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# ***Mindful Climate Action***

mind-body trainings for eco-wellness

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Water Action Volunteers Symposium

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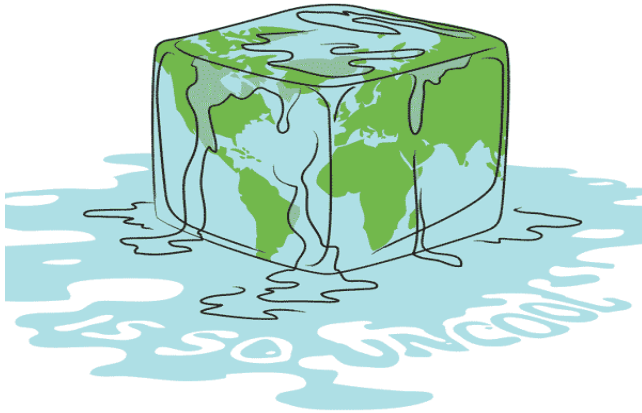
Today's talk  
will be about

# Eco-Wellness

Mindfulness trainings  
for **Co-benefits** of  
Mind-Body Health  
& Sustainability Behaviors



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WARMING





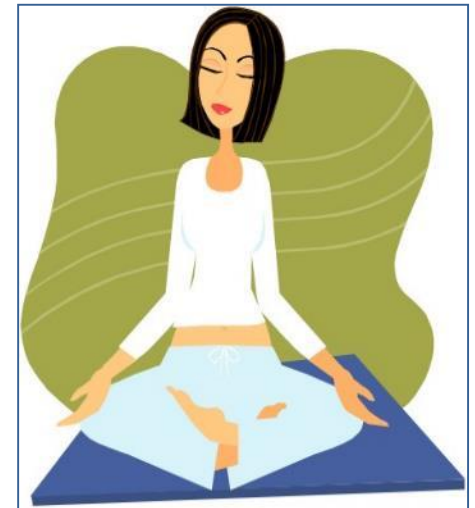
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## New Food Pyramid





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*Concept Paper*

# Mindful Climate Action: Health and Environmental Co-Benefits from Mindfulness-Based Behavioral Training

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# Mindfulness and Climate Change Action: A Feasibility Study

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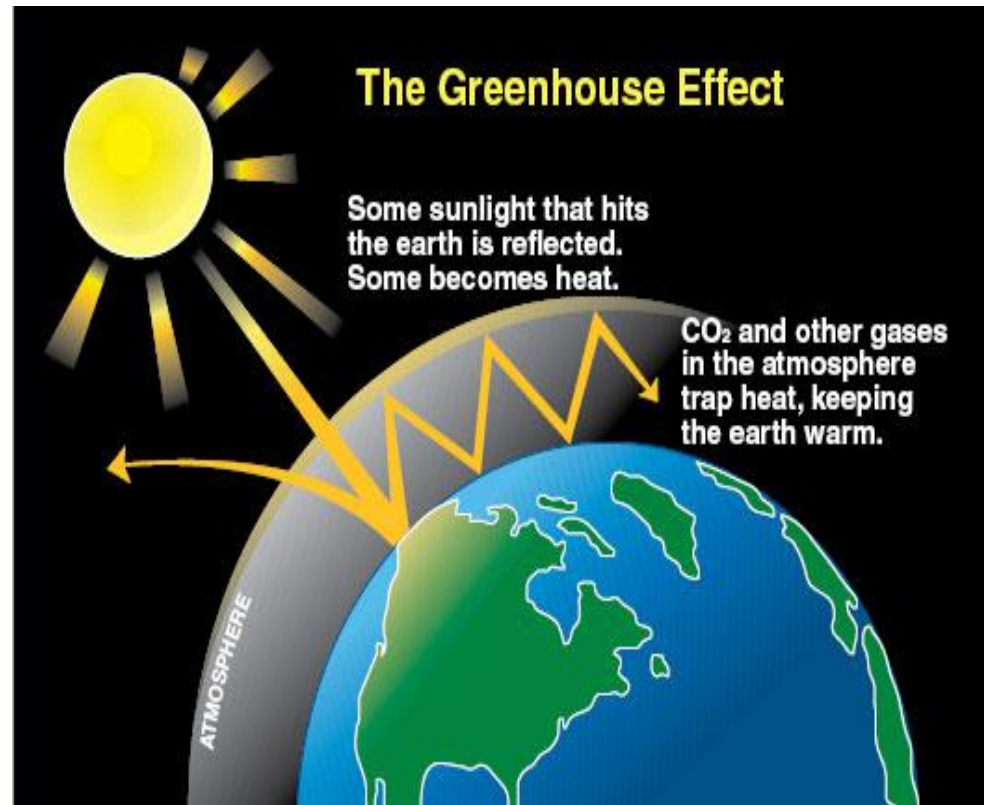
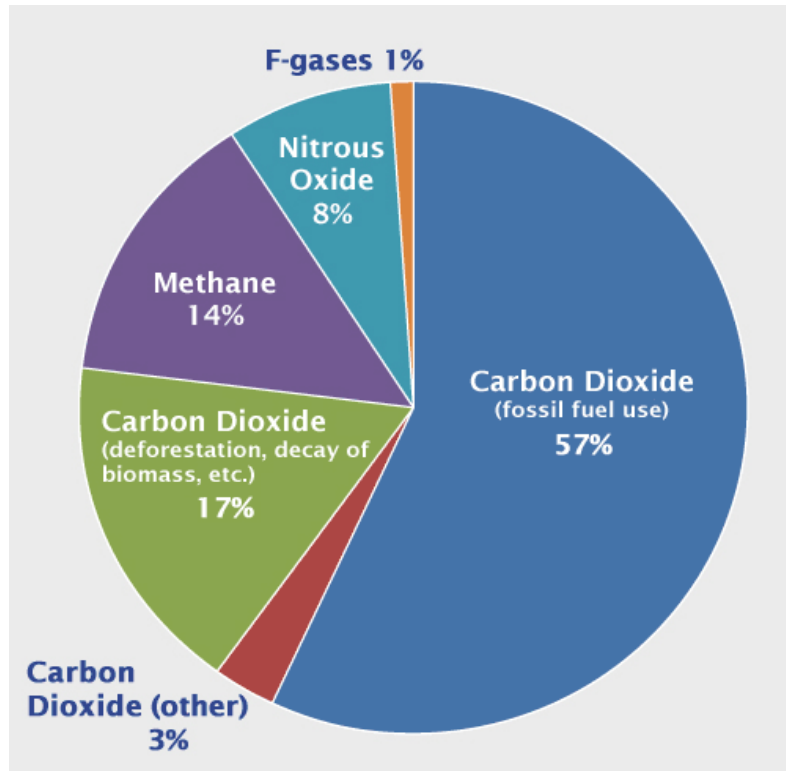


# **Low carbon Happiness, Health & well-being are possible**

***Hypothesis:*** People can be happy & healthy without over-consumption of high carbon goods & services

***Method:*** Enhanced awareness & understanding of physical sensations, emotions, thoughts, and behaviors using mindfulness-based practices, will help to break unhealthy cycles, leading to greater health and happiness, and to lower carbon footprints

