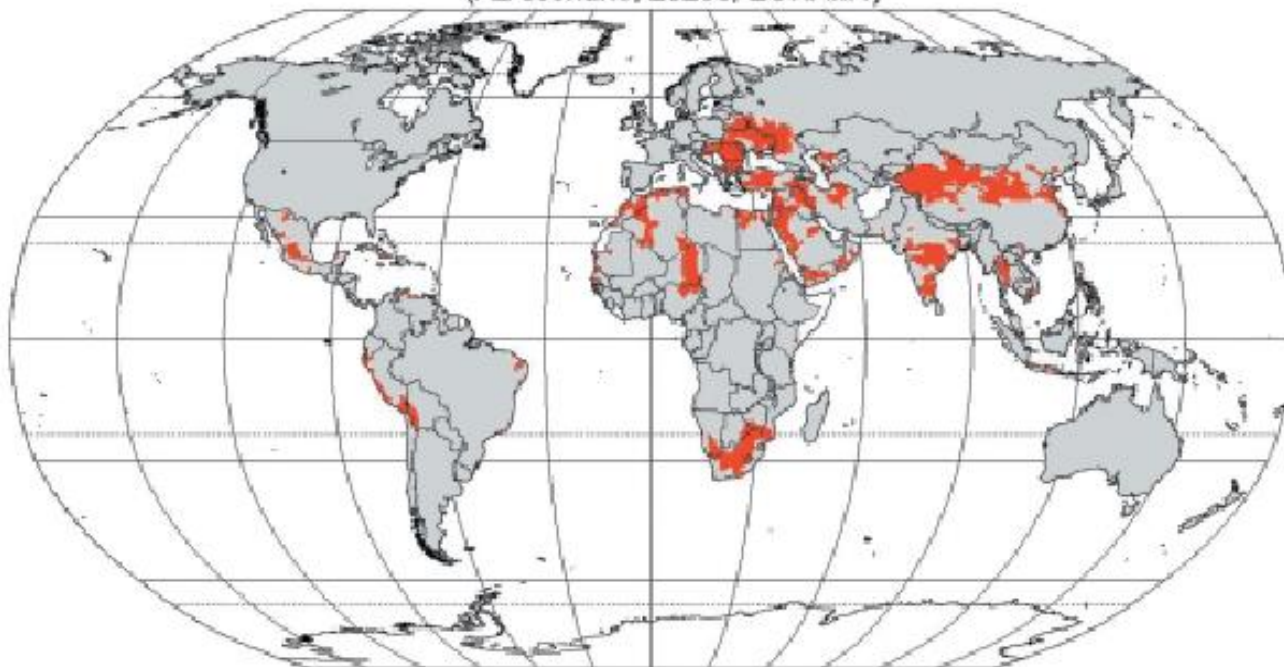
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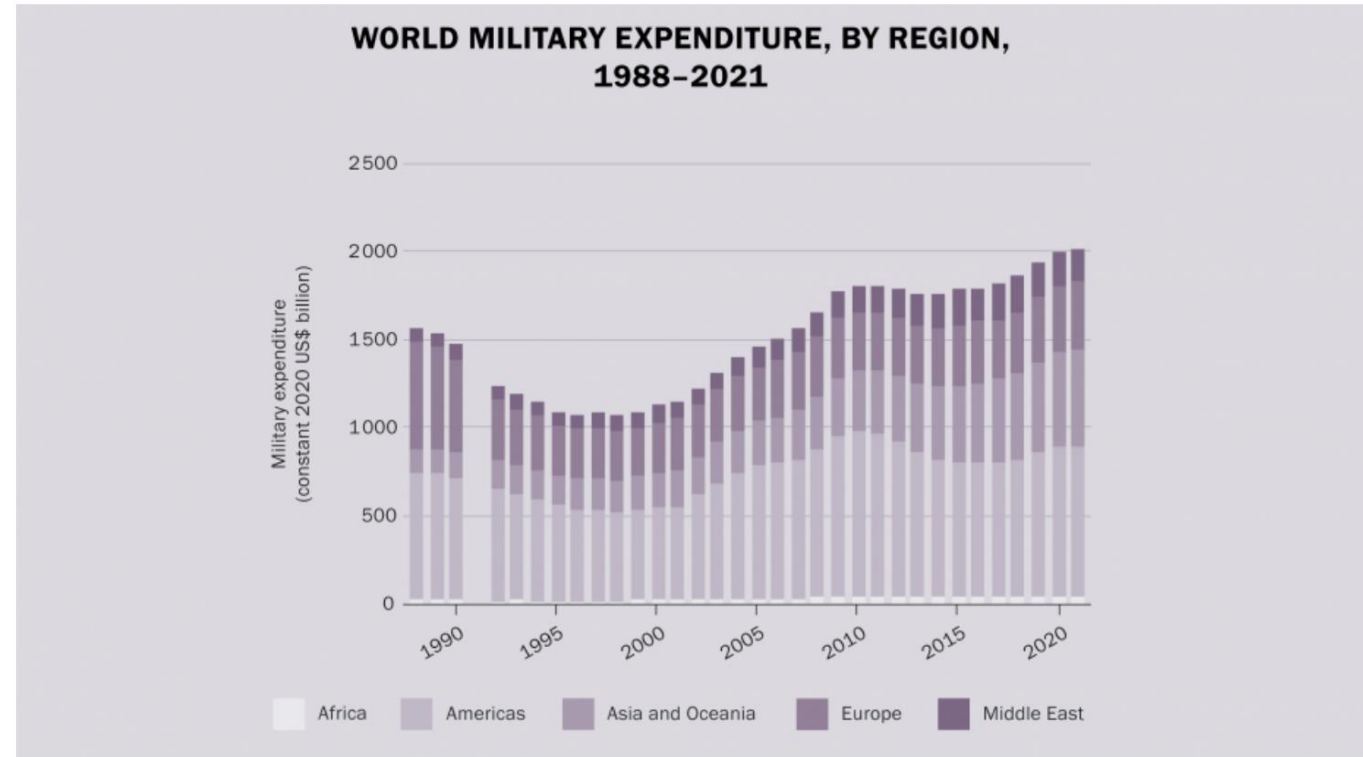
Interconnectedness: conflict over natural resources: oil, water

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medium water stress today ($wta > 0.2$) and future increase in water stress plus HDI 1997 > 0.8
(A2 scenario, 2020s, ECHAM4)



World military expenditure passes \$2 trillion for first time

25 April 2022



World military expenditure, by region, 1988–2021

(Stockholm, 25 April 2022) Total global military expenditure increased by 0.7 per cent in real terms in 2021, to reach \$2113 billion. The five largest spenders in 2021 were the United States, China, India, the United Kingdom and Russia, together accounting for 62 per cent of expenditure, according to new data on global military spending published today by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).



Areas of action for the public health community in preventing violence

- ✓ **The epidemiology of violence**
- ✓ **Evidence-based violence prevention: a life course approach**
- ✓ **Asset based community development**
- ✓ **Primary, secondary & tertiary prevention** role of the public health community as primary preventers of violent conflict, through healthy public policies and tackling major social inequalities in health; and as early reactors, mitigators and responders to violence.
- ✓ **New public mental health approaches**
- ✓ **A role for public health in conflict resolution** with aid agencies, political scientists, theologians and international lawyers
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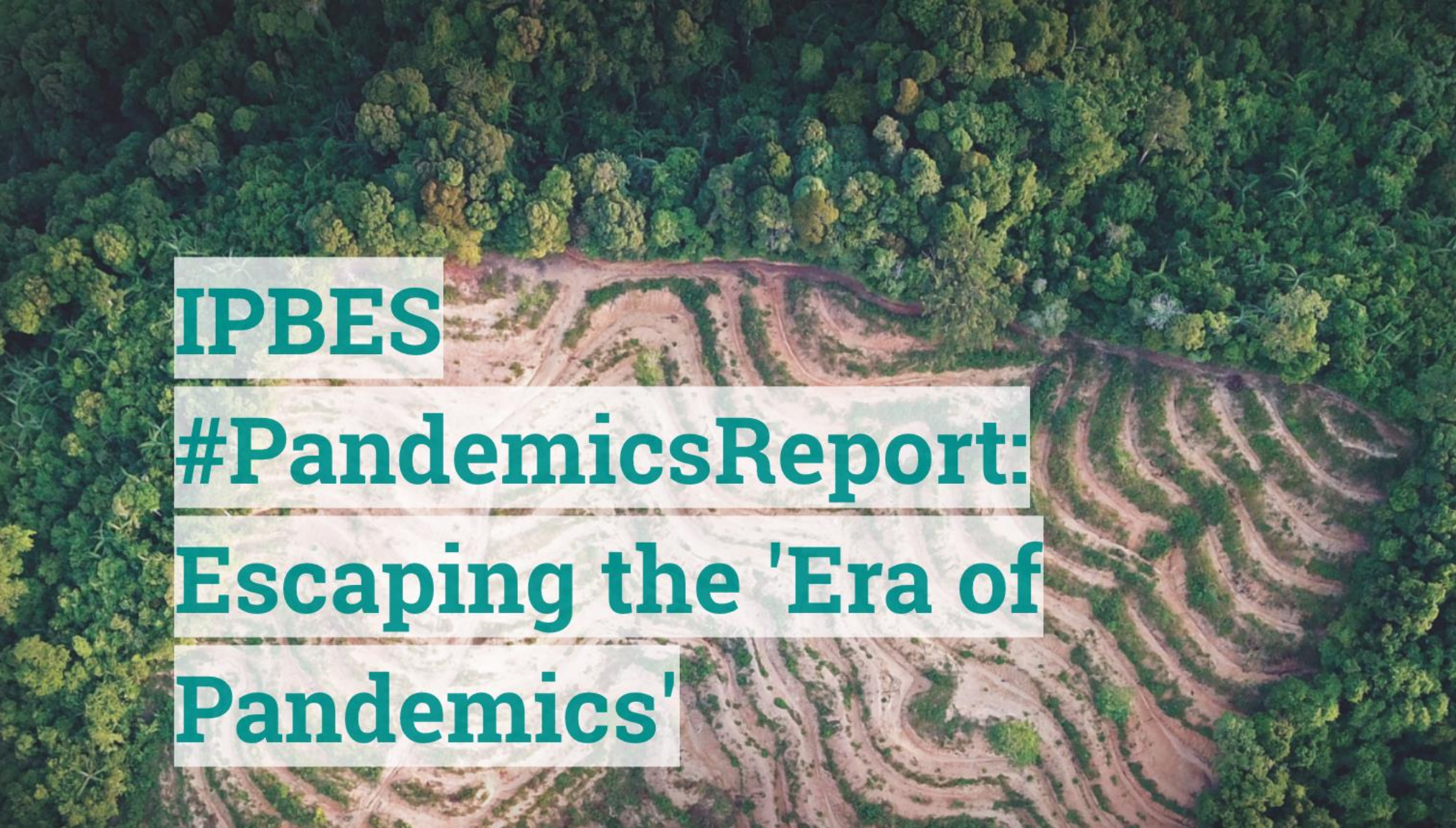
The role of public health in the prevention of violence



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Climate change will force new animal encounters — and boost viral outbreaks

Modelling study is first to project how global warming will increase virus swapping between species.

