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# TARGETING CLIMATE CHANGE EFFORTS

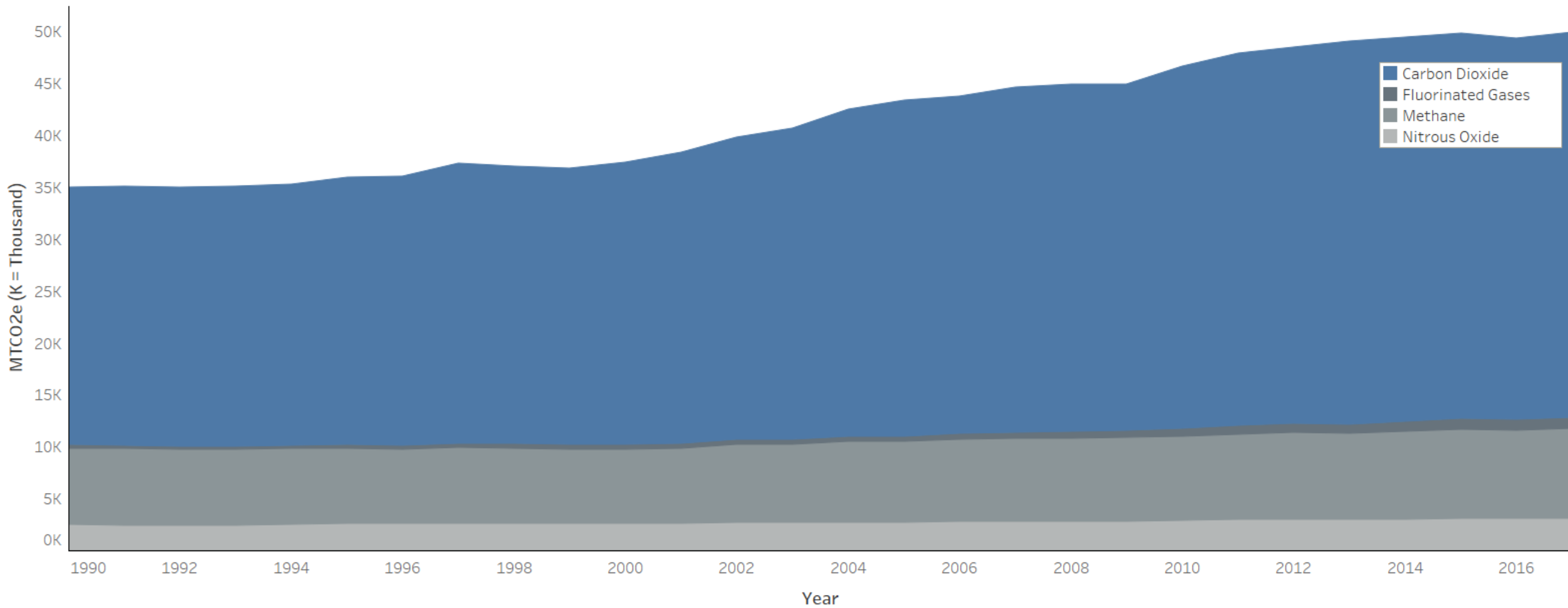
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# A LOOK AT GASES

# Focus on Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Emissions Continuing to Climb: Annual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions (1990-2017)

MTCO2e is a million metric tons of CO2 equivalent gas.  
Global CO2 emissions are growing despite warnings, and CO2 is the primary GHG being emitted.

