


Why degrowth is harmful

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- 1 An ever-growing economy leads to ever-growing consumption of resources and ever-growing pollution.
- 2 Hitting planetary boundaries will lead to catastrophic consequences.
- 3 Therefore, we need to stop/slow economic growth, focus on well-being instead.
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Points of agreement

Need for radical changes

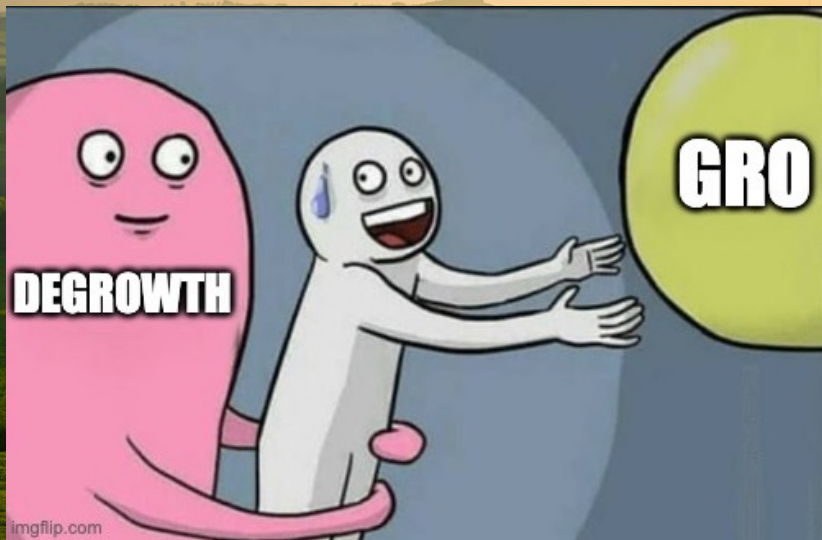
And you better start swimmin' Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin' (The times they are a-
changin', Bob Dylan)

Markets cannot solve everything

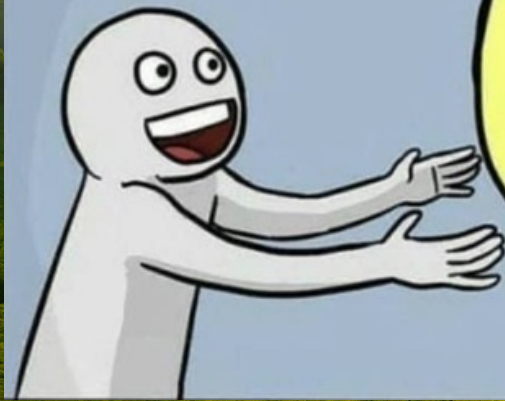


Decoupling is a tough problem





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harm

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benefit

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Can we “decouple” economic growth from
increasing harm?









A wide-angle landscape photograph showing rolling green hills under a warm, golden sky. In the foreground, a grassy hillside is populated by several sheep of various breeds, some standing and some lying down. The middle ground features a dense line of trees and more rolling hills. The background shows distant hills and a small town or village on a hill. The word "Credits" is written in a red, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

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