[Natasha Gilbert](#)



Bats will have a large contribution to virus transmission between species in the future, a modelling study finds. Credit: Pratik Chorge/Hindustan Times via Getty

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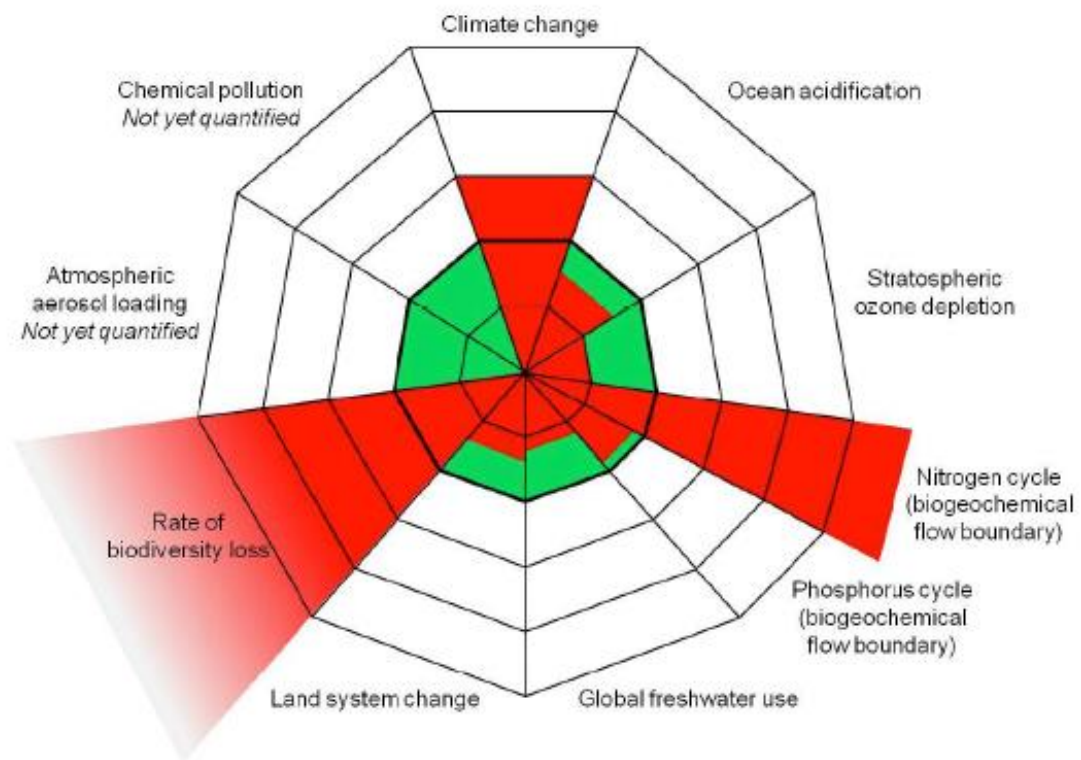
Over half of known human pathogenic diseases can be aggravated by climate change

Camilo Mora ¹✉, Tristan McKenzie ^{2,3}, Isabella M. Gaw ⁴, Jacqueline M. Dean ¹, Hannah von Hammerstein¹, Tabatha A. Knudson ¹, Renee O. Setter ¹, Charlotte Z. Smith ⁵, Kira M. Webster¹, Jonathan A. Patz⁶ and Erik C. Franklin ^{1,7}

It is relatively well accepted that climate change can affect human pathogenic diseases; however, the full extent of this risk remains poorly quantified. Here we carried out a systematic search for empirical examples about the impacts of ten climatic hazards sensitive to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on each known human pathogenic disease. We found that 58% (that is, 218 out of 375) of infectious diseases confronted by humanity worldwide have been at some point aggravated by climatic hazards; 16% were at times diminished. Empirical cases revealed 1,006 unique pathways in which climatic hazards, via different transmission types, led to pathogenic diseases. The human pathogenic diseases and transmission pathways aggravated by climatic hazards are too numerous for comprehensive societal adaptations, highlighting the urgent need to work at the source of the problem: reducing GHG emissions.



What is new: **global** pressure on ecosystems



Source: Rockström, Steffen et al. *Nature* 2009

Why isn't it working ?

Reducing health damaging behaviours?

Climate change?

Reducing Inequalities in health ?

Addressing the pandemic of adolescent mental ill health?

Managing a pandemic ?

Preventing war?

Political and societal constraints?

Geopolitics affects all administrations and all public health services and outcomes

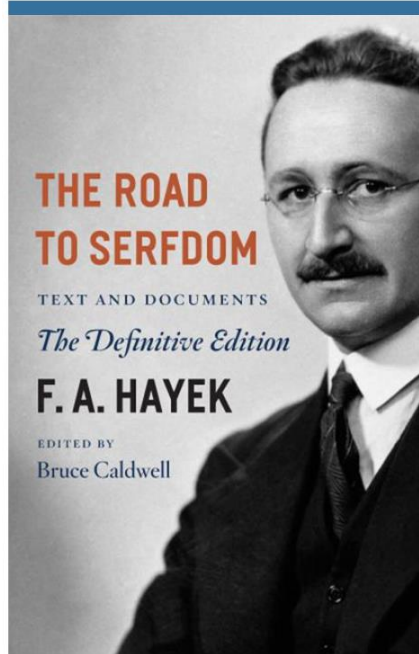
Neoliberalism: creating the drive for uncontrolled globalization/ colonialization of health damaging manufacturing and services by multinational companies set against a drive for low tax/ small state policies

The ‘Sovereign individuals’, the rise of the super-rich, oligarchy, increasing inequality through the offshoring of wealth.

And the rise of populism, accelerating political corruption and distrust of governments, creating culture wars; leading to political instability across the globe, creating conditions of fear, distrust and opportunities for conflict.... And authoritarian regimes

The information revolution has influenced all of these: the explosion of social media, and industrial disinformation undermining individual thinking and undermining democratic processes

Neoliberalism



Friedrich Hayek, Ludvig von Mises 1938, published 1944-45



‘Markets work; governments don’t’

Neoliberalism contends that markets allocate scarce resources, promote efficient growth and secure individual liberty better than governments.

- **The rule of the market**
- **Cutting public expenditure for social services**
- **Deregulation**
- **Privatisation**
- **Eliminating the concept of ‘the public good’**

Government represents bureaucratic bloat and political imposition. Markets embody human freedom. And with markets, people get what they deserve; to alter the market is to spoil the poor and punish the productive

Neoliberalism

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Neoliberalism: Political Success, Economic Failure

The invisible hand is more like a thumb on the scale for the world's elites.
That's why market fundamentalism has been unmasked as bogus economics
but keeps winning politically.

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Summary

This paper is about the future role of the commercial sector in global health and health equity. The discussion is not about the overthrow of capitalism nor a full-throated embrace of corporate partnerships. No single solution can eradicate the harms from the commercial determinants of health—the business models, practices, and products of market actors that damage health equity and human and planetary health and wellbeing. But evidence shows that progressive economic models, international frameworks, government regulation, compliance mechanisms for commercial entities, regenerative business types and models that incorporate health, social, and environmental goals, and strategic civil society mobilisation together offer possibilities of systemic, transformative change, reduce those harms arising from commercial forces, and foster human and planetary wellbeing. In our view, the most basic public health question is not whether the world has the resources or will to take such actions, but whether humanity can survive if society fails to make this effort.



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**The tobacco
playbook**

EDITORIAL

Tobacco giant wants to eliminate smoking...

...and pigs might fly

The Foundation for a Smoke-Free World, an “independent” research funding body fully funded by tobacco company Philip Morris, launched on 13 September.¹ It will provide \$960m (£711m) over 12 years to help “eliminate smoking worldwide.” No benchmarks for this modest task have apparently yet been announced. This largesse is a mere \$80m a year from a company with global revenue in 2016 of \$26.7bn² and a marketing budget (in 2012) of \$7bn intended overwhelmingly to promote smoking.³

The long, deceptive, and failed history of tobacco harm reduction has seen filters (including crocidolite asbestos); misleading “reduced carcinogen” brands; and a wide range of breathlessly announced innovations.⁴ Each had their academic touts. None reduced harms from

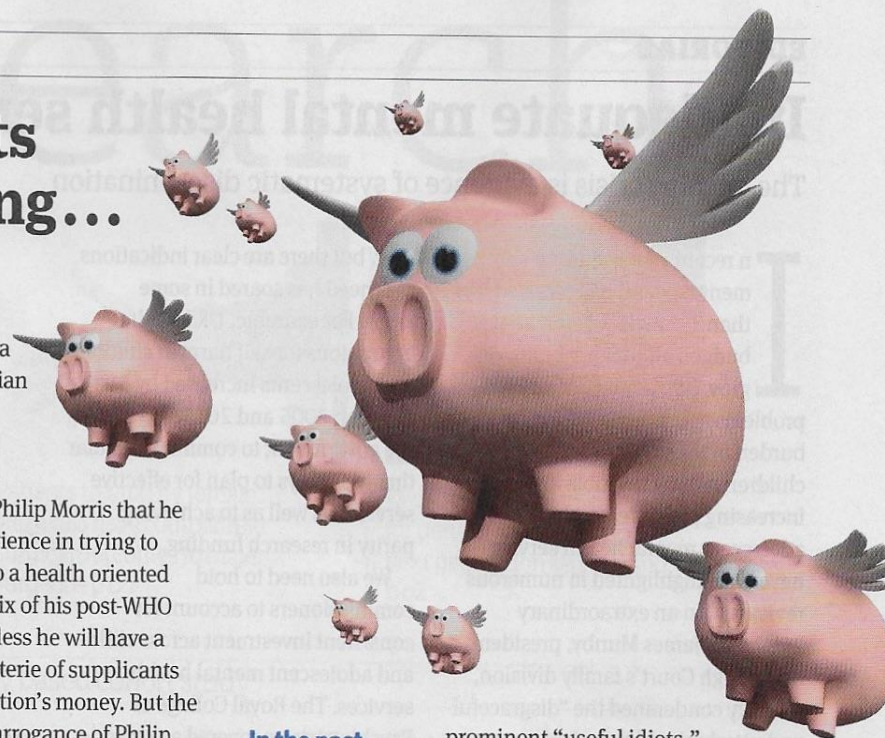
Will this be a modern Faustian tale, as many expect, or will Yach have the success with Philip Morris that he failed to experience in trying to turn Pepsi into a health oriented company for six of his post-WHO years?⁸ Doubtless he will have a predictable coterie of supplicants for the foundation’s money. But the breathtaking arrogance of Philip Morris and Yach shunning WHO’s article 5.3 on industry interference in the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control⁹ will surely steel the resolve of thousands of researchers to continue to shun money obtained from tobacco sales.

Nearly 120 health organisations have called on the company instead to simply stop selling cigarettes.¹⁰

In the past, Philip Morris has publicised seductive research funding and courted prominent scientists

prominent “useful idiots,” as Lenin might have called them,¹⁴ formerly working in tobacco control, who now attend global tobacco industry meetings to cheer on their tobacco host’s “game changing” while doing nothing about this industrial vector’s daily efforts to promote smoking?