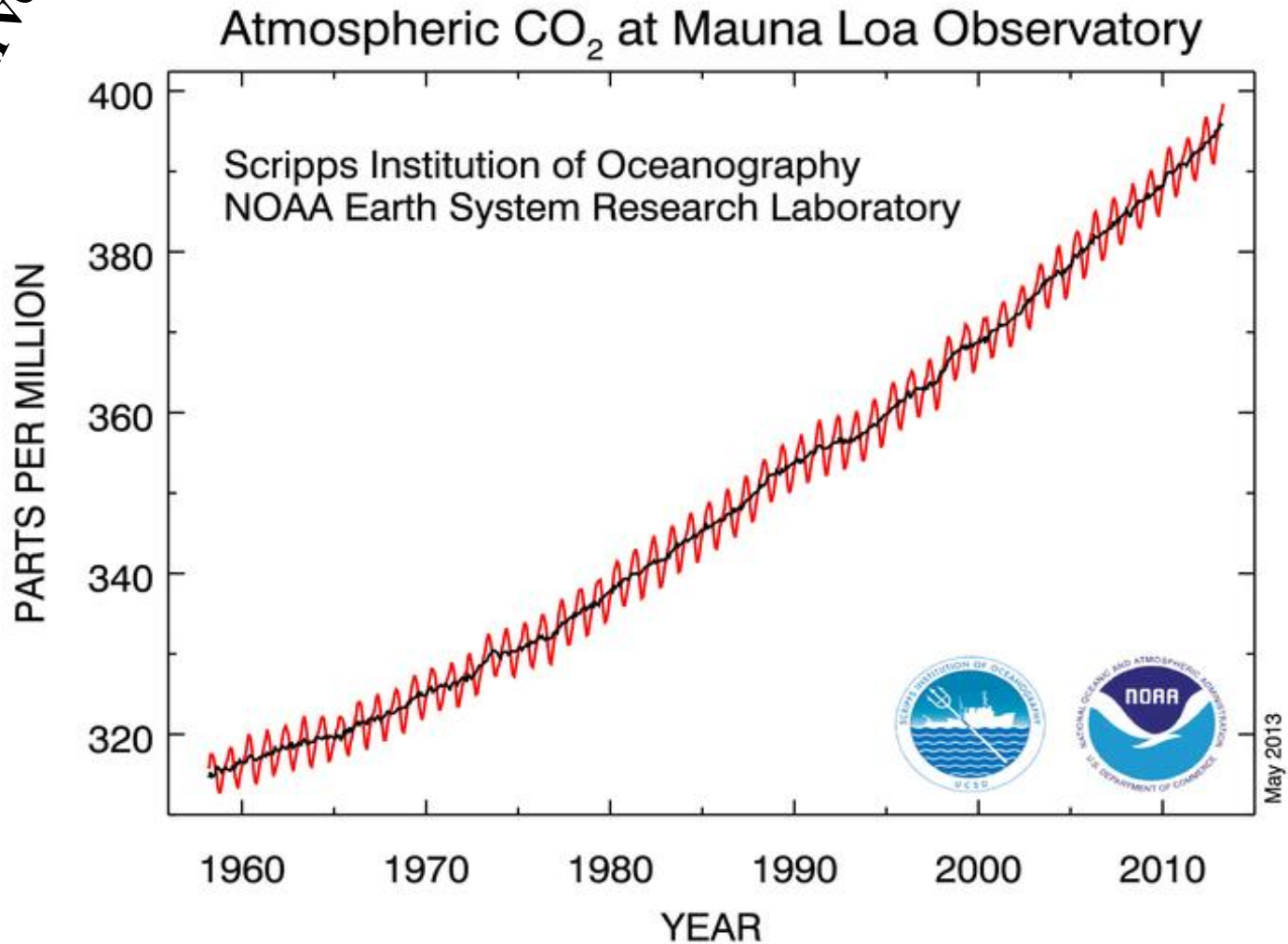
# Greenhouse Gases



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**“The Keeling Curve”**

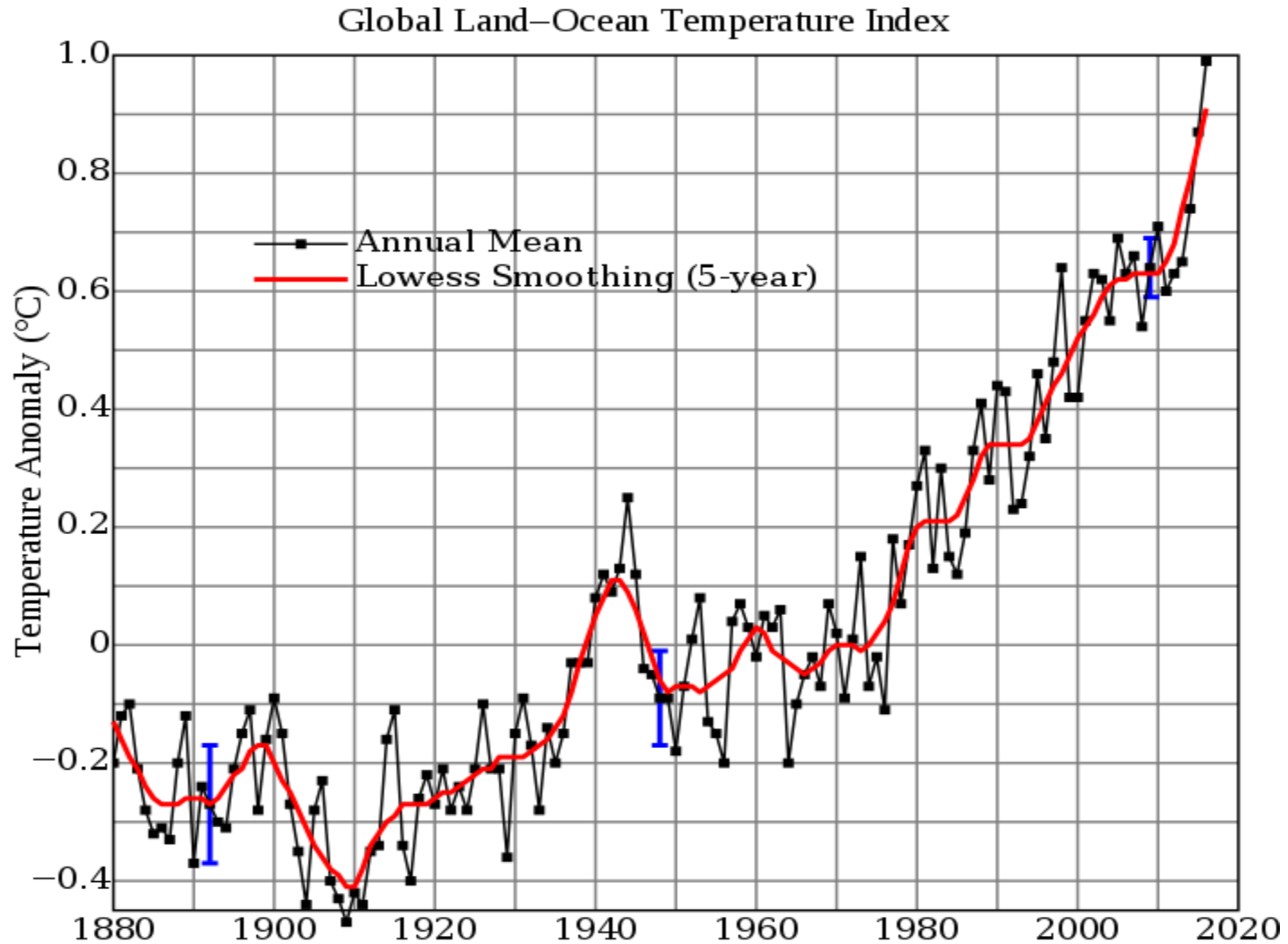


<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/>

**Charles David Keeling** (April 20, 1928 – June 20, 2005)



# Average Temperatures of Earth's Surface are Up $\sim 1.0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $1.8\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ )



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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change



# CLIMATE CHANGE

*The IPCC Scientific Assessment*



WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION / UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

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## Climate Change: The IPCC Scientific Assessment

# 1990

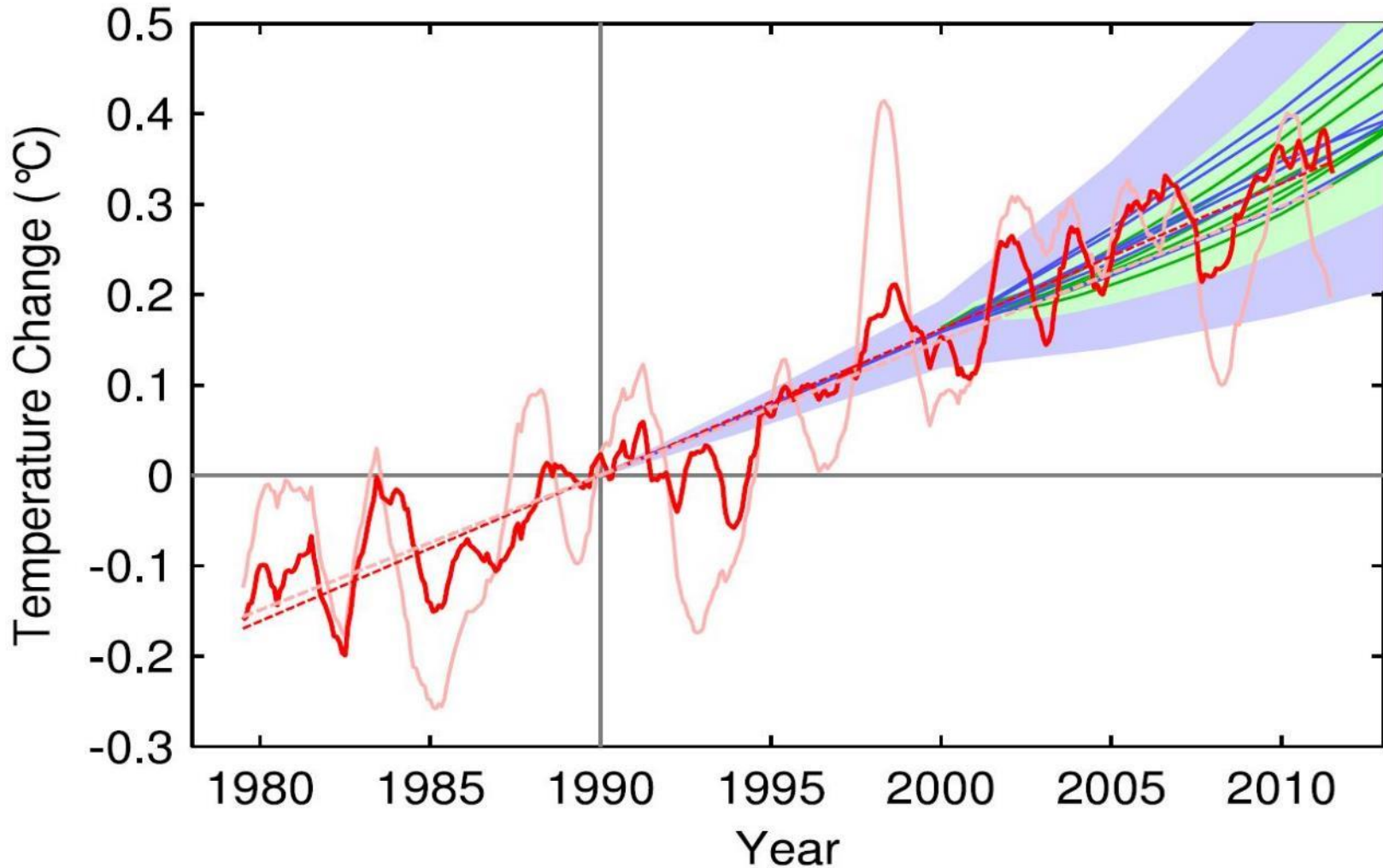
Report prepared for  
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate  
Change by Working Group I

J.T. Houghton, G.J. Jenkins and J.J.  
Ephraums (eds.).

Cambridge University Press,  
Cambridge, Great Britain, New York, NY,  
USA and Melbourne, Australia

410 pp.

