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Tweet: Describing how skateboarding evolved out of a prolonged southern California drought which emptied pools @pkedrosky theorizes "Humans are products of scarcity, not abundance....we are living in a world, one of abundance, to which we are poorly adapted."

Summary: There is a striking new paper on the origins of skateboarding. It shows how persistent drought in southern California in the 1970s caused the emptying of pools, giving rise to de facto urban skateboard parks. This, in turn, helped drive the rise of skateboarding companies, skateboard media, and an entire subculture that eventually became mainstream. You can see some of this in a graphic from the paper, where early skateboarding magazine covers showed pools as filled and part of the built urban environment, while later covers turned skateboarding into something that happened inside the objects formerly known as pools. Humans, it can be strongly argued, are products of scarcity, not abundance. We see this in everything from our metabolic response to fasting, to the rise of skateboarding in southern California. We are, to that way of thinking, living in a world, one of abundance, to which we are poorly adapted. Related: Global Water Scarcity: H2O No! and Arizona Is Running Out of Cheap Water. Investors Saw It Coming and The Rapid Loss Of Antarctic Sea Ice Brings Grim Scenarios Into View

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