Disturbingly, the main task for



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Drink, but don't drive? The alcohol industry's involvement in global road safety

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Abstract

Drink-driving is a major cause of global road traffic fatalities, yet few countries have laws that meet international best practices. One possible reason is the alcohol industry's opposition to meaningful policies that are perceived to directly threaten sales. Our primary objectives are to document alcohol industry



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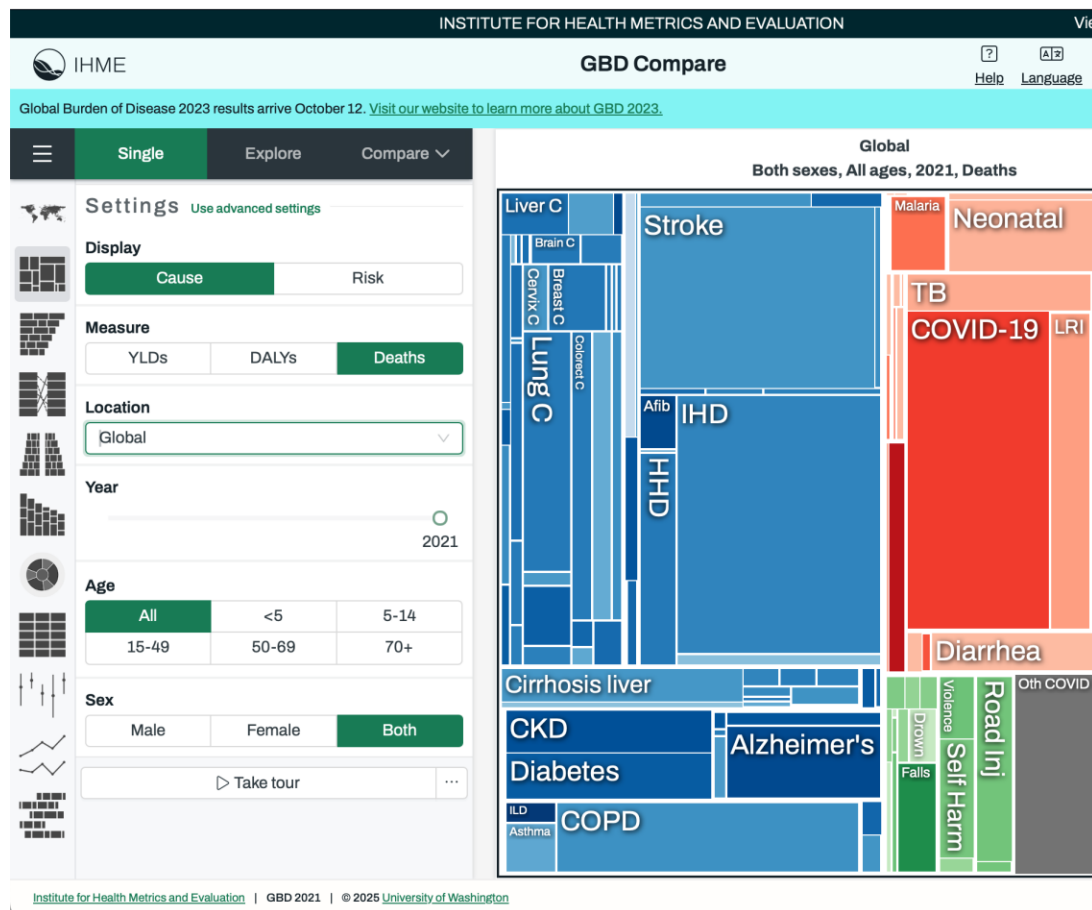
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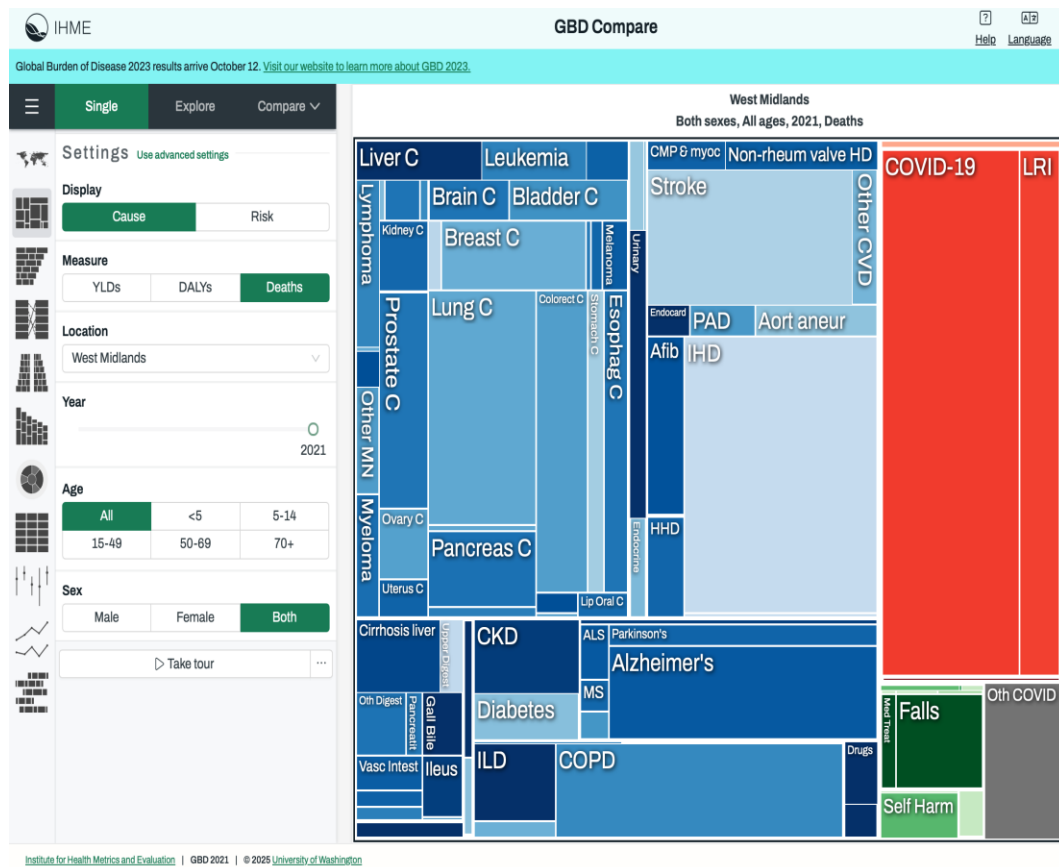
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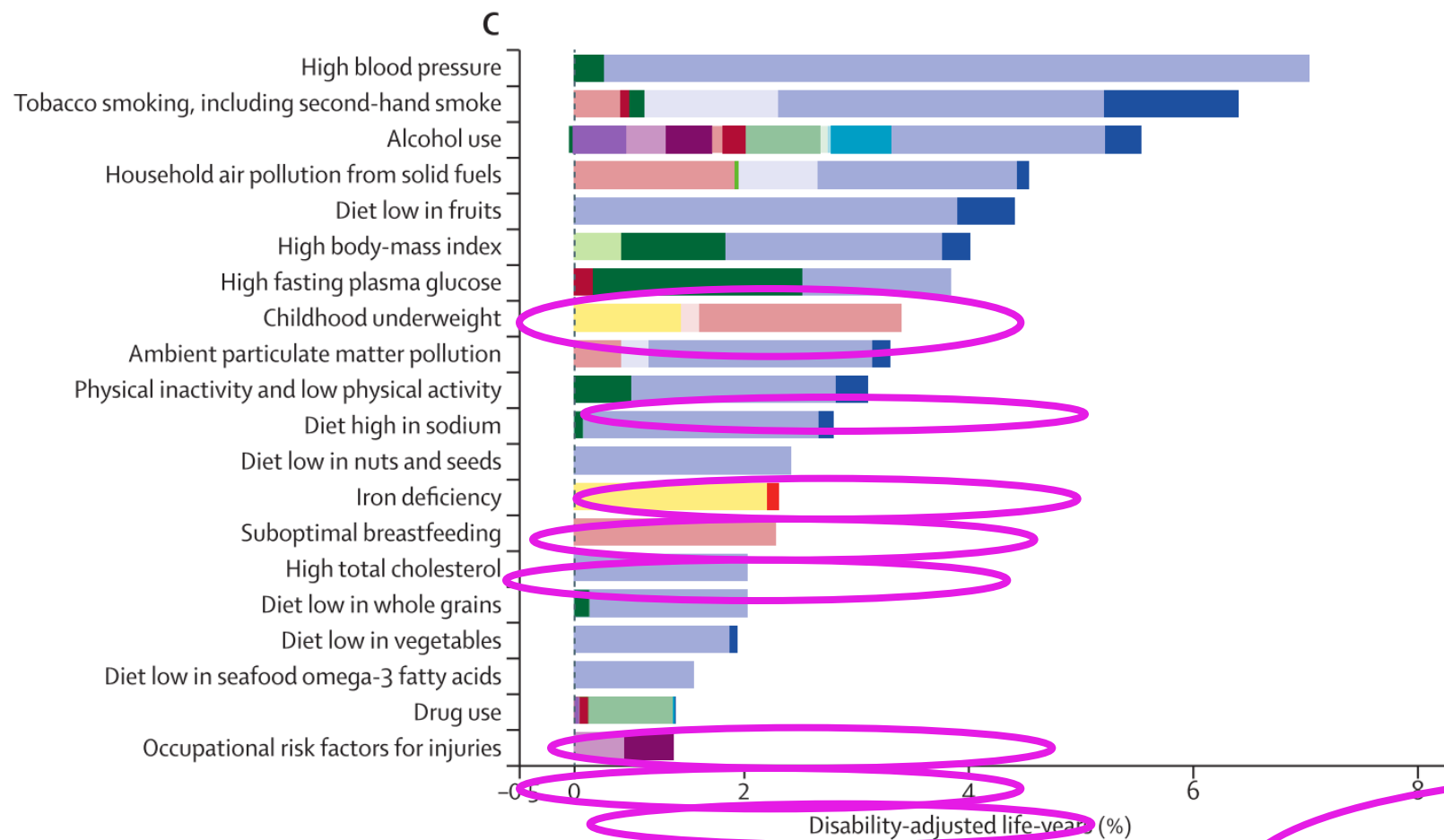
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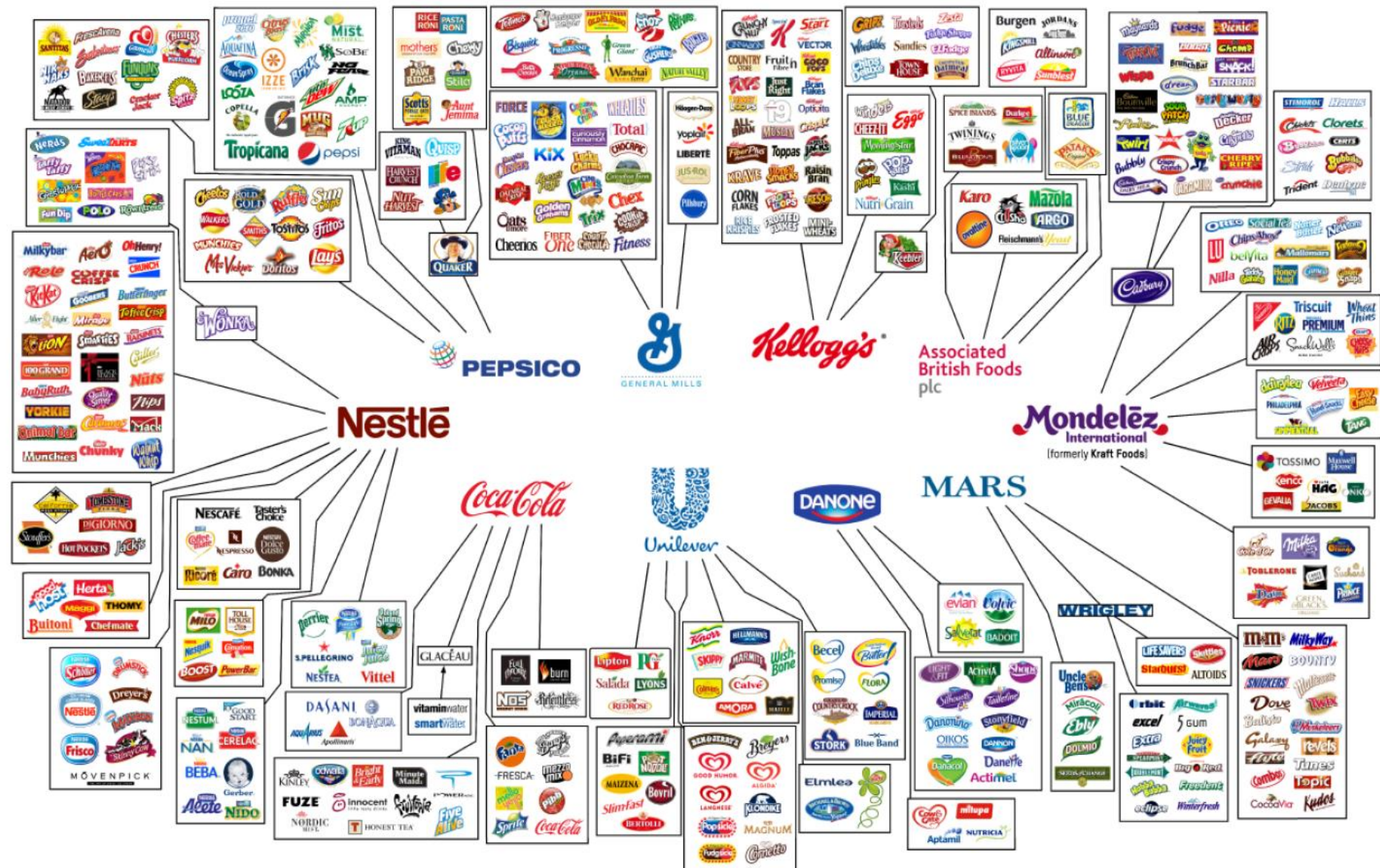
Burden of disease attributable to 20 leading risk factors in 2010