**Observed & adjusted temperatures relative to 1990,  
with models from IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)**



**Comparing climate projections to observations up to 2011.**

**Rahmstorf, Foster & Cazenave *Envir Research Let* 2012**

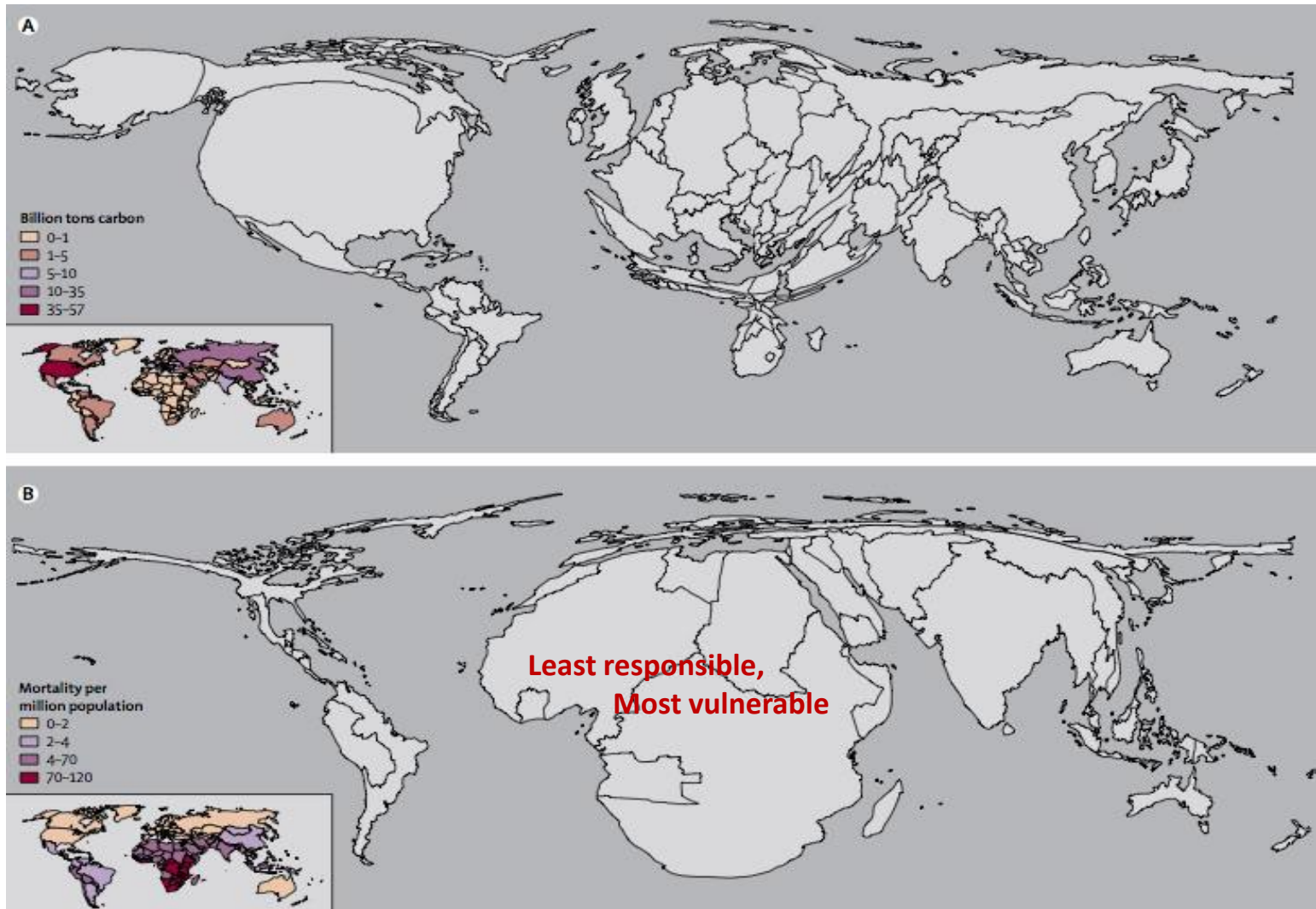


According to a recent poll by the  
**Yale Program on Climate Change Communication**

- 73% of Americans think global warming is happening, an increase of 10% since March 2015
- 62% understand that global warming is mostly human-caused
- 69% say they are at least “somewhat worried” about global warming
- 46% say they have personally experienced the effects of global warming
- 14% think it’s too late to do anything about it

Leiserowitz AM et al. Climate change in the American mind: December 2018.  
New Haven, CT: Yale University and George Mason University, 2018.

## Billions of tons of carbon emitted 1950-2000



## Mortality consequences of global warming & climate change

**You can always count on  
Americans to do the right thing**

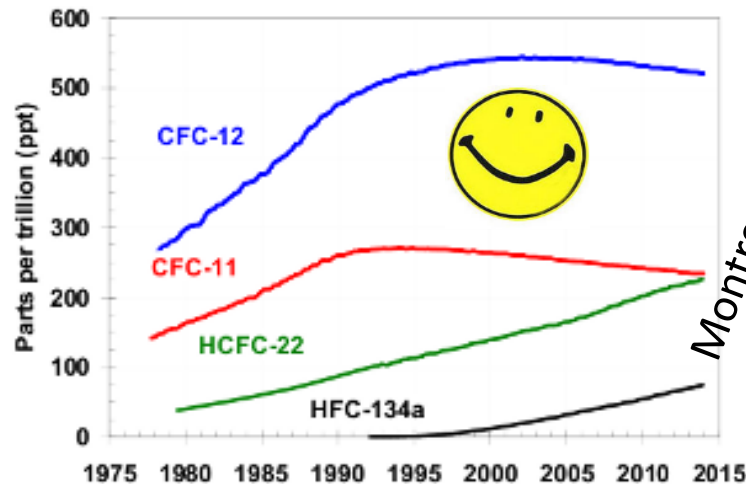
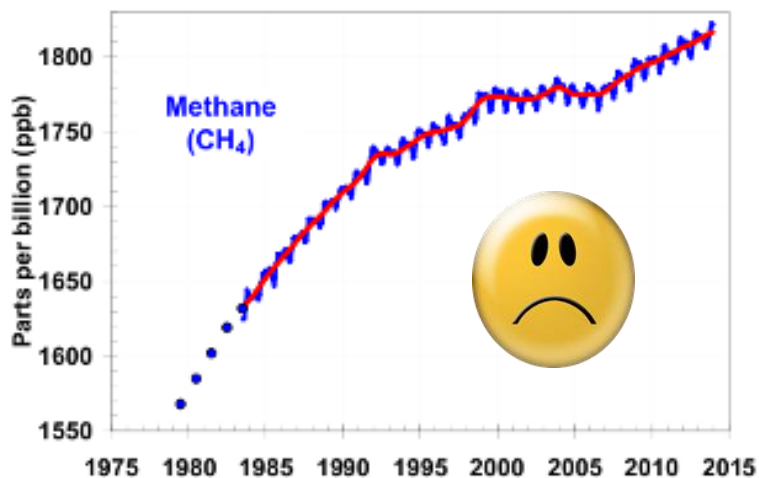
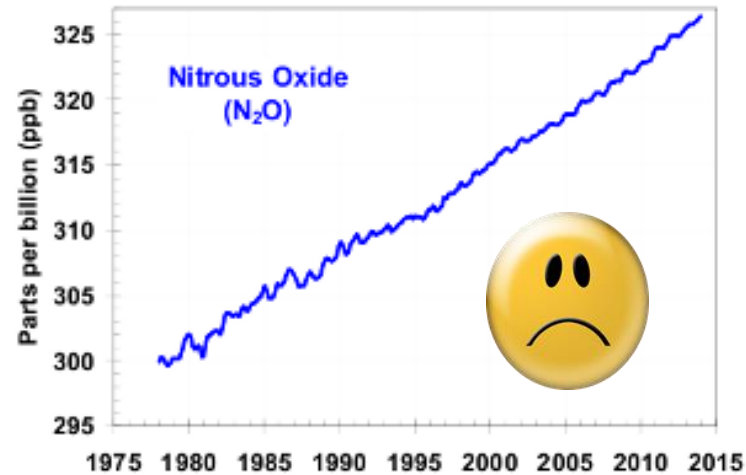
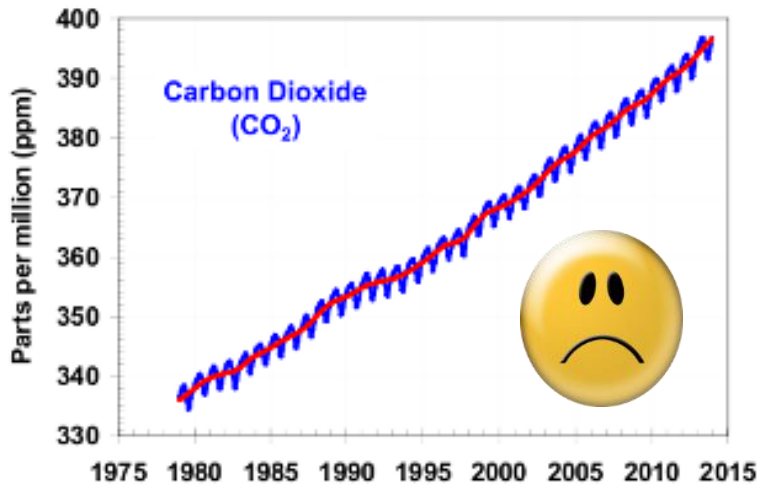
**- after they've tried everything else.**