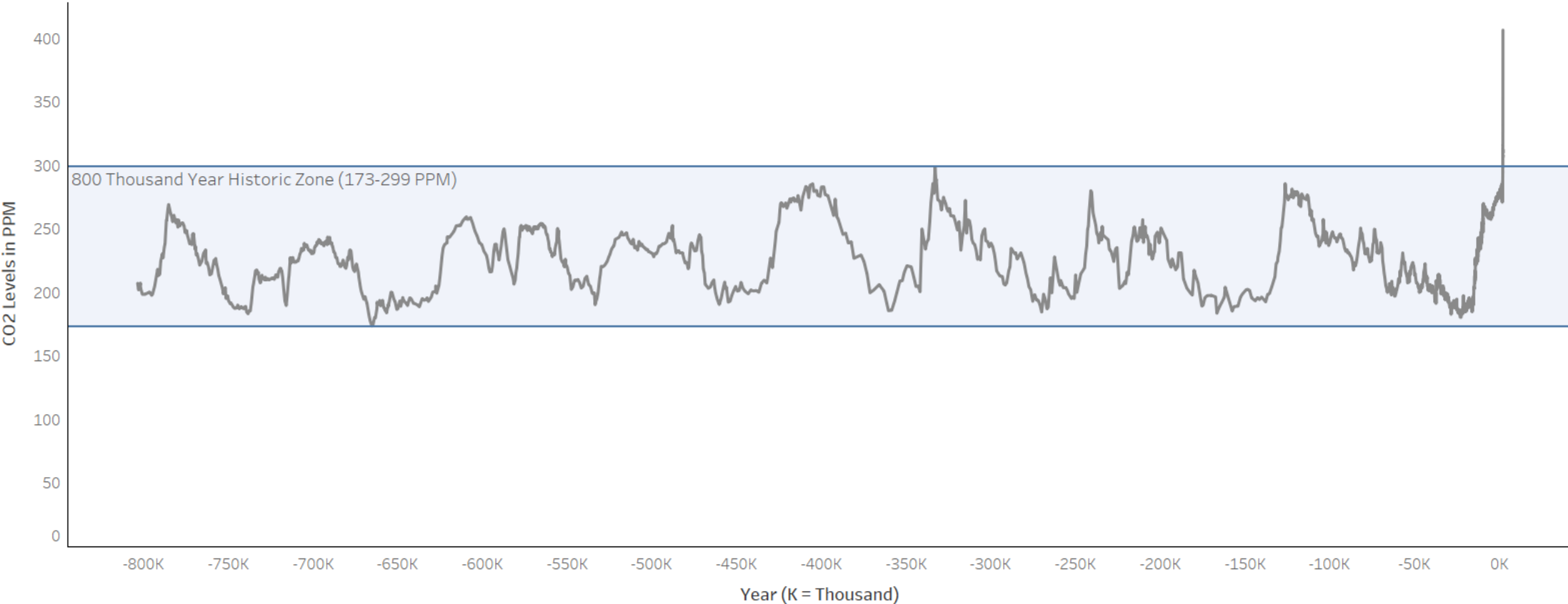


Data Source: Climate Watch (2018)

# Climbing Well Beyond an 800 Thousand Year Historic Zone:

## Annual Average of Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Levels in Parts Per Million (PPM)

Until 1905, atmospheric CO2 levels **had not exceeded 299 PPM** going back over 800,000 years. By 2017, the trend had continued to climb and exceeded that mark by **over 107 PPM**.



Data Source: Our World in Data using data from NOAA/ESRL (2018)