expressed as a percentage of global disability-adjusted life-years

Global Burden of Disease Group. www.thelancet.com 2012 380 2245



These 10 Corporations Control Almost Everything We Eat





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Finally, Big Tech is Being Put on Trial

Caroline Orr Bueno explores the parallels between the verdicts against Meta, YouTube, and Google for causing harm to young social media users and the campaign against dangerous child labour during the Industrial Revolution



'Breaker boys' at the Hughestown Borough Coal Company in Pittston, Pennsylvania in 1911
Photo: Lewis Hine

Two recent verdicts finding social media companies liable for harms suffered by users have, for the first time, pierced the shield that has long protected tech giants from facing accountability for the negative effects of their products.



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New Global Burden of Disease Study: mortality declines, youth deaths rise, widening health inequities

Published October 12, 2025

In 2021, an estimated 123 million new cases of mental disorders were reported among children and adolescents, with an 11.8% annual increase during the pandemic period. Globally, one in seven 10-19-year-olds experienced a mental disorder, accounting for 15% of the global burden of disease in this age group. Anxiety disorders became the leading cause of nonfatal disability in this group, overtaking previous rankings, and depressive disorders also rose significantly in burden. This increase was most pronounced among females, those aged 15–24, and in high sociodemographic index regions. Overall, mental disorders are the leading cause of non-fatal disease burden globally, with a persistent rise in prevalence among younger populations. The age of onset for most mental disorders peaks around 15 years, underscoring adolescence as a critical period for intervention.



Billboards in Camden, London, in March by the Mad Youth Organise campaign group

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**WE GET SICK
THEY GET RICH!**

MAD YOUTH ORGANISE
A JUST TREATMENT CAMPAIGN

Mental illness and madness among young people across Britain has skyrocketed.

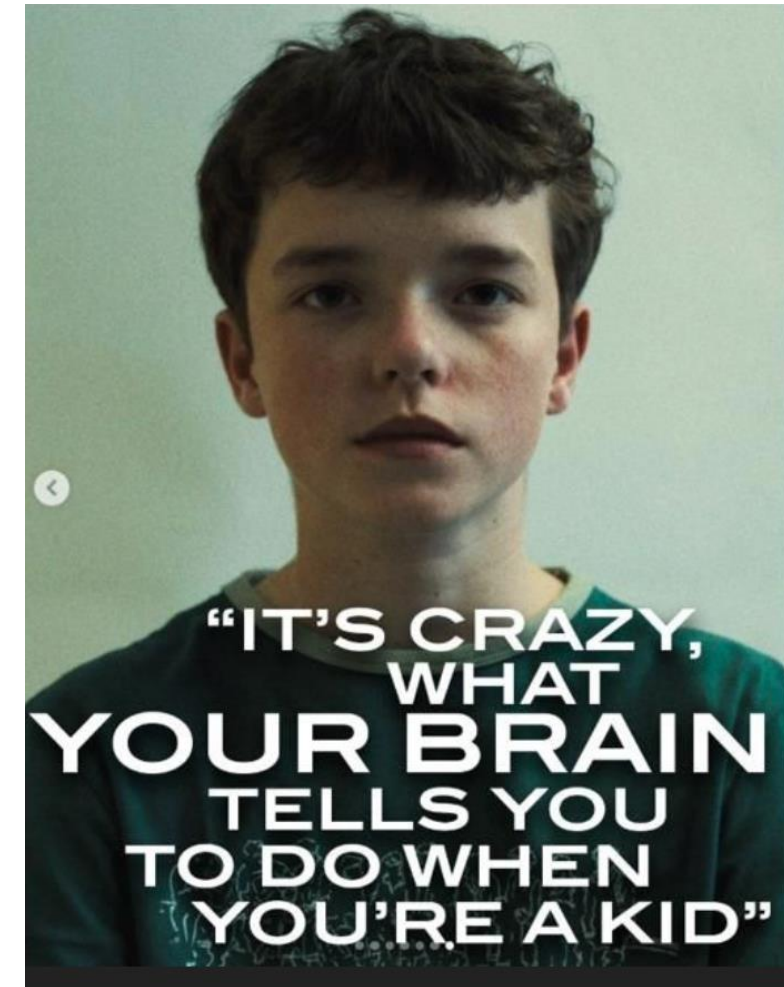
One in five people aged 8-25 years old have a probable mental disorder. Hundreds of thousands of children and young people have to wait months - even years - for help that is often completely inadequate. Many are paying the price with their lives.

But whilst young people fight for survival, no one in government has asked what is driving this crisis - or acknowledged their responsibility for the economic and social policies fuelling it.

That's why 25 young people with lived experience came together to write *'The Mad Youth Manifesto'* - a collective statement that argues mental distress is fundamentally a systemic and collective issue. More on this below!

For years and years, a coalition of unaccountable companies acting in their own self-interest have pursued business strategies that have maximised both profits and misery.

The Guardian
Number of children in mental health crisis at record high in England
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Social media use in children as much a concern as smoking, says Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

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Young people's use of social media is a public health emergency akin to smoking, the chair of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AMRC) has said.

The warning came as the academy published its response to the government's consultation on potential restrictions for social media use among under-16s,¹ with a potential ban of the technology for young people one of the measures being considered.

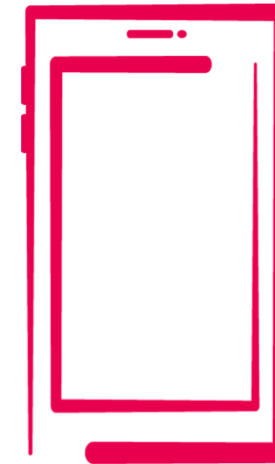
In a foreword academy chair Jeanette Dickson wrote, "There can be few issues which have united clinicians so resoundingly in recent years as the impact that unfettered exposure to tech and devices is currently having on children and young people's health.

"It ranks alongside smoking and wearing seatbelts in cars as a unifying force for the medical profession."



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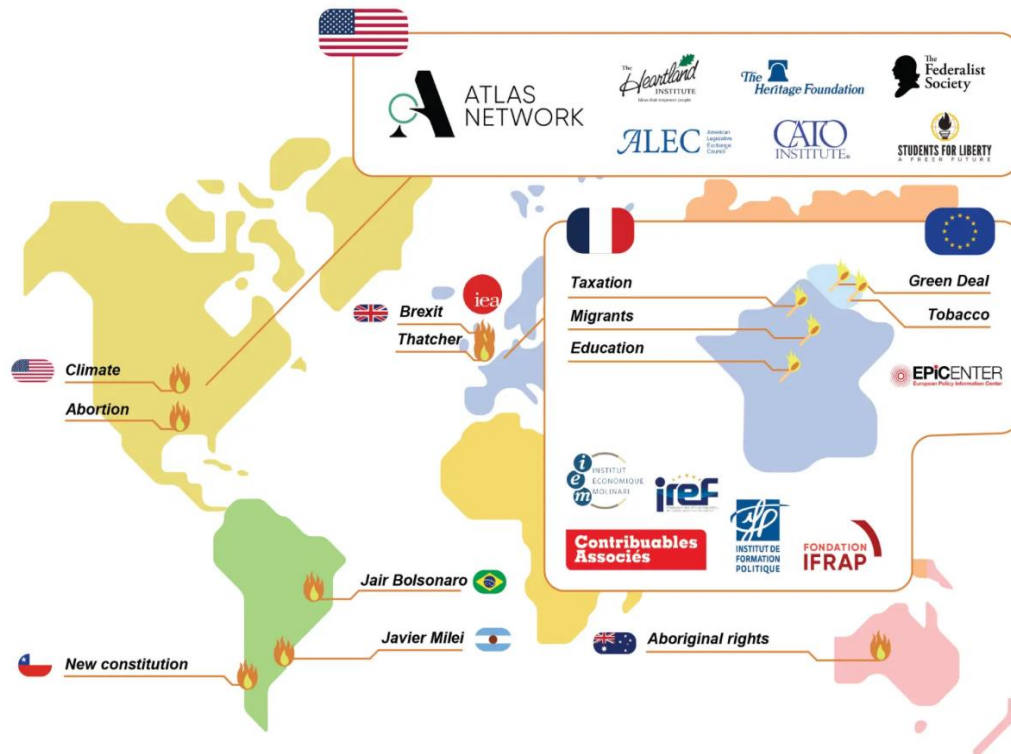
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Jeremy Walker
University of Technology Sydney

Abstract

Australians will soon vote in a referendum to recognise Indigenous Australia in its 1901 Constitution and establish a First Nations Voice to Parliament. A year ago, polling suggested the referendum proposal of the 2017 National Constitutional Convention and its Uluru Statement from the Heart enjoyed 60% support. Since lead anti-Voice campaign organisation Advance Australia began its media offensive, the Yes vote has declined to 40%. This article argues the No campaign is being conducted on behalf of fossil-fuel corporations







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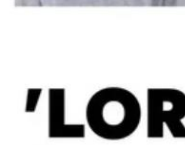
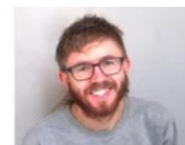


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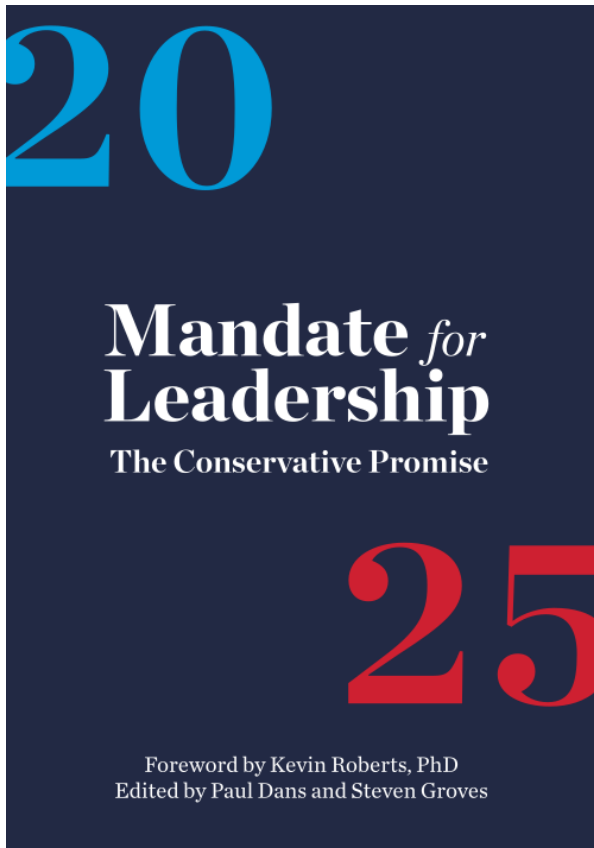