Winston Churchill

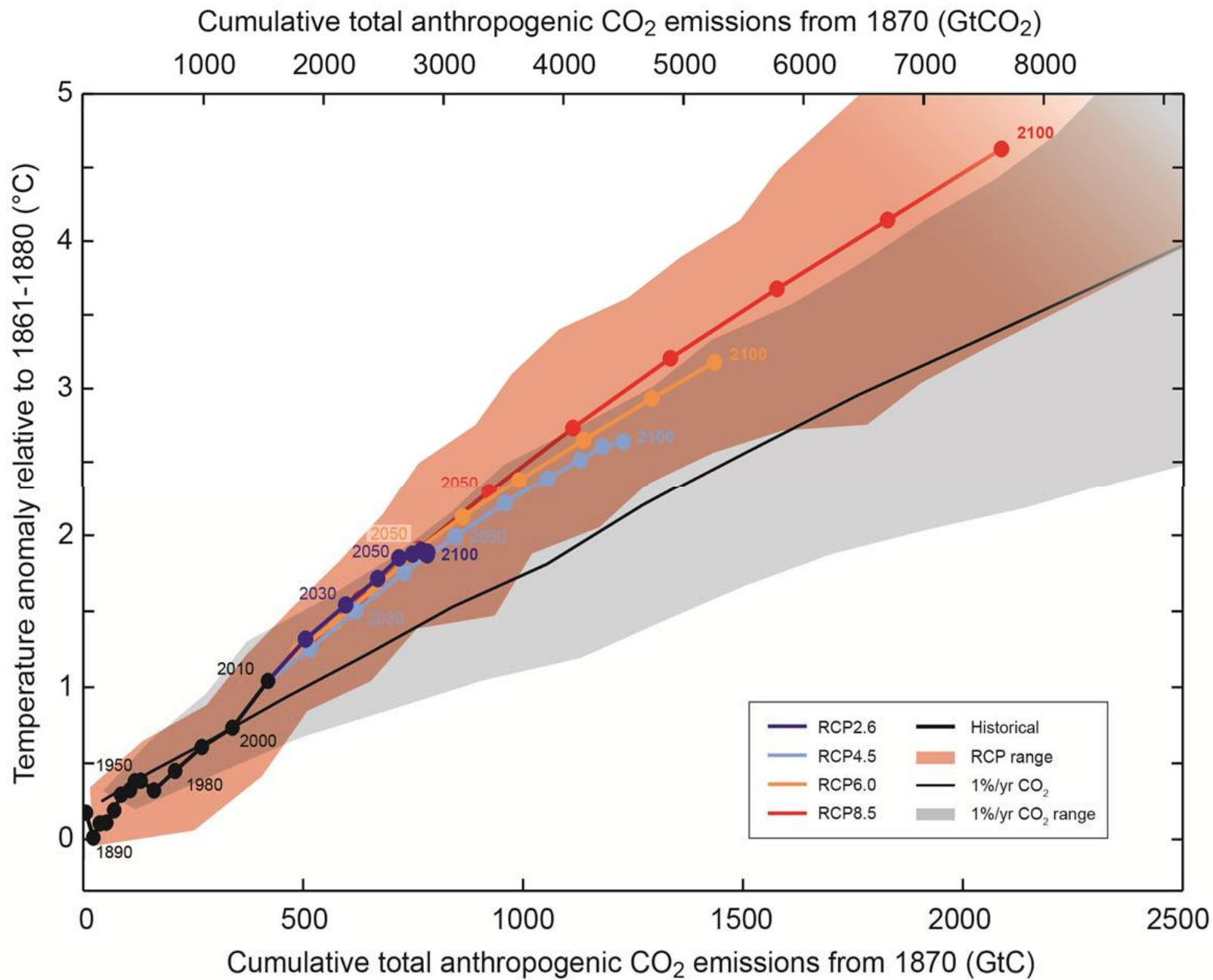


- “The atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide have increased to levels unprecedented in at least the last 800,000 years.”

IPCC Working Group 1. Summary for policy makers.  
September 27, 2013.



Montreal Protocol 1987



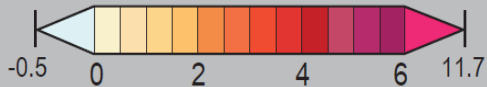
**Best current predictive models from IPCC, September 27, 2013**

Very low emissions

Business as usual = High emissions

### Projected Temperature Change

Difference from  
1986-2005 mean (°C)



Solid Color

Very strong agreement

White Dots

Strong agreement

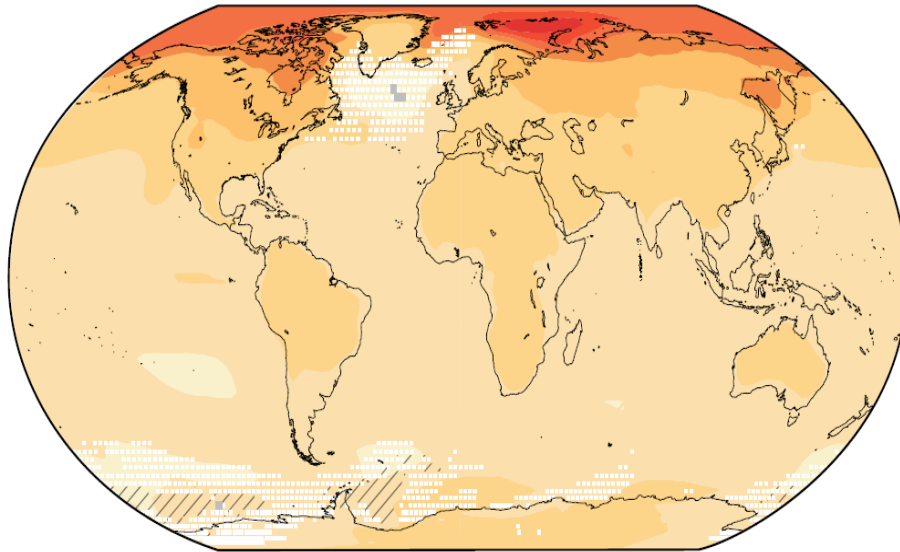
Gray

Divergent changes

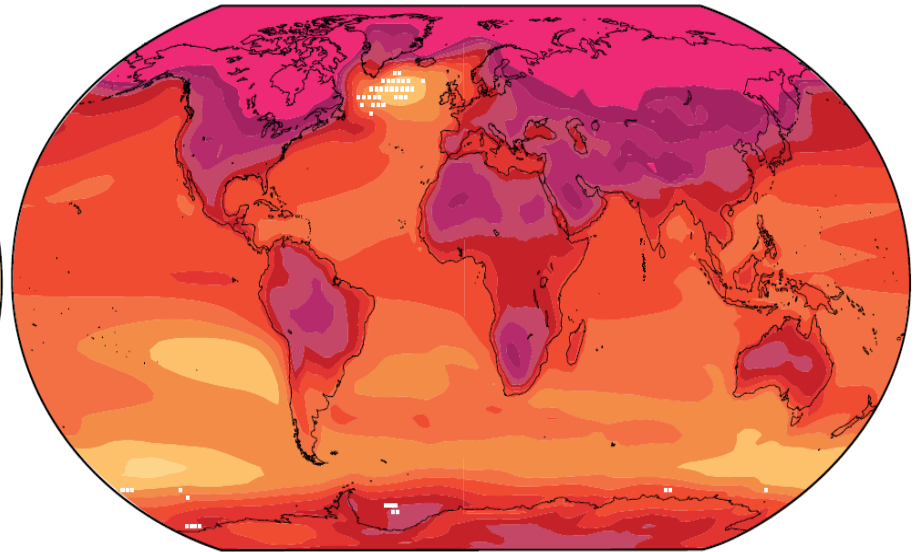
Diagonal Lines

Little or no change

RCP2.6 2081 - 2100



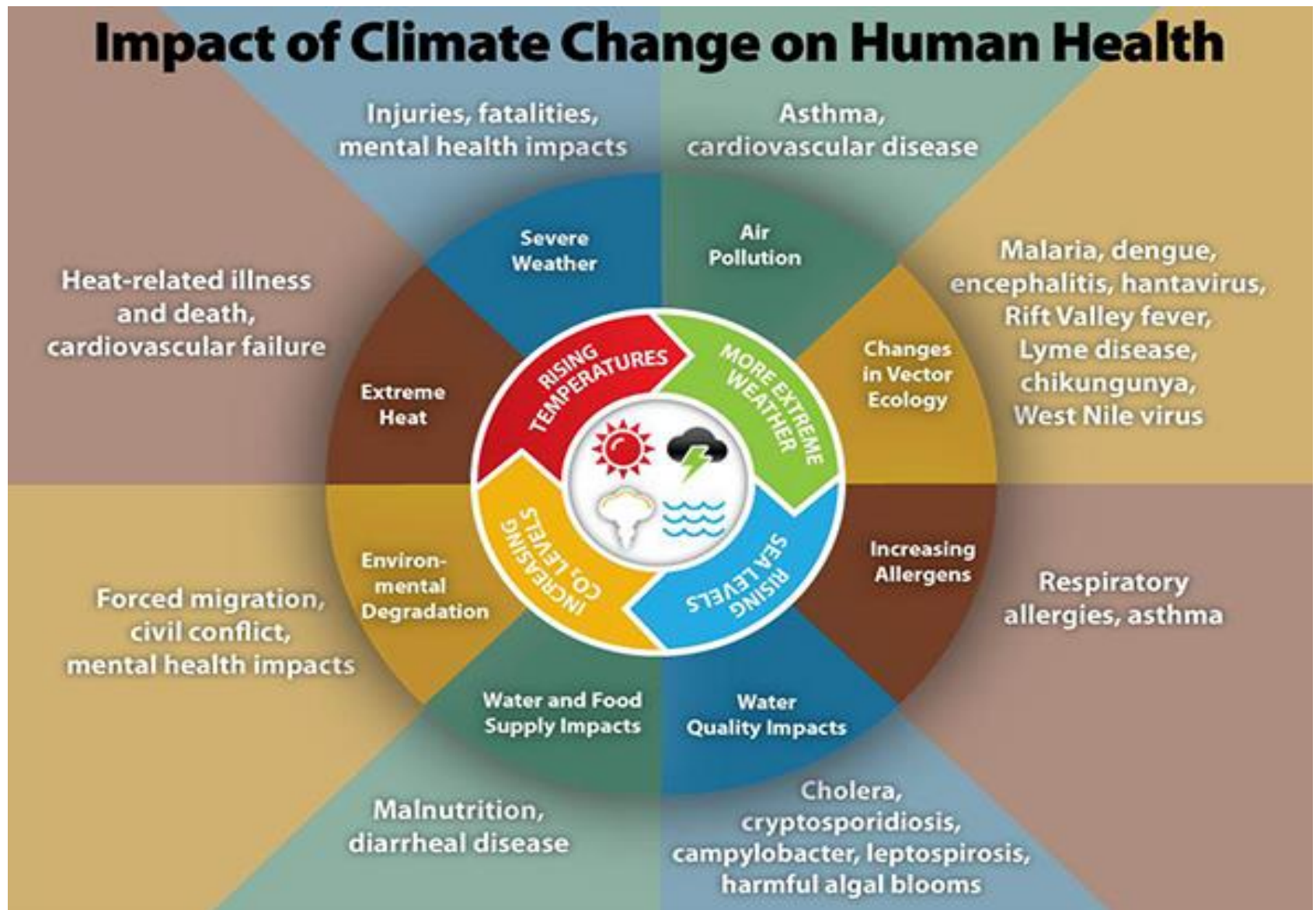
RCP8.5 2081 - 2100



Climate change 2014: Impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. IPCC Working Group 2.