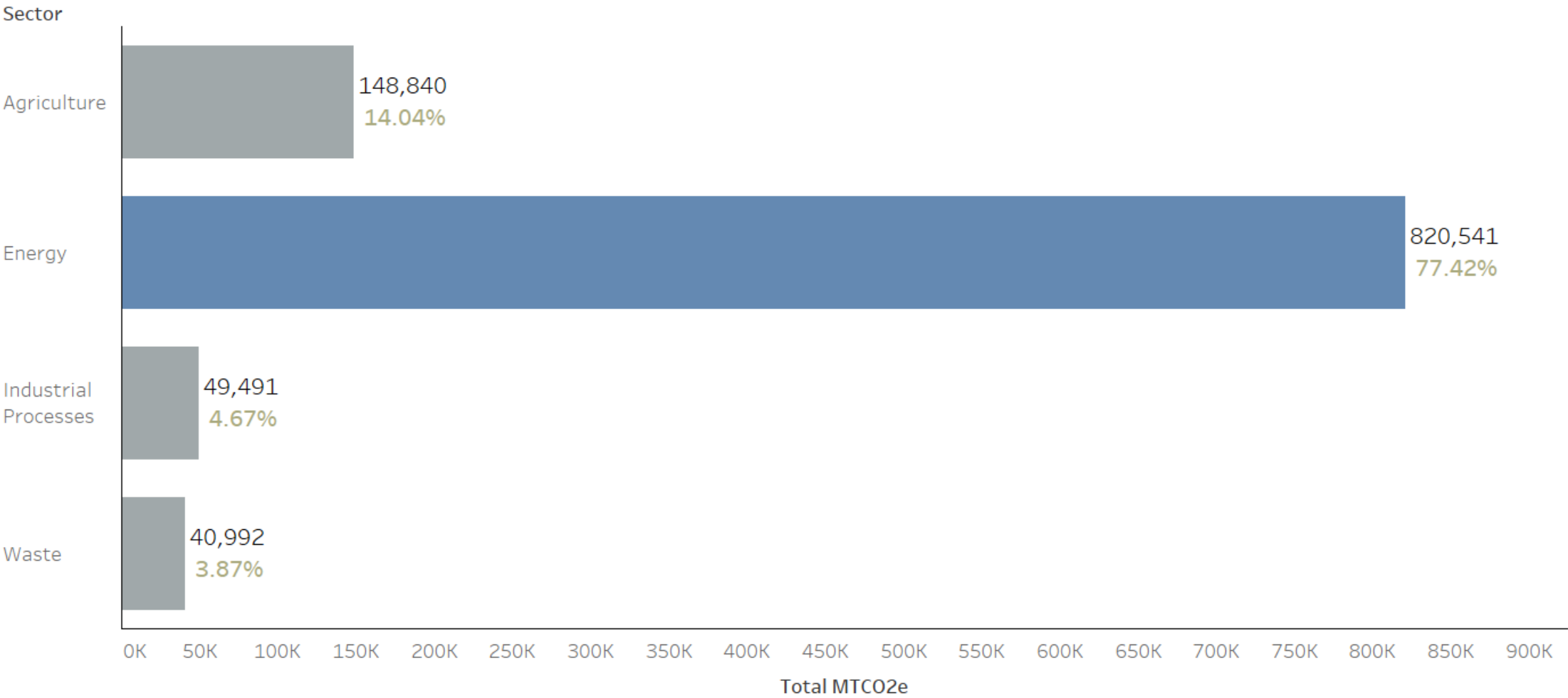


# IMPACT FROM ECONOMIC SECTORS

# Target Efforts on the Energy Sector:

Total CO2 Levels Emitted by Sector Including Percent of Total (1990-2017)

The energy sector accounts for over 77% of all CO2 emitted.  
It deserves a similar level of attention.



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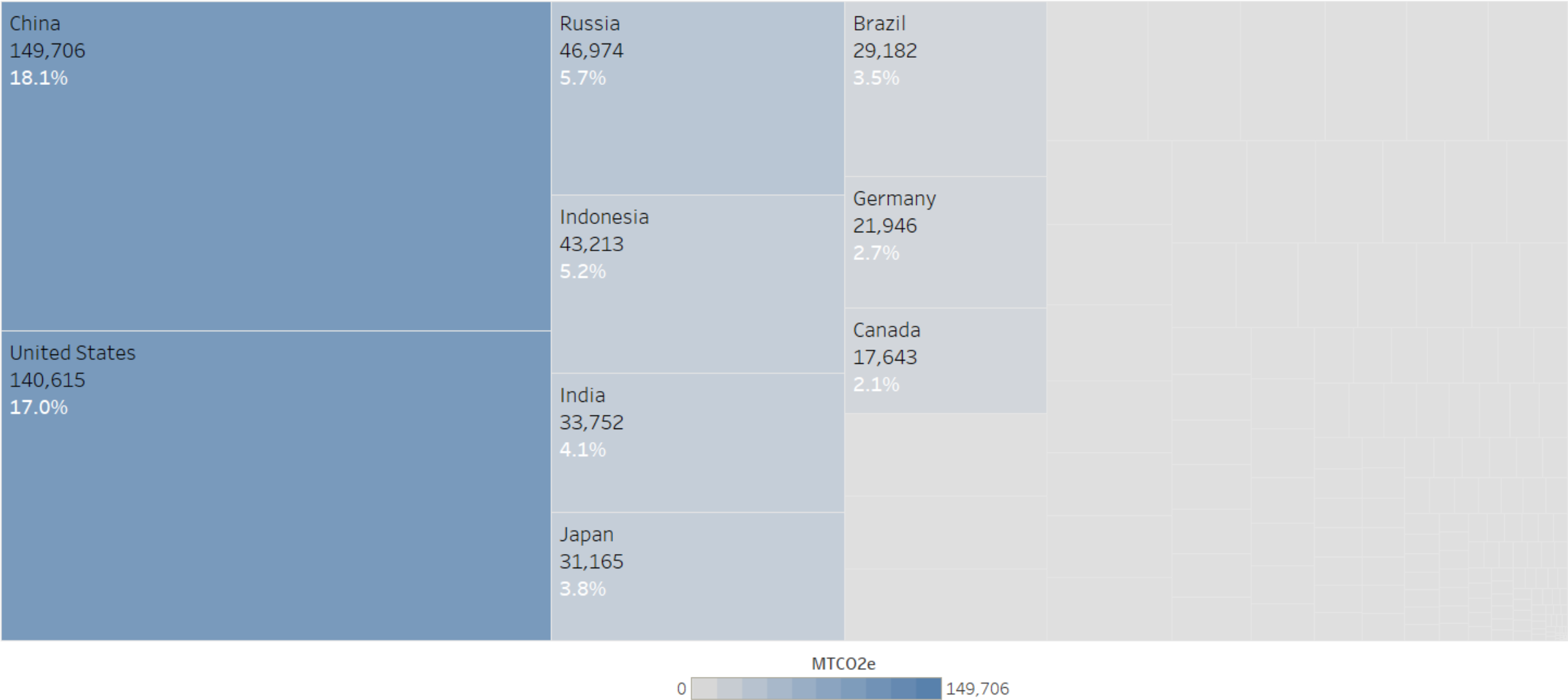