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Heritage Foundation blueprint describes an America poisoned by 'wokeness' and overtaken by lawlessness that only conservatives can save

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That's why market fundamentalism has been unmasked as bogus economics
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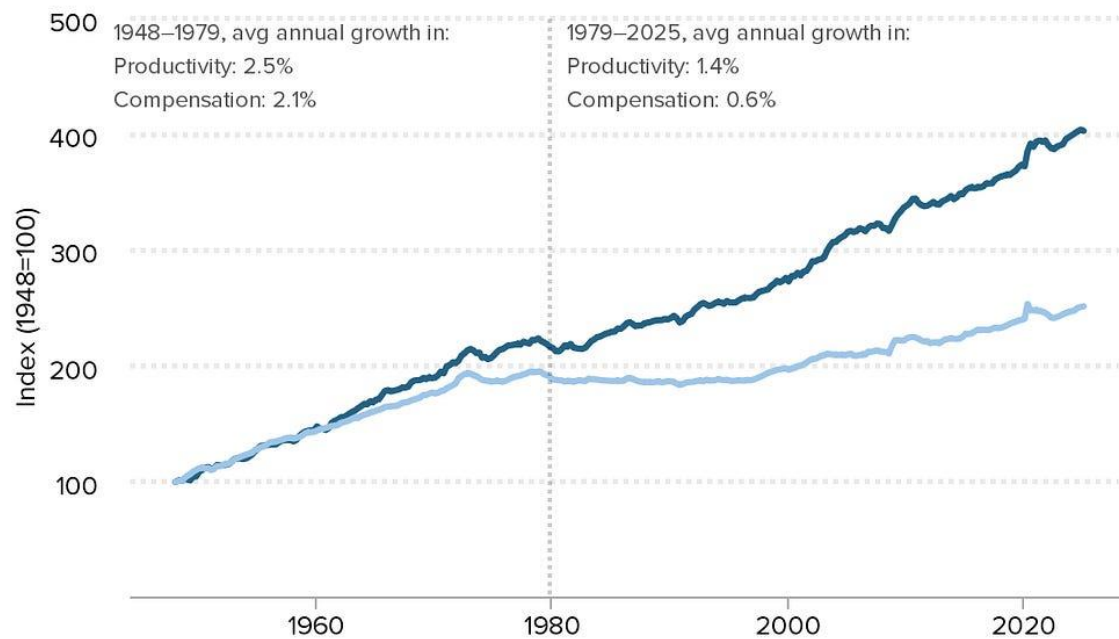
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Productivity growth and hourly compensation growth, 1948–2025



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Source: EPI analysis of unpublished Total Economy Productivity data from Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Labor Productivity and Costs program, wage data from the BLS Current Employment Statistics, BLS Employment Cost Trends, BLS Consumer Price Index, and Bureau of Economic Analysis National Income and Product Accounts.



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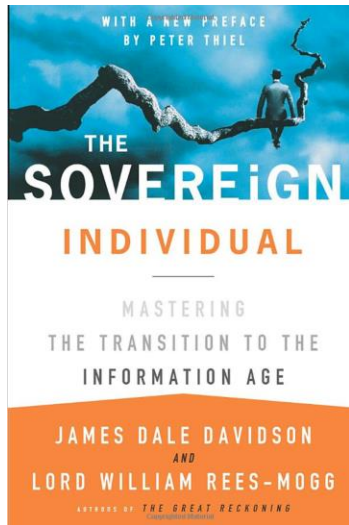


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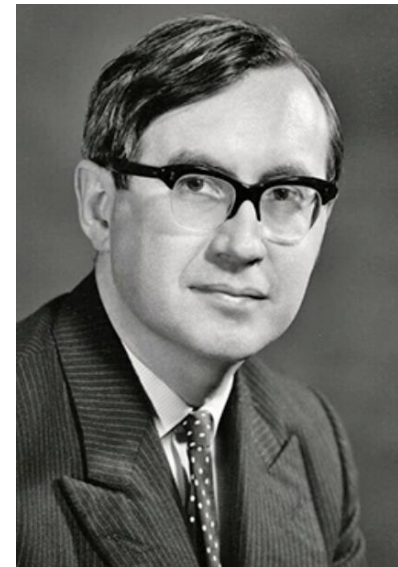


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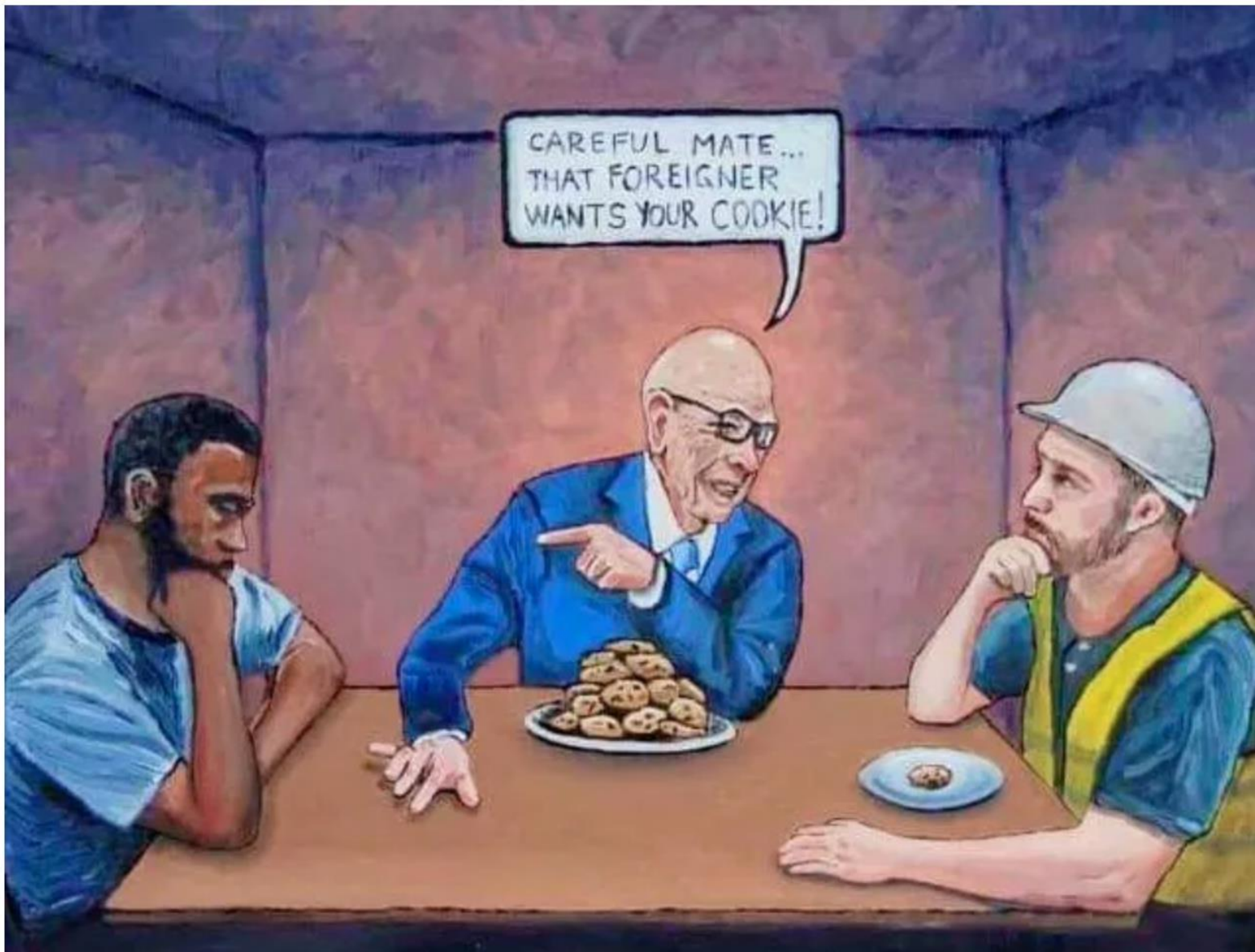
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Information wars: tackling the threat from disinformation on vaccines

Closing down trolls, bots, and content polluters would be a start

Martin McKee *professor of European public health*¹, John Middleton *president*²

¹London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK; ²Faculty of Public Health, London, UK

In April 2019, Unicef and the World Health Organization highlighted a global surge of measles.^{1,2} There were 966 cases of measles confirmed in the United Kingdom in 2018, nearly four times as many as in 2017³; 91.2% of 2 year olds in England had been given the MMR vaccine in 2018, down from 92.7% in 2013-14,⁴ with both rates below the 95% considered necessary to prevent transmission in the population. Those seeking an

Sources of disinformation

A recent study of vaccine related posts on Twitter shed considerable light on what is a complex landscape.¹² It identified three broad categories of account especially likely to spread vaccine related disinformation. The first it termed Russian trolls. Trolls are people who conceal their identity to post false

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The Russian troll factory at the heart of the meddling allegations

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Political trolls adapt, create material to deceive and confuse the public

Gianluca Stringhini, Boston University and Savvas Zannettou, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History

Russian-affiliated Twitter accounts changed what they posted about, and used both text and images in ways that shed light on how these information warriors work.

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Company's work in 68 countries laid bare with release of more than 100,000 documents



▲ Brittany Kaiser, the then director of program development at Cambridge Analytica, takes part in a press briefing by Leave.EU in London on November 18, 2015. Photograph: Leon Neal/AFP/Getty Images

An explosive leak of tens of thousands of documents from the defunct data firm **Cambridge Analytica** is set to expose the inner workings of the company that collapsed after the *Observer* revealed it had misappropriated **87 million Facebook profiles**.

