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Summary: Arizona now uses 3% less water than it did in 1957, despite having a population that's mushroomed more than 555% since then. In some crucial ways, Arizona will actually be better able to adapt to climate change than many coastal areas of the country. For instance, the cost of building sea walls for U.S. coastal regions will be at least \$400 billion, according to the Center for Climate Integrity, while squeezing water out of a desert landscape is relatively cheap in comparison. The only necessary ingredient is political willpower. Related: Arizona Is Running Out of Cheap Water. Investors Saw It Coming and Climate Change and the Geography of the U.S. Economy and America Is Using Up Its Groundwater Like There's No Tomorrow

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