# Impact of Climate Change on Human Health







**World Health  
Organization**

**“Climate change is the greatest threat to  
global health in the 21st century.”**

**“Health professionals have a duty of care to current and future generations.**  
You are on the front line in protecting people from climate impacts - from more heat-waves  
and other extreme weather events; from outbreaks of infectious diseases such as malaria,  
dengue and cholera; from the effects of malnutrition; as well as treating people that are  
affected by cancer, respiratory, cardiovascular and other non-communicable diseases caused  
by environmental pollution.”

**WHO calls for urgent action to protect health  
from climate change**

<http://www.who.int/globalchange/global-campaign/cop21/en/>



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# Preventive Medicine

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Review

## Climate change, human health, and epidemiological transition



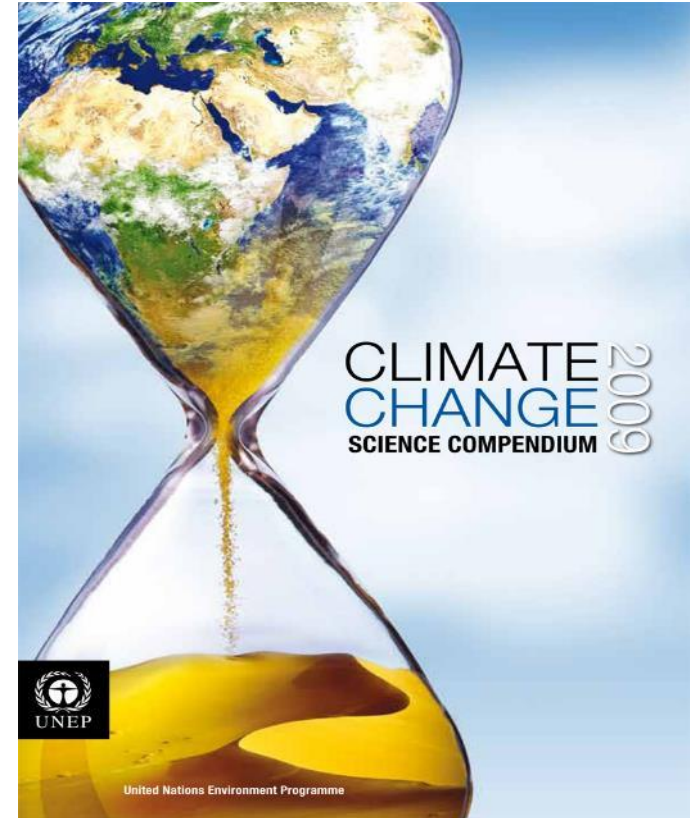
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<https://aslathedirt.files.wordpress.com/>

2017/02/climate-health.jpg?w=636



[www.unep.org/climatechange/adaptation/  
ScienceandAssessments](http://www.unep.org/climatechange/adaptation/ScienceandAssessments)

# Climate Change

[www.stockinvestor.com/30126/sitting-investings-doom-gloom/](http://www.stockinvestor.com/30126/sitting-investings-doom-gloom/)



## Solutions

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<https://eraoflight.com/2018/07/14>

<https://happinessloveandlight.com/2016/07/05/reconnecting-with-your-inner-light/>

EDITORIAL

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# Solving the global climate crisis: the greatest health opportunity of our times?

Jonathan A. Patz

## Mitigation Co-benefit Opportunities

Special Communication

*JAMA*. doi:10.1001/jama.2014.13186  
Published online September 22, 2014.

### Climate Change

### Challenges and Opportunities for Global Health

Jonathan A. Patz, MD, MPH; Howard Frumkin, MD, DrPH; Tracey Holloway, PhD;  
Daniel J. Vimont, PhD; Andrew Haines, MBBS, MD



# Co-Benefits = “win-win” scenario

CLIMATE CHANGE

*Clinical Medicine* 2009, Vol 9, No 3: 212-13

The health co-benefits of climate change policies:  
doctors have a responsibility to future generations

Ian Roberts

news & views

MITIGATION POLICY

## Health co-benefits

Efforts to tackle climate change have met significant financial and political barriers that have been difficult to overcome. Research now shows that such measures are justified on grounds other than mitigation of climate change.

George D. Thurston

## Implications of incorporating air-quality co-benefits into climate change policymaking

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Int J Public Health (2013) 58:305–311  
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REVIEW

## Health co-benefits and risks of public health adaptation strategies to climate change: a review of current literature

June J. Cheng · Peter Berry

SPOTLIGHT: CLIMATE CHANGE

## How the low carbon economy can improve health

Health professionals are uniquely placed to guide the climate change conversation towards better policies that are good for the planet and for people, say **Andy Haines** and **Carlos Dora**

Andy Haines *professor of public health and primary care*<sup>1</sup>, Carlos Dora *co-ordinator*<sup>2</sup>

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Plenaries

## Health benefits of a low carbon economy

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LETTERS

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## Co-benefits of mitigating global greenhouse gas emissions for future air quality and human health

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## Air Quality and Exercise-Related Health Benefits from Reduced Car Travel in the Midwestern United States

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**BACKGROUND:** Automobile exhaust contains precursors to ozone and fine particulate matter (PM  $\leq 2.5$   $\mu\text{m}$  in aerodynamic diameter; PM<sub>2.5</sub>), posing health risks. Dependency on car commuting also reduces physical fitness opportunities.

**OBJECTIVE:** In this study we sought to quantify benefits from reducing automobile usage for short urban and suburban trips.

**METHODS:** We simulated census-tract level changes in hourly pollutant concentrations from the elimination of automobile round trips  $\leq 8$  km in 11 metropolitan areas in the upper midwestern United States using the Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) model. Next, we estimated annual changes in health outcomes and monetary costs expected from pollution changes using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Benefits Mapping Analysis Program (BenMAP). In addition, we used the World Health Organization Health Economic Assessment Tool (HEAT) to calculate benefits of increased physical activity if 50% of short trips were made by bicycle.

**RESULTS:** We estimate that, by eliminating these short automobile trips, annual average urban PM<sub>2.5</sub> would decline by 0.1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and that summer ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) would increase slightly in cities but decline regionally, resulting in net health benefits of \$4.94 billion/year [95% confidence interval (CI): \$0.2 billion, \$13.5 billion], with 25% of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and most O<sub>3</sub> benefits to populations outside metropolitan areas. Across the study region of approximately 31.3 million people and 37,000 total square miles, mortality would decline by approximately 1,295 deaths/year (95% CI: 912, 1,636) because of improved air quality and increased exercise. Making 50% of short trips by bicycle would yield savings of approximately \$3.8 billion/year from avoided mortality and reduced health care costs (95% CI: \$2.7 billion, \$5.0 billion). We estimate that the combined benefits of improved air quality and physical fitness would exceed \$8 billion/year.

**CONCLUSION:** Our findings suggest that significant health and economic benefits are possible if bicycling replaces short car trips. Less dependence on automobiles in urban areas would also improve health in downwind rural settings.

**KEY WORDS:** air pollution, BenMAP, bicycling, built environment, climate change, ozone, particulate matter, physical activity, urban design, vehicle emissions. *Environ Health Perspect* 120:68–76 (2012). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1289/ehp.1103440> [Online 2 November 2011]

The current fossil fuel–based transportation system of the United States negatively impacts human health by increasing air pollution and automobile accidents and by decreasing physical activity. Here, we consider how replacing short automobile trips with bicycle transport might yield health benefits through improved air quality and physical fitness, with a focus on the upper midwestern United States as our study region.

Both ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and fine particulate matter  $\leq 2.5$   $\mu\text{m}$  in aerodynamic diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) in the ambient air exacerbate bronchitis and asthma and may contribute to cardiovascular mortality (Brunekreef and Holgate 2002). Asthma affects 8.2% of U.S. citizens, and an estimated 10 million adults have diagnosed chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2009). In addition, recent estimates attribute 63,000–88,000 premature deaths

per year due to PM<sub>2.5</sub> [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2010c]. In the United States, on-road vehicles are responsible for about 26% of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and 35% of nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions (U.S. EPA 2005c, 2005d). NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs combine to form O<sub>3</sub> and contribute to nitrate and secondary organic aerosols, important components of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. Nearly 240 U.S. counties, with > 118 million total residents, exceeded U.S. EPA O<sub>3</sub> standards in 2011, and > 200 counties (> 88 million total residents) failed to meet PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards, in part because of pollution from short car trips (U.S. EPA 2011a, 2011b).

Transport-related inactivity, that is, the use of motorized transport rather than walking and bicycling, has been linked to increased mortality and decreases in healthy life years, with the greatest impacts on chronic diseases including heart disease, stroke, colon cancer,

diabetes mellitus type 2, obesity, breast cancer, and osteoporosis [World Health Organization (WHO) 2002]. Carlson et al. (2009) estimated that 32.4% of the U.S. population is fully inactive (no moderate-intensity or vigorous-intensity physical activity lasting at least 10 min at a time), while only 33.5% is physically active, defined as 30 min/day with moderate-intensity activity,  $\geq 5$  days/week. In a recent Dutch study, Johan de Hartog et al. (2010) concluded that shifting from short car trips to bicycle trips would reduce all-cause mortality, with estimated reductions in mortality due to increased physical activity that were nine times greater than estimated increases in mortality due to increased pollution inhalation and traffic-related fatality estimates in the Netherlands.