# COMPARING NATIONS

# Two Nations Stand Out for Targeting Climate Efforts:

## CO2 Emission Totals Indicated by Size and Color for Each Nation in MTCO2e (1990-2017)

China and the United States are the two largest CO2 emitting nations jointly accounting for over 35%.

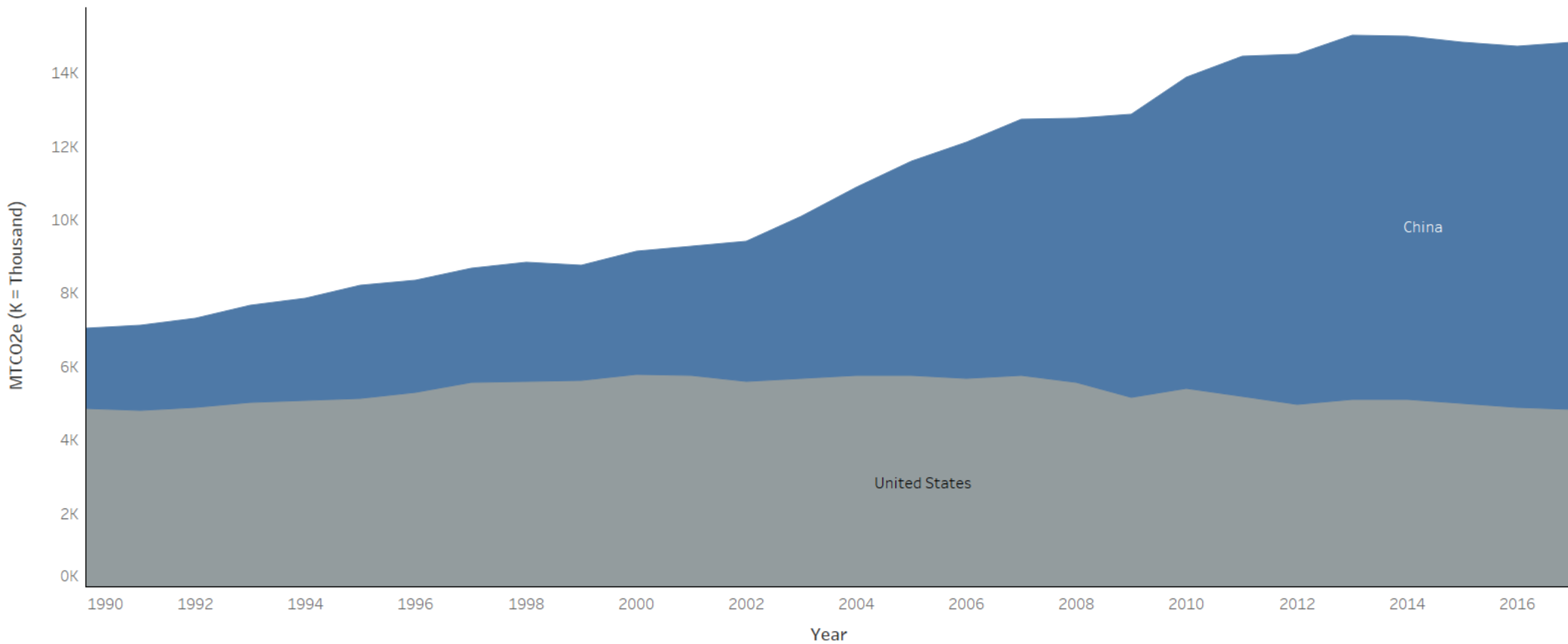




# Trending Indicates That China Is a Huge Problem Going Forward:

## Total Annual CO2 Emissions in MTCO2e (1990-2017)

China's total CO2 emissios are increasing at an alarming rate!