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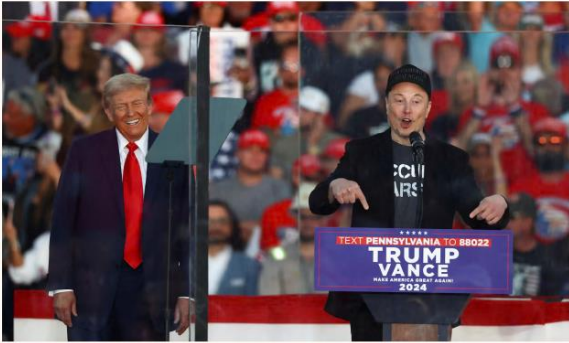
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Carole Cadwalladr

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McMuskism: it's McCarthyism on steroids, political persecution + Trump + Musk + Silicon Valley surveillance tools.' Photograph: Carlos Barria/Reuters

A new era dawns. America's tech bros now strut their stuff in the corridors of power
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The era that began with the Great Disruptor's first term is over. Beware the emerging elite



Friends in need, friends in deed: Elon Musk embraces Donald Trump during a campaign rally in Pennsylvania last month. Photograph: Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images

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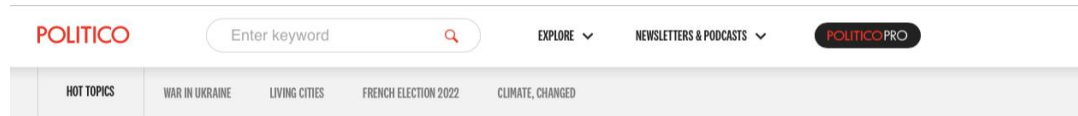
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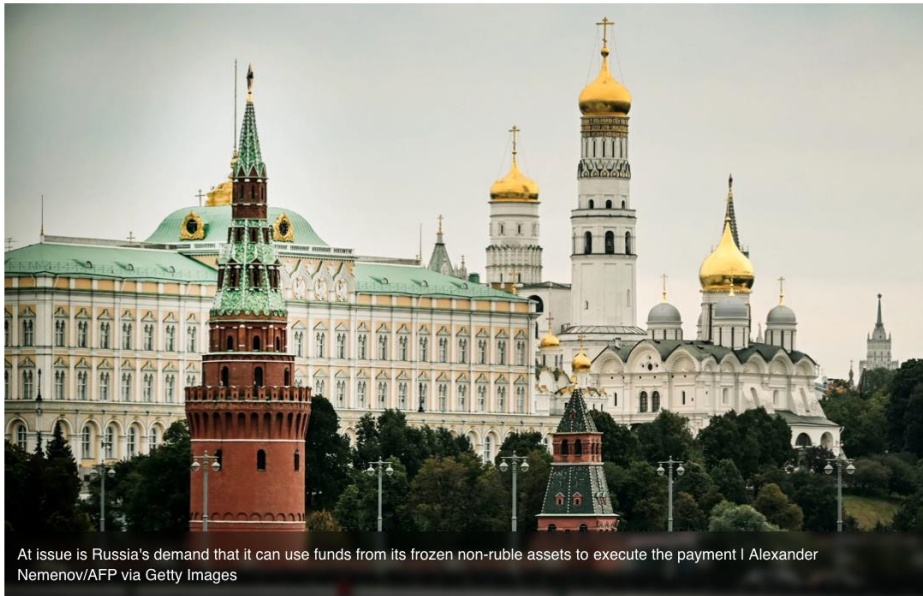
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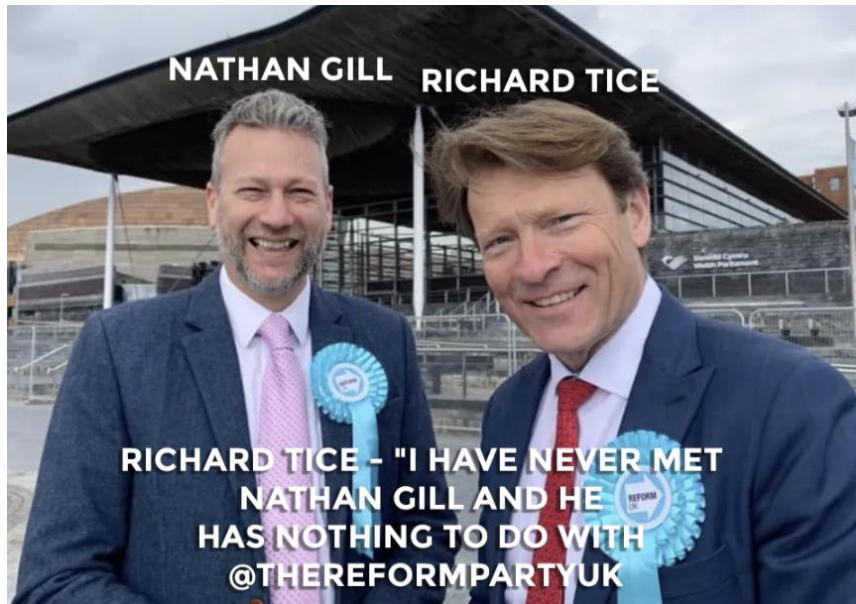


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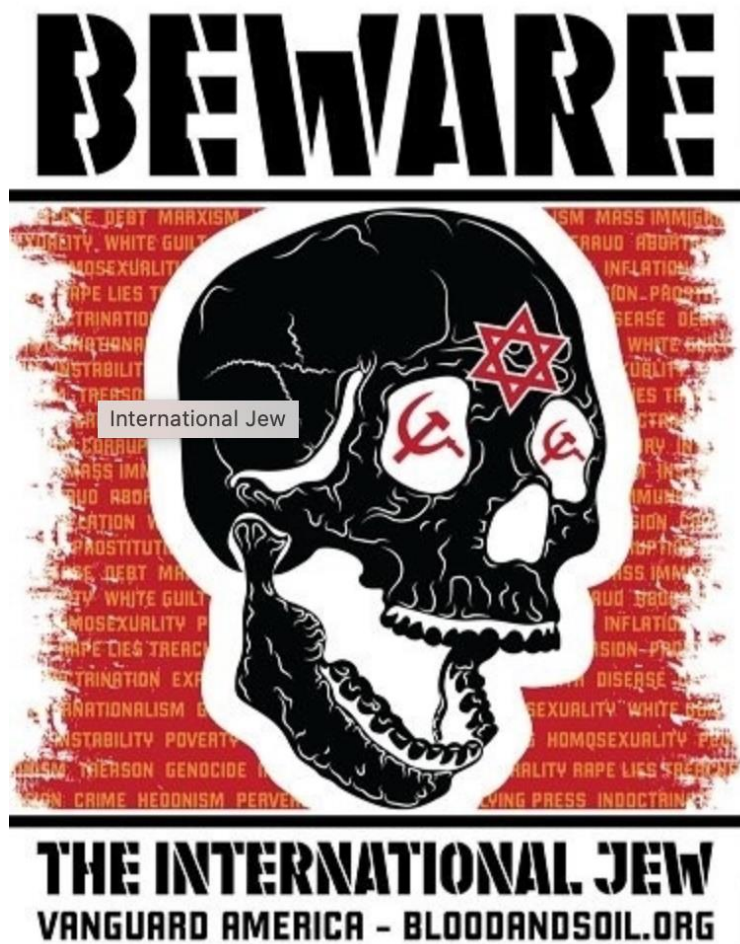
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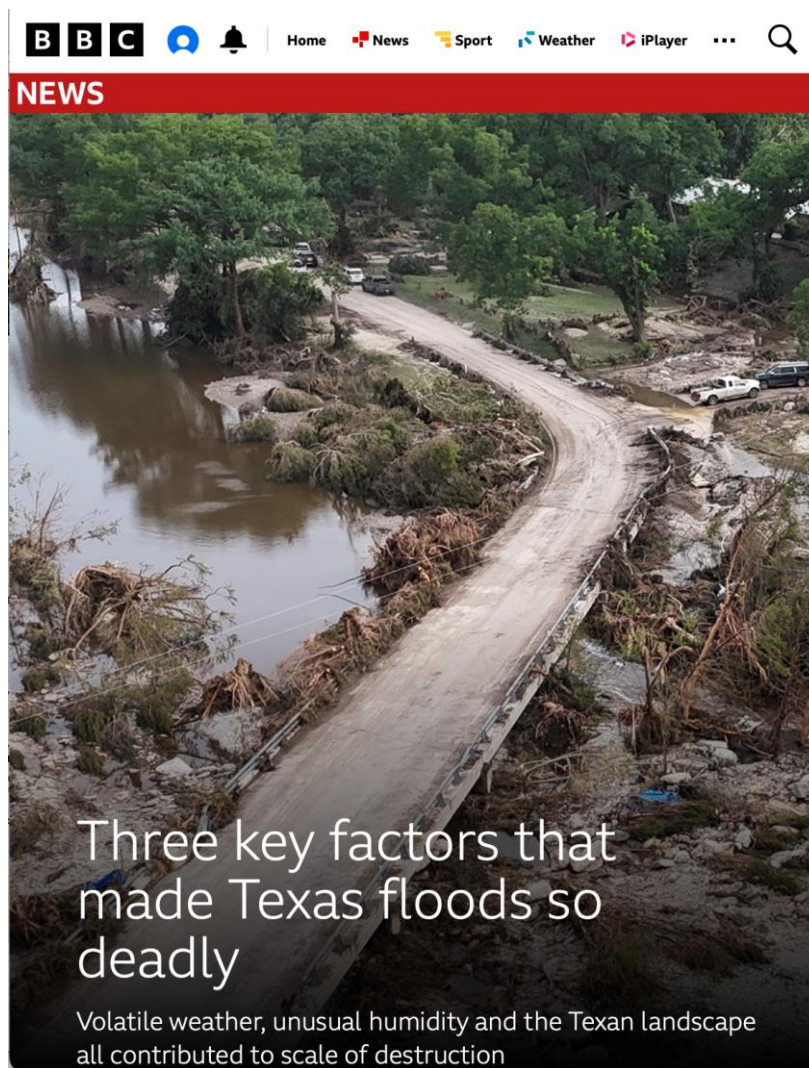
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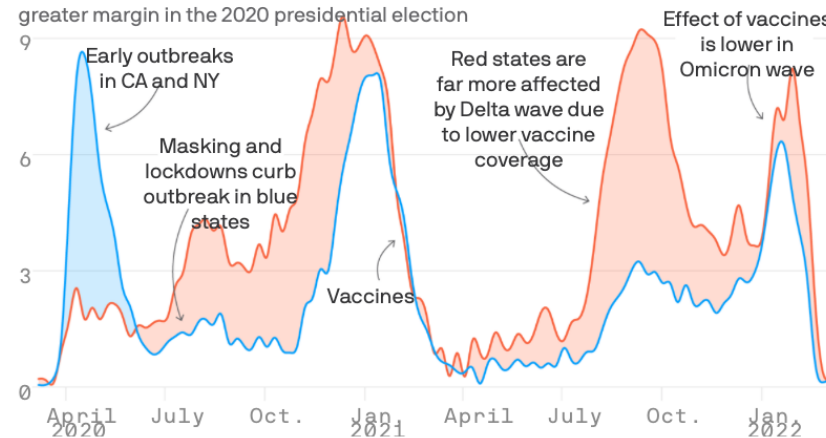
The pandemic has been deadlier in red states

A Will Chase, Caitlin Owens



Excess deaths in red states vs. blue states

Deaths per 100k people; March 7, 2020, to March 5, 2022; States with a 15 point or greater margin in the 2020 presidential election



Data: Axios analysis of [CDC](#) data; Chart: Will Chase/Axios

COVID is killing more people per 100,000 in red states than in blue states, a reflection of GOP resistance to vaccines.



