# What is the Correlation Between Urbanization and Climate Change?

- **Background**: from sustainability presentation



- We prioritize our economy (bottom line and cash flow) and tend to leave the environment for the backburner (conservation of resources and ecosystems)
- There are already national and global frameworks/policies in place to regulate climate change (Paris Climate Accords) by targeting things like temperature, emissions and carbon pricing
- Yet, there must still be a discrepancy or at least other factors playing a bigger role in climate change

### - Our hypotheses

- Urbanization and climate change are positively correlated
  - The more urbanized a country is, the greater effect is has on climate change
- We also want to explore certain aspects of urbanization
  - Does the urban vs rural population of a country play a role?
  - Does access to and use of technology affect climate change?

#### Two datasets

#### - Global Urbanization:

 $\underline{https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/bushraqurban/global-urbanization-and-climate-metrics}$ 

- Climate Warming Trends:

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/jawadawan/global-warming-trends-1961-2022/data

# - Notes on Data Cleaning

- Can't visualize all 182 countries: overwhelming to analyze in given time
- *Instead*: one country from each continent (except Antarctica because it has no countries or measurable urbanization)

- North America: United States of America

South America: Brazil Europe: Germany

Asia: India Africa: Nigeria

- Australia: counting it as a country-continent

## - Filtering both datasets by year

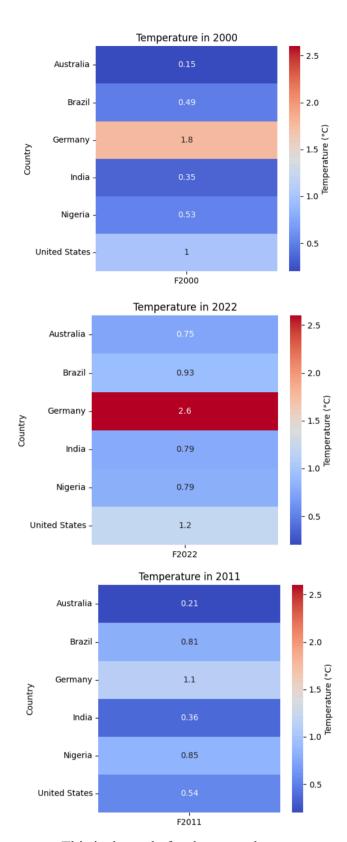
- Lots of missing data before 2000s
- Hence: we will focus on 2000 2022, including 2011 as a midpoint
  - Full data
  - Relevancy
- Temperature Units: degrees Celsius

### - Global Urbanization Dataset

- First, we wanted to plot

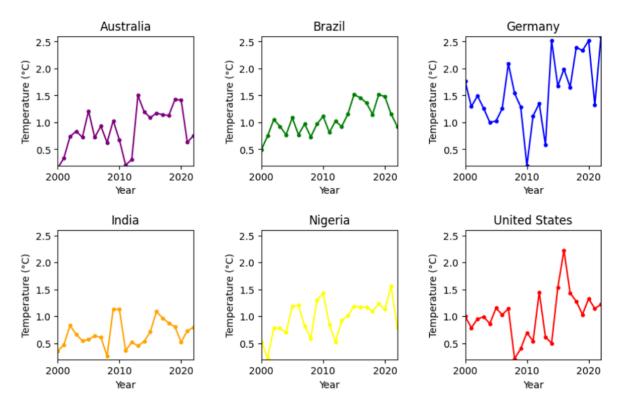
## - Climate Warming Trends Dataset

- <u>First</u>, we wanted to have a climate map (global map with our countries highlighted) of our countries in each of the three years, but this dataset did not have longitude/latitude data
- So we decided to create a graph showing the average temperature of each country (in Celsius) in 2000, 2011, and 2022
- The set of three graphs below show the average climate of each country in 2000, 2011, and 2022



- This is the code for these graphs

- From these graphs, we can see that **the average temperature of every country** increased drastically at some point in time
  - For example, Australia went from 0.15 C in 2000 to 0.75 C to 2011, and Germany went from 1.8 C in 2000 to 2.6 in 2011
- However, every country's average temperature, except for Nigeria, fluctuated as well
  - In the first interval (2000 to 2011), every country's average temperature increased
  - In the second interval (2011 to 2022), every country's average temperature, except for Nigeria, then decreased quite dramatically
    - For example, Australia went from 0.75 C in 2011 to 0.21 C in 2022, and the United States when from 1.2 C in 2011 to 0.5 C in 2022
  - *Interesting mention*: India's temperature doubled in the first interval, then went back to its original temperature over the intervals (0.36 C to 0.79 C back to 0.36 C)
    - The only country in our set with such a pattern
  - *Interesting mention*: Nigeria is the only country, from our selection of countries, whose average temperature continued to increase over the years
    - Is this due to any environmental or socioeconomic situations?
- <u>Second</u>, we plotted each country's average temperature as a line graph over the years 2000 to 2022 to compare trends between countries
- Below we have 6 line graphs, one for each country, showing the trends in climate change over the course of 2000 to 2022



- This is the code for these graphs

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#Individual Graphs
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
i = 1
for c in updated4['Country'].unique():
    country_data = updated4[updated4['Country'] == c]
    plt.subplot(2,3,i)
    plt.xlabel('Year')
    plt.ylabel('Temperature (°C)')
    plt.xlim(2000,2022)
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    plt.ylim(0.2,2.6)
    plt.scatter(country_data['Year'],country_data['Temperature'],label=c,color = colors[c],s=10)
    plt.plot(country_data['Year'],country_data['Temperature'],label=f'{c}',color = colors[c])
    i+=1
plt.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.5, wspace = 0.5)
plt.show()
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- While every country had some fluctuations, most were able to stay relatively stable, despite their being an overall increase in temperature over time
- It is clear from these line graphs that the United States and Germany had temperature dips and spikes over time compared to the other countries
  - Can this be attributed to their urbanization and/or socioeconomic status?
- Comparing Data From Both Datasets
- Final Conclusions