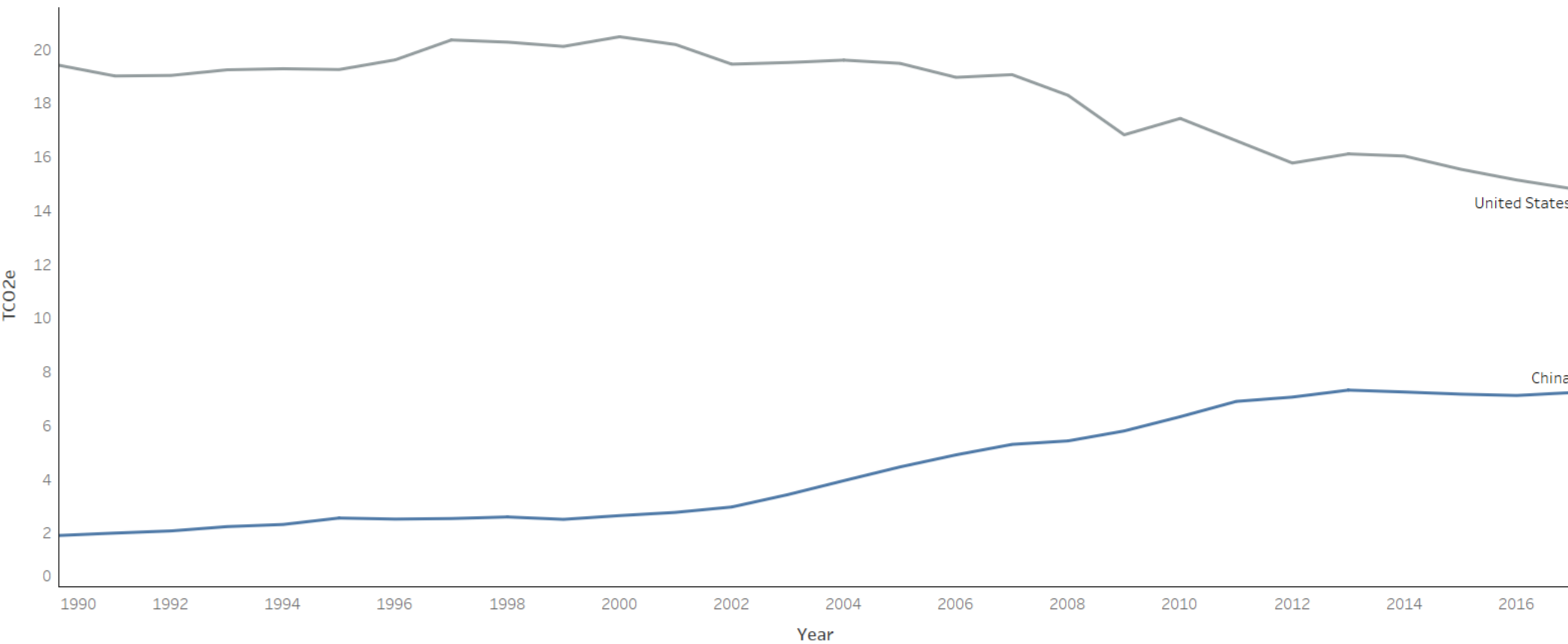


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# Evaluating Two Different Problems That These Nations Pose:

## Comparing China and the United States Annual Per Capita CO2 Emissions (1990-2017)

TCO2e is a metric ton of CO2 equivalent gas. The much larger population of China sets up a growing concern. China's CO2 emissions per person almost quadruple while the United States slowly improves from a much worse start.



Data Source: Climate Watch (2018)



# FOCUS

Reducing unprecedented CO2 levels

## PRIMARY TARGETS

Cleaning up CO2 emissions from the energy sector

Reversing the increasing trajectory of CO2 emissions in China

Increasing the pace of CO2 reduction in the United States