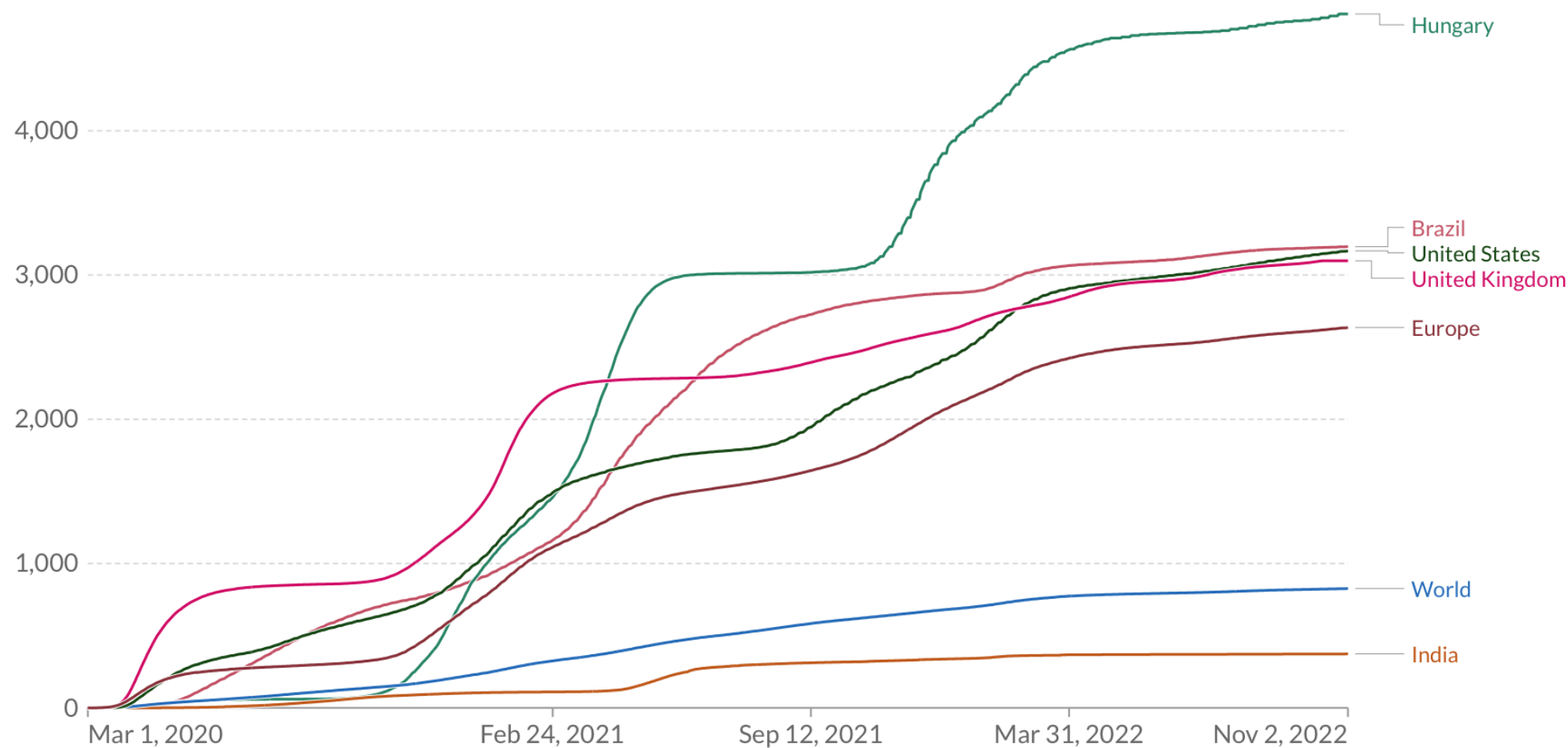
Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 deaths per million people

Due to varying protocols and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death, the number of confirmed deaths may not accurately represent the true number of deaths caused by COVID-19.

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The President is threatening US scientific credibility and global cooperation, reports Paul Dempsey

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GIRL, 11, DIES IN EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES

An 11-year-old Dudley girl has died after contracting measles as part of an epidemic which is sweeping through the country.

She is the borough's first fatal victim since the sudden upsurge of the disease.

Doctors had been alerted after measles claimed the life of a four-year-old Birmingham girl in April.

The Dudley victim died when complications set in and she developed pneumonia soon after becoming ill with measles in May.

And the death has sparked repeated warnings to parents from health chiefs to have their children immunised against the highly contagious disease.

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Dudley's community medicine specialist Dr John McKinnon said recorded cases of measles in the borough have shot up since the epidemic began to take hold.

As many as 500 sufferers have already been reported this year compared with just 101 for the whole of last year.

He said doctors had identified 60 cases during this week alone.

"A lot of parents think that measles is just one of those childhood complaints and every child has got to have measles and that is a fact of life. On the other hand measles can and does kill," he warned.

The symptoms of the disease, which can be passed on through coughs and droplets, include a red rash, high temperature, and pink rimmed eyes.

But if complications occur measles can result in convulsions, eye problems.

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TEXAS MEASLES OUTBREAK

A second Texas child has died from measles; RFK Jr. visits

About 500 Texans, mostly young unvaccinated children, have contracted the disease. The U.S. health secretary was in West Texas to visit the family.

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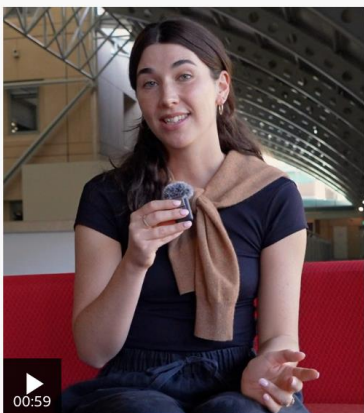
People stand outside of a Mennonite church in Seminole where funeral services for Daisy Hildebrand, the second Texas child to die from the measles this year, were held. Hildebrand was 8. 📷 Justin Rex For The Texas Tribune

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What is hantavirus and how does it spread?



Watch: Do viruses spread more easily on cruise ships?

Dominic Hughes, health correspondent, **Philippa Roxby** and **Smitha Mundasad**, health reporters

4 May 2026

Updated 10 May 2026

A cruise ship hit by an outbreak of hantavirus has arrived in the Canary Islands.

Three people confirmed to have the virus and five suspected cases have been linked to the ship - the MV Hondius.

THE HANTAVIRUS OUTBREAK: A STRESS TEST FOR GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE, ONE HEALTH, AND PREPAREDNESS

The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) is closely following the international response to the hantavirus outbreak associated with the MV Hondius cruise ship and the broader increase in hantavirus cases reported across South America.

This outbreak is a stark reminder that zoonotic diseases continue to threaten global health in an era of climate change, ecological disruption, mass mobility, and geopolitical fragmentation. It exposes persistent weaknesses in preparedness, international coordination, and the operational implementation of One Health.



REINFORCE GLOBAL COOPERATION

The response demonstrates the value of scientific collaboration and information sharing, but delays and inconsistencies reveal critical gaps in contact tracing, monitoring, and harmonised procedures.



PROTECT MULTILATERALISM

This outbreak occurs amid geopolitical tensions, stalled progress on the PABS annex, and threats to WHO's capacity. Technical cooperation under the IHR and GOARN must be protected and strengthened.



INVEST IN PREPAREDNESS

Neglected zoonotic diseases require greater investment in surveillance, diagnostics, sequencing, therapeutics, vaccines, and research.



OPERATIONALISE ONE HEALTH

Hantaviruses are shaped by human, animal, and environmental interactions. Stronger integration of health, veterinary, environmental, and climate surveillance is essential.



STRENGTHEN OUTBREAK GOVERNANCE

Maritime outbreak management, docking decisions, and the application of IHR procedures in international travel require clear, consistent, and accountable frameworks.



BUILD PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY

Sustainable investment in public health workforce, systems, and research is the foundation of long-term global health security.



This outbreak must not become another missed opportunity to strengthen preparedness against contemporary threats to global health security.

ASPHER calls for governments, international organisations, academic institutions, and public health agencies to strengthen multilateral cooperation, transparent information sharing, medical countermeasure development, One Health implementation, and long-term investment in preparedness and public health workforce capacities.

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This outbreak is a test of our collective commitment to the Pandemic Agreement and to global solidarity.

Delays, fragmentation, and underinvestment put lives at risk. **Solidarity, transparency, and cooperation are the only viable strategy for a safe and healthy future.**

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ASPHER stands ready to contribute its academic, educational, and public health expertise to support evidence-informed policy, preparedness, and workforce development across Europe and globally.



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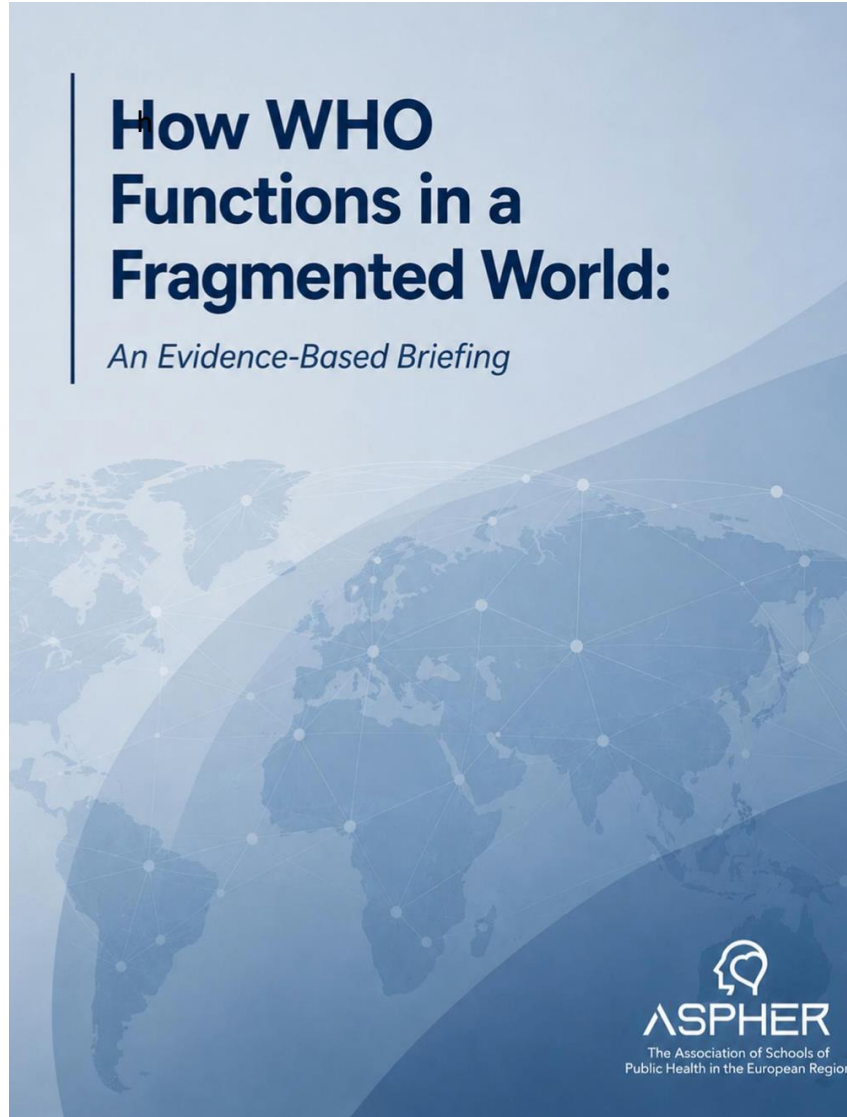
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‘Seven things’ John Middleton

- ✓ **Believe that health and quality of life can be better for all people, everywhere in the world, and for the planet**
- ✓ **Keep up our professional knowledge – be needed and be useful –**
- ✓ **Be alert on emergency preparedness: knowledgeable; prepared; connected**
- ✓ **Think global, act local**
- ✓ **Think ‘Planetary Health’; ‘One Health’**
- ✓ **Think inequalities in health and how to reduce these**
- ✓ **Think ‘First Nation Health’**
- ✓ **Understand the geopolitical world in which we live: Neoliberalism; Oligarchy and the rise of the super-rich; the rise of populism; Industrial-scale disinformation; Culture wars; Conflicts- local, regional, national, international**



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ASPHER statement on the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak emergency

[John Middleton](#) , [Jose M. Martin-Moreno](#), [Henrique Barros](#), [Laurent Chambaud](#) & [Carlo Signorelli](#)

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With the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) we are currently experiencing a worldwide emergency affecting all societies. Fortunately, we have learnt much since the 1918/19 influenza pandemic, and we have come a long way towards controlling infectious diseases. Smallpox has been eradicated, cases of measles and poliomyelitis have been drastically reduced, and much has been achieved in mitigating HIV. Still, we now must coordinate efforts on a global scale to stop the spread of COVID-19, an epidemic with grave consequences. Globalization, ease of travel and open borders present challenges; but the degree of scientific progress and the free exchange of rapidly generated knowledge also afford important opportunities not available in previous outbreaks. These opportunities must be put to good use; this is where public health plays a critical role.