In the United States, 28% of all car trips are  $\leq 1.6$  km (1 mi), which is the distance that a typical European would walk (European Commission 2001; Pucher and Dijckstra 2003). Another 41% of all trips are  $\leq 3.2$  km (2 mi), a distance that many Europeans would be as likely to bicycle as to

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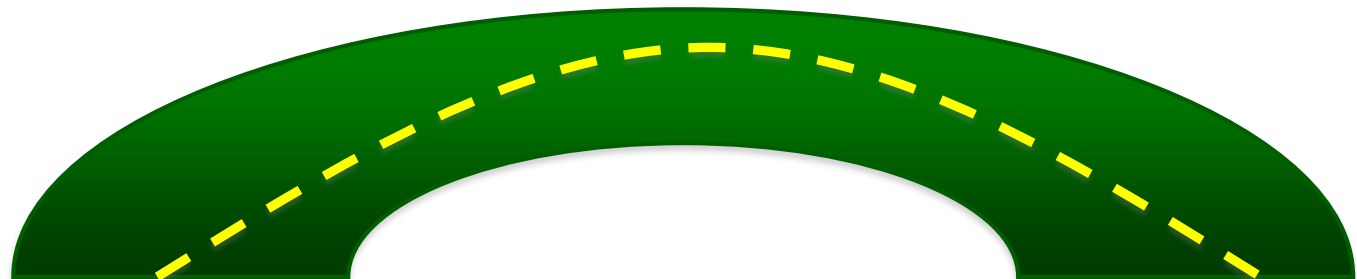
What would happen if people walked & biked instead of drove, half of the time, for trips of 5 miles or less, in 11 metropolitan areas in the US midwest?

Maggie Grabow MPH PhD

# Air Quality and Exercise-Related Health Benefits of Reduced Car Travel in the Midwestern United States

Grabow et. al

- Mortality declines regionally by 1,295 deaths/year
- Economic benefits exceeds \$8.7 billion annually
- Health benefits in downwind rural areas
- Reduction greenhouse gases
- Small changes in air quality = Large health benefits



# Current health impacts of fossil fuel combustion (main cause of climate change)

- **Outdoor air pollution** → 3.7 million deaths/yr – mostly from urban exposures
- **Indoor air pollution** → 4.3 million deaths/yr – mostly from inefficient biomass and coal cookstoves



**Courtesy:** J.Patz & D.Campbell-Lendrum, WHO



# A systems approach to evaluating the air quality co-benefits of US carbon policies

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Because human activities emit greenhouse gases (GHGs) and conventional air pollutants from common sources, policy designed to reduce GHGs can have co-benefits for air quality that may offset some or all of the near-term costs of GHG mitigation. We present a systems approach to quantify air quality co-benefits of US policies to reduce GHG (carbon) emissions. We assess health-related benefits from reduced ozone and particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) by linking three advanced models, representing the full pathway from policy to pollutant damages. We also examine the sensitivity of co-benefits to key policy-relevant sources of uncertainty and variability. We find that monetized human health benefits associated with air quality improvements can offset 26–1,050% of the cost of US carbon policies. More flexible policies that minimize costs, such as

“...health benefits...can offset 26-1050% of the cost of US carbon policies”



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# Mindful Climate Action

## *Our Goal:*

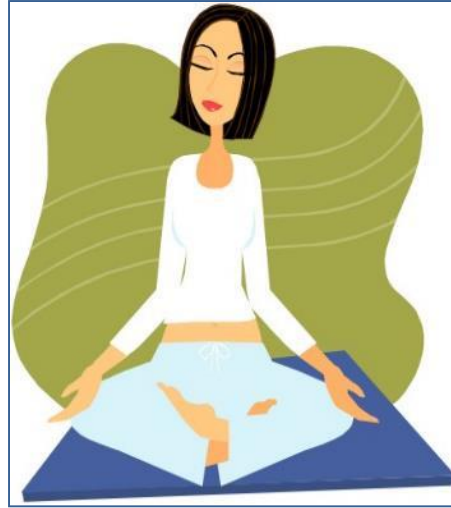
**To demonstrably influence behaviors to substantively reduce individual carbon footprints, and to do so in a way that fosters human health and happiness.**

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# Mindfulness based stress reduction

## MBSR



**Pioneered by Jon Kabat-Zinn PhD  
Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care  
University of Massachusetts Medical School**



# Trans-theoretical Model of Change



Adapted from Prochaska and Di Clemente's cycle of change model.

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**Climate Change Deniers:  
Pre-contemplation**



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**Climate Change Acceptors:  
Contemplation**



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**Climate Change Supporters:  
Preparation**



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**Climate Change Activists:  
Maintenance**

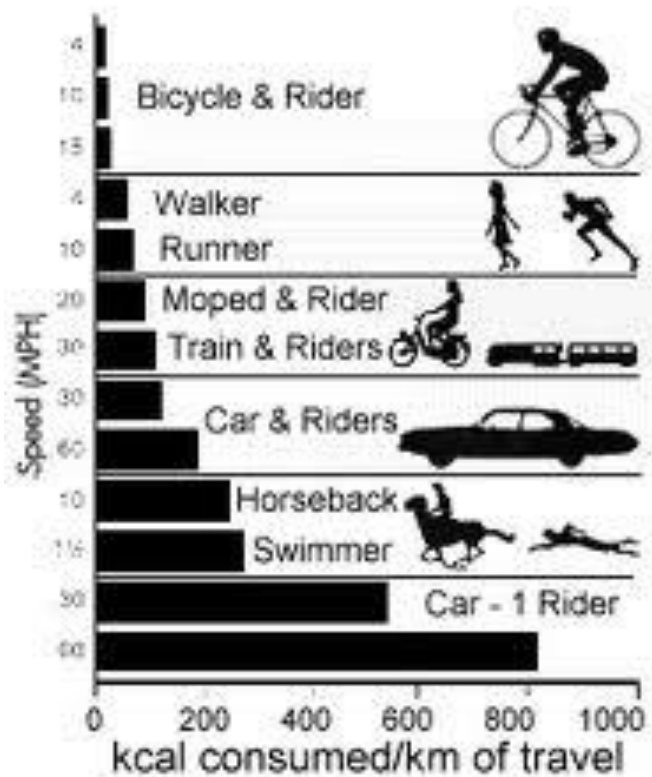
**from Denial to Mindful Climate Activism**



**Table 1.** Mindful Climate Action (MCA) weekly curriculum.

Week	MBSR Topic	Practices Learned	MCA Weekly Topic	Objective
1	Cultivating Beginner's Mind and Non-judging ( <i>Simple Awareness</i> )	Mindful eating Breath Awareness Body Scan	Mindful Eating: Healthy and Sustainable Diets	Develop awareness of the varying environmental and health impacts of food
2	Cultivating Non-striving ( <i>Attention and The Brain</i> )	Loving Kindness Meditation	Water Considerations for Sustainable Lifestyles	Learn and understand the many implications of a changing climate on water scarcity
3	Cultivating Acceptance ( <i>Dealing with Thoughts</i> )	Mindfulness within movement Hatha Yoga Walking Meditation	Walking Meditation, Exercise, and Active Transport	Gain understanding of multiple benefits of active transportation and motivate participants to choose active modes of transport whenever possible
4	Cultivating Patience ( <i>Stress: Responding vs. Reacting</i> )	Sitting meditation	Energy Conservation	Make connections between daily activities and energy use and understand the benefits of reducing energy consumption; Learn how to relate to both pleasant and unpleasant experiences
5	Cultivating Letting Go ( <i>Dealing with Difficult Emotions/Sensations</i> )	Sitting meditation	Climate Connections Across Time and Space	Develop awareness of the connectedness of all living beings and ecosystems
6	Cultivating Trust ( <i>Mindfulness and Communication</i> )	Compassion for the conditioned mind Mindful movement Part 2	Ethical considerations and observed inequities in the causes and consequences of climate change	Develop awareness of broader impacts of climate change on those least responsible
(retreat)		Mindful movement Sitting meditation Breathing Exercises Fast Walking Laughing Meditation Compassion		Foster contemplative insight and strengthen a sense of connectedness to other people and the world around us
7	Cultivating Forgiveness ( <i>Mindfulness and Compassion</i> )	Sitting meditation with choiceless awareness (Metta) Loving Kindness meditation	Personal and Planetary Well-Being; Purchasing and Consumption	Understand concepts of desire and fulfillment, motivation, striving, purchasing, and the cycle of wanting and reward in context of actual need, temporary pleasure, and lasting happiness
8	Sustaining Practice in Times of Transition ( <i>Conclusion</i> )	Self-directed yoga and mindful movement	Mindful Climate Learnings	Discuss how to keep the momentum of mindful climate action going in every-day lives; Reflect on the significance of always making sustainable choices