Moving towards the right to 'health for all' by training the public health and wider health workforce on climate change and health

Joint statement by the EU Health Policy Platform's thematic network
"Climate action through public health education and training"

Climate change continues to be the biggest challenge of the 21st century, with profound and growing negative consequences on public health. The cost of inaction to act in a timely and systemic manner will have catastrophic implications for the planet, the ecosystem, our livelihoods, notably the health and social systems of today and in the future.



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ROADMAP TO PROFESSIONALIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE IN THE EUROPEAN REGION





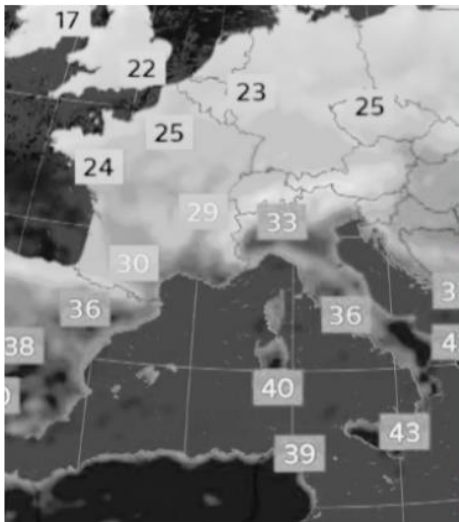
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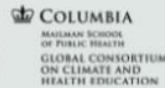
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Supporting Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals

The ASPHER Core Curriculum Programme is a vital capacity and curriculum building project. Development of core public health competencies has been a common theme within ASPHER's operations since 2006. The Core Curriculum Programme strives to address the new normal which has enveloped the public health landscape after the global pandemic of COVID-19 and other crises.

[Learn more from the CCP website.](#)



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Syllabi collection on Diversity in Public Health

These syllabi provide hands-on material for people engaged in public health education on health inequities, social injustices and diversity enabling students to:

- identify mechanisms of privilege and oppression related to social identities,
- determine awareness of one's own social identities and their relevance in the public health landscape,
- learn how to determine biases within public health structures (and oneself),
- address and change biases in their practices to ultimately reduce health inequities.

[Learn more and download the syllabi here.](#)





Enhancing European Public Health Preparedness, Pre-Hospital, and Disaster Medicine

ASPHER, the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM) and the European Council of Disaster Medicine (ECDM), have partnered together to gather experts and stakeholders across emergency, medical, political and public health disciplines on 25 March 2024 at the European Parliament for a high-level colloquium to address 'Enhancing European Public Health Preparedness, Pre-Hospital, and Disaster Medicine'.

Outcomes of the meeting will contribute to an enhanced public health curriculum for current and future challenges threatening the public's health and welfare in Europe.

[Read the press release.](#)

[Download the meeting programme.](#)



ASPHER Briefing document & Statement on the WHA Pandemic Agreement

The Pandemic Agreement: A Springboard for Urgent Progress or a Safety Net for Basic Commitments?

ASPHER recognizes the critical importance of a robust and comprehensive global framework to address future health emergencies. We view this agreement as a potentially very positive development, with ample space for countries to go further in their commitments and actions.

ASPHER advocates for the strengths of the Pandemic Agreement to address governance, prevention, and response deficits observed during COVID-19, aiming for higher global standards.

[Download the ASPHER Briefing document & Statement on the WHA Pandemic Agreement Draft here.](#)

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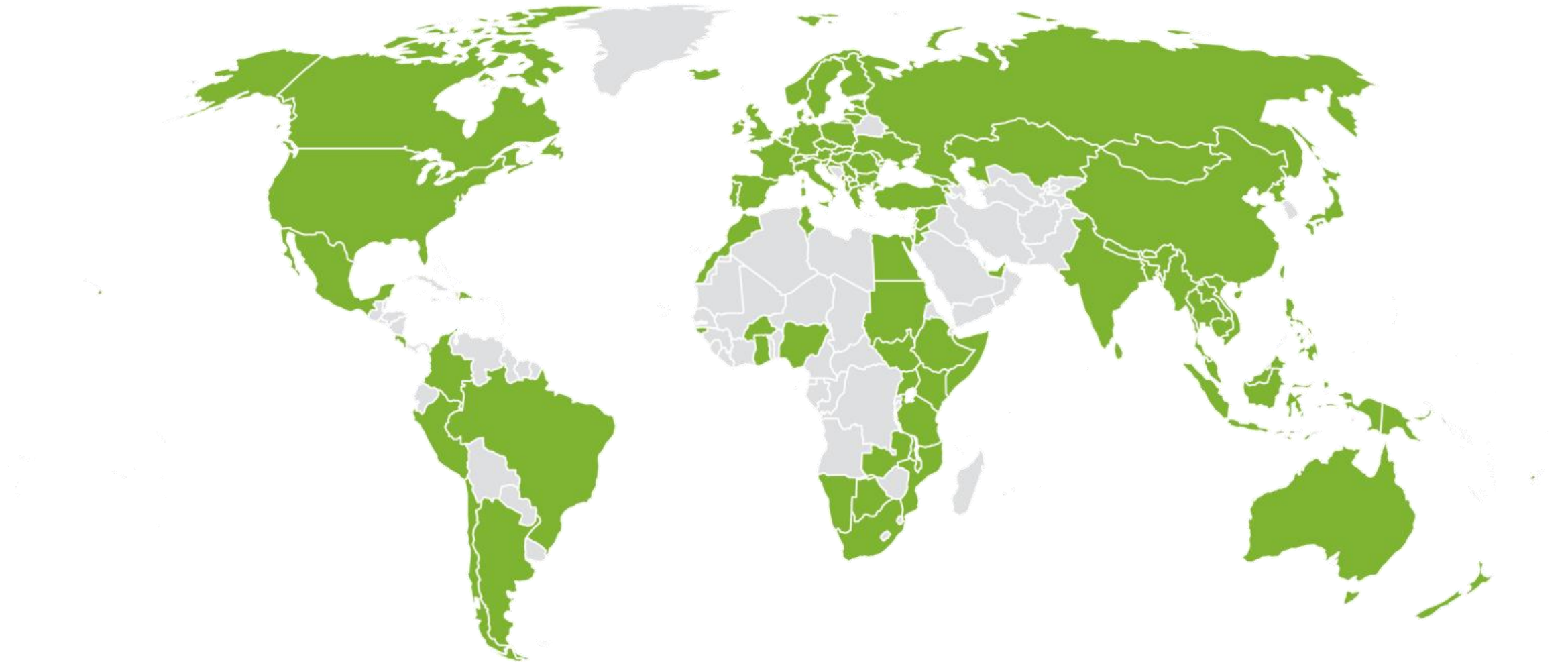
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Enhance academic public health worldwide through mutual learning and collaborations between academic public health institutions globally in order to improve and protect the health of people and the planet.



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- Advocate for public health education
- Climate change and health
- Ethics and codes of conduct
- Faculty development
- Public health diplomacy

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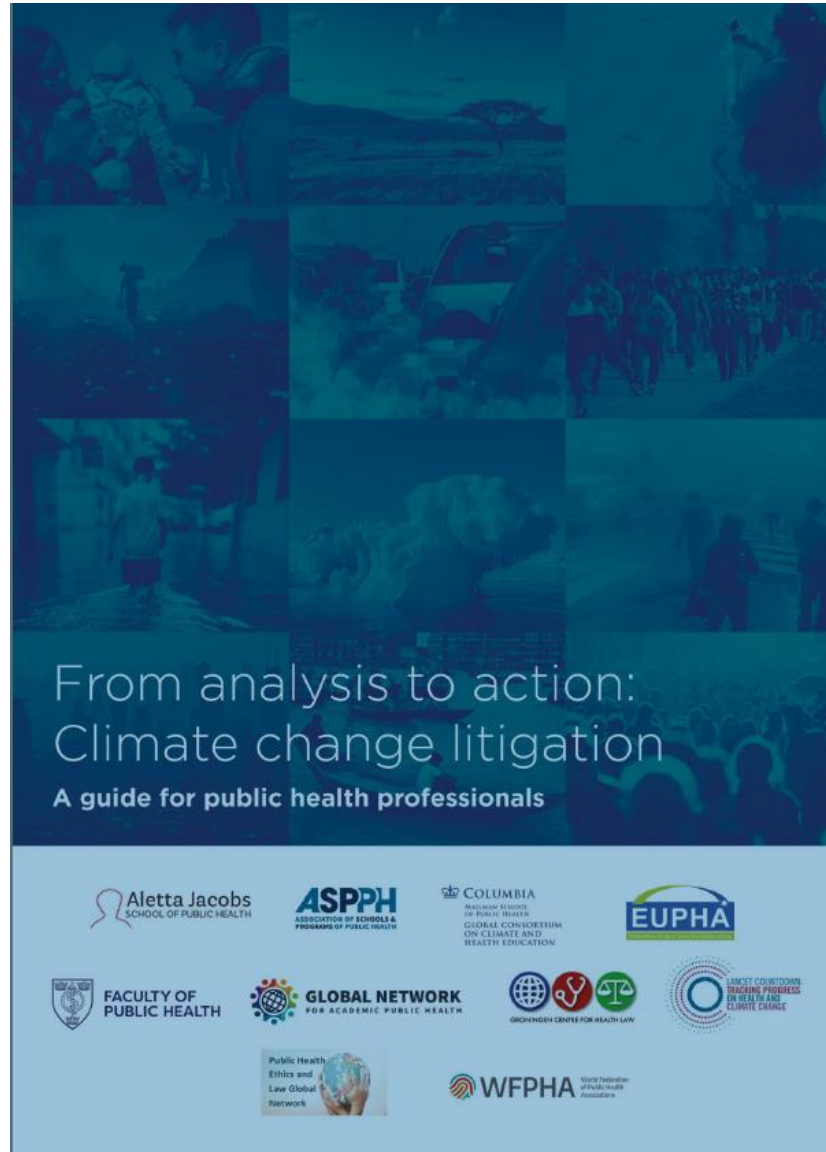
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GNAPH seeking to work with PHA, One Health leaders and GCCCCHÉ on common learning agenda

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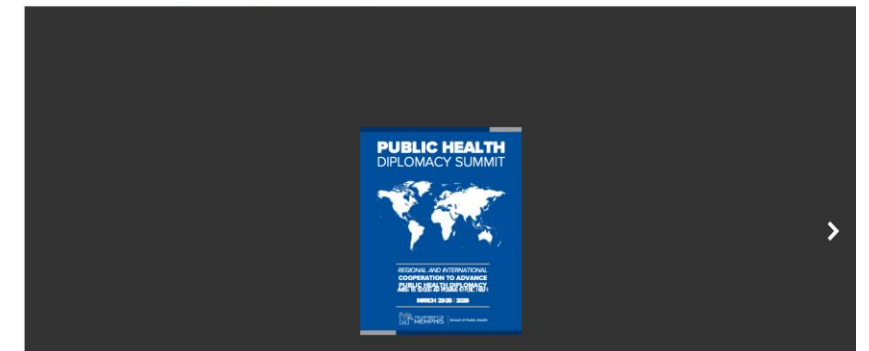
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Joshi et al (2025), Front Public Health



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