# Drive less Walk & bike more



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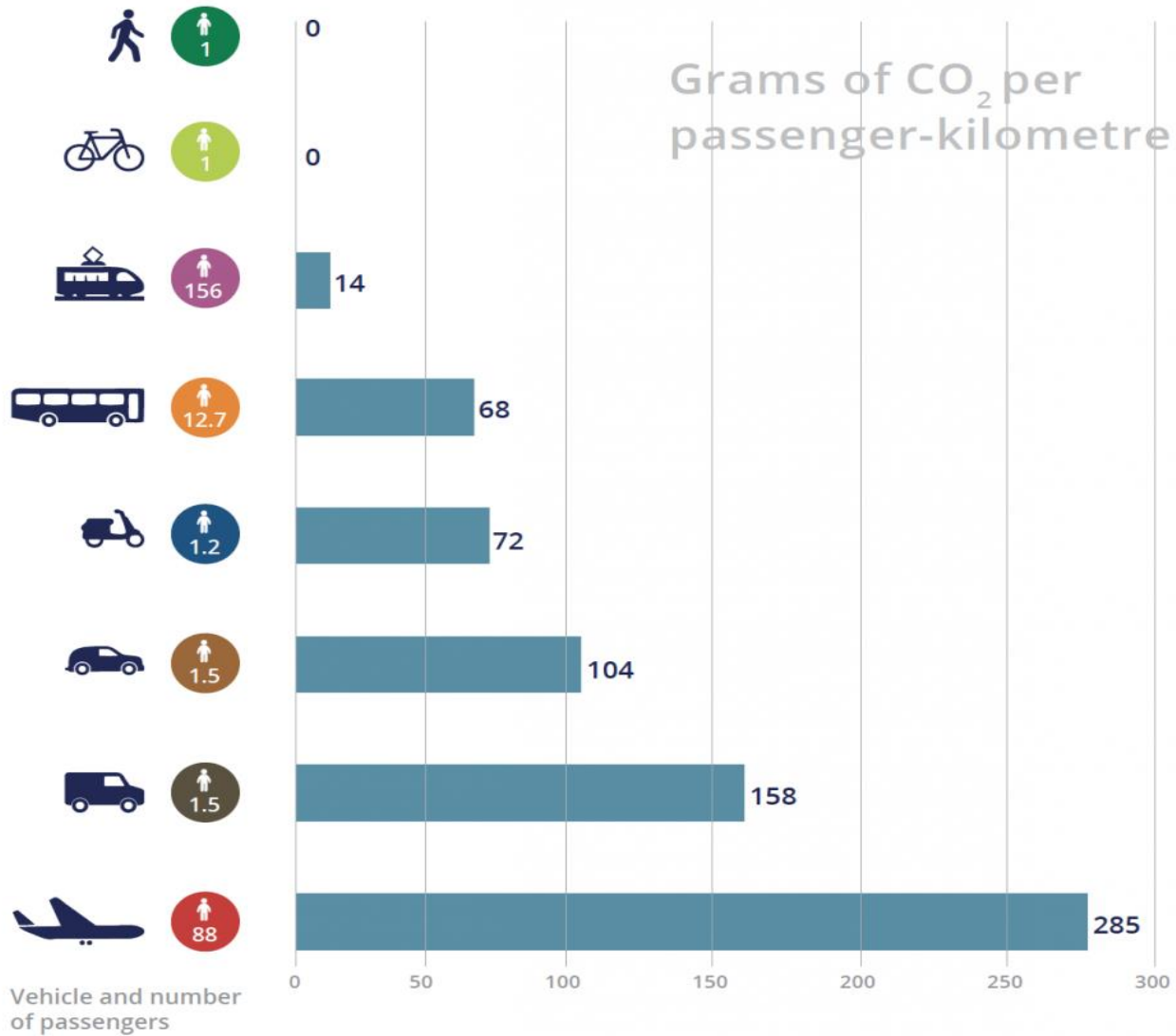


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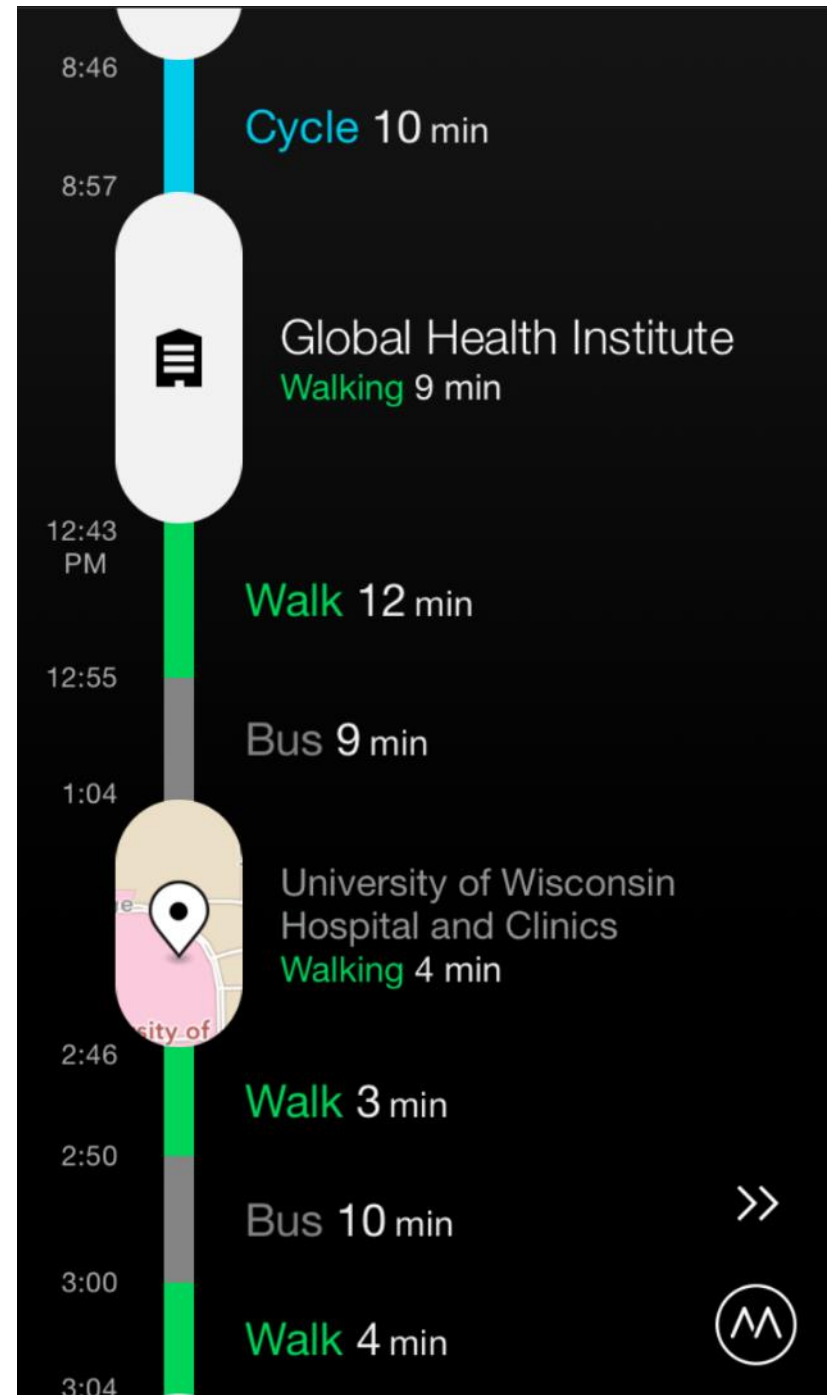




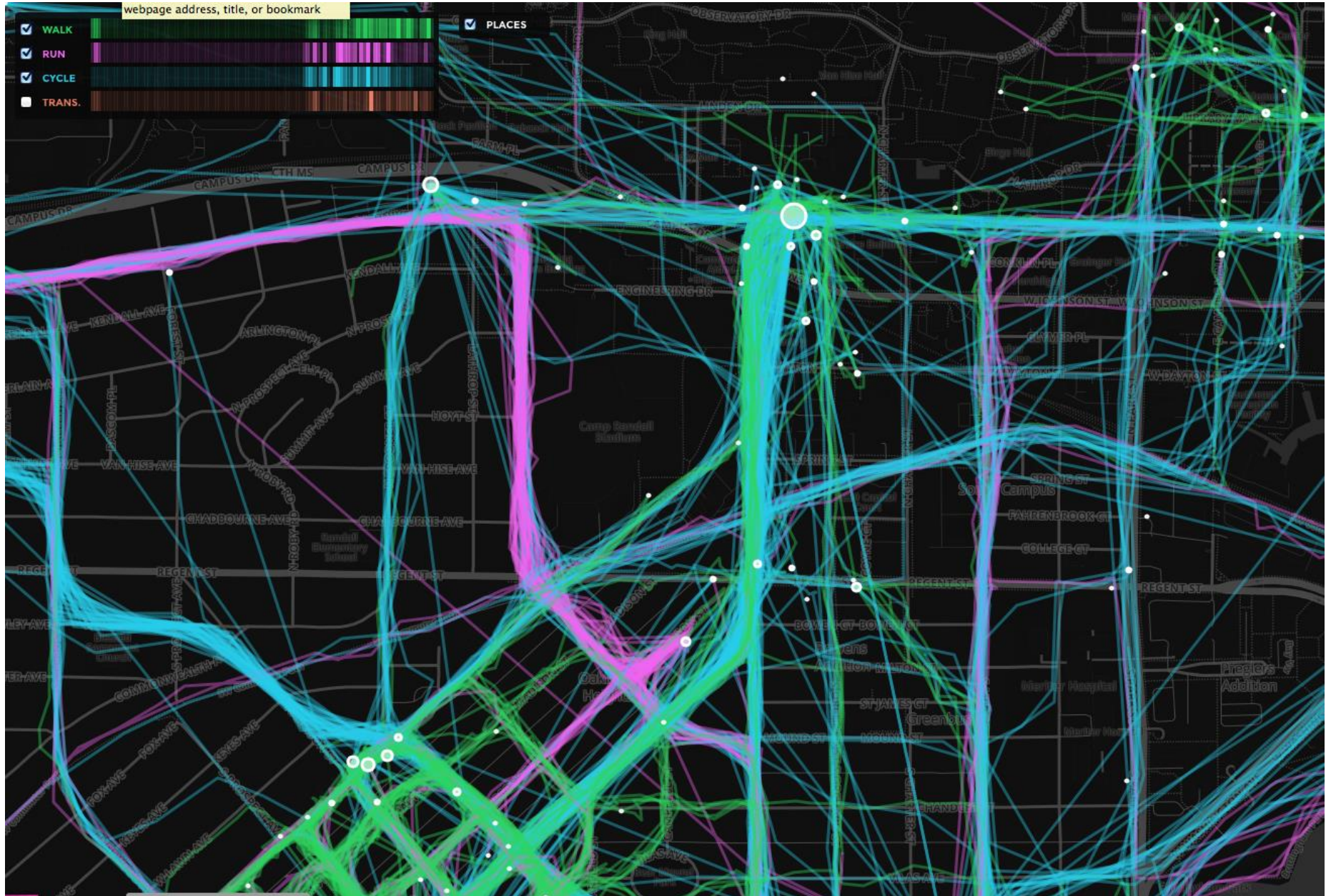
# MOVES App Activity Storyline →



Travel Mode Distance Summary ↑



# MOVES App Activity Map by Transportation Mode





**Table 2.** MCA participant Moves app data (n = 5) descriptive statistics for the entire study period.

Mode	Unit	Mean	Median	SD	Min.	Max.
Walk	Hours/week	1.81	2.18	0.95	0.61	2.87
	Miles/week	1.55	1.75	0.86	0.48	2.42
	Average mph	0.84	0.80	0.07	0.79	0.95
Run	Hours/week	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02
	Miles/week	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.04
	Average mph	2.01	2.01	0.42	1.71	2.32
Cycle	Hours/week	0.42	0.29	0.51	0.00	1.09
	Miles/week	1.28	1.14	1.45	0.01	2.82
	Average mph	3.11	2.93	0.61	2.60	3.97
Motor Vehicle	Hours/week	5.85	3.85	3.78	2.85	11.50
	Miles/week	93.96	82.89	62.74	34.72	185.17
	Average mph	19.33	13.45	16.35	7.21	48.05



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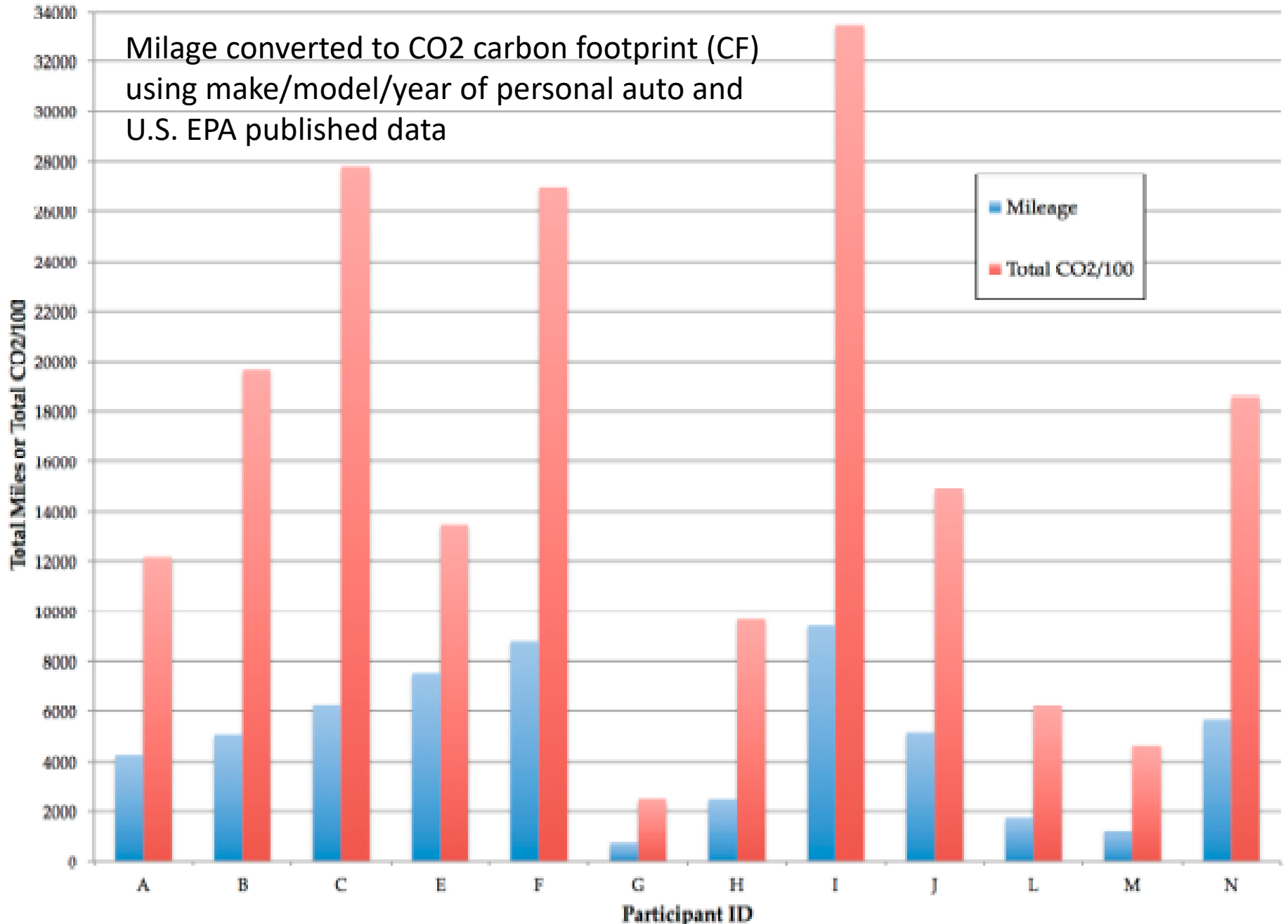
## Mindfulness and Climate Change Action: A Feasibility Study

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# MCA Participant Total Mileage and Carbon Dioxide Emissions

Milage converted to CO2 carbon footprint (CF) using make/model/year of personal auto and U.S. EPA published data

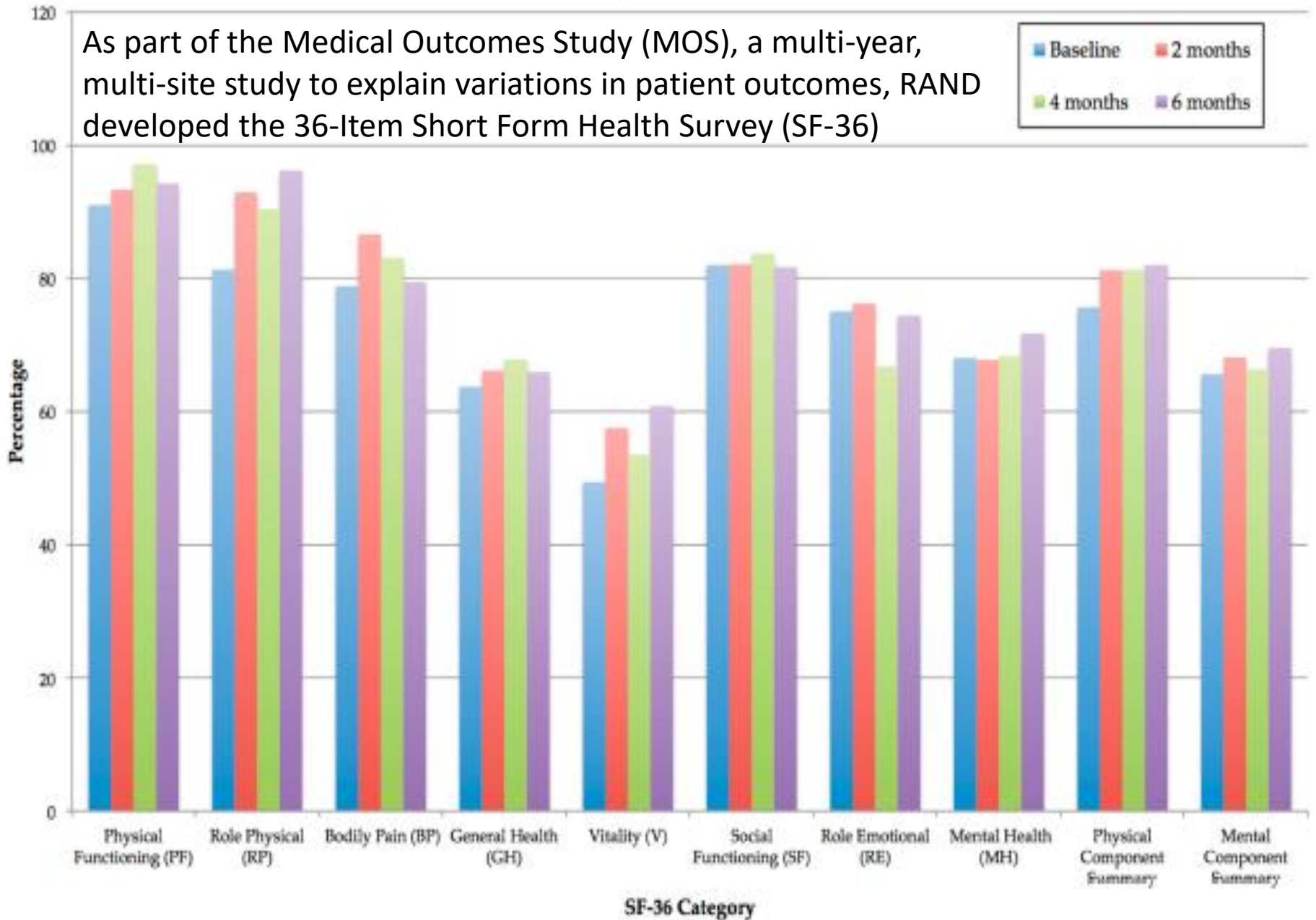


## Psychosocial Health from Self-Report Validated Instruments

		Month 0	Month 2	Month 4	Month 6	
Depressive symptoms	<b>CES-D</b>	<i>n</i>	16	13	12	13
		<i>Mean</i>	11.1	10.8	13.3	9.7
		<i>SD</i>	5.7	8.6	11.3	8.4
		<i>Minimum</i>	4.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
		<i>Median</i>	8.0	9.0	10.0	6.0
		<i>Maximum</i>	21.0	26.0	35.0	23.0
Social support	<b>SPS-6</b>	<i>n</i>	16	13	13	13
		<i>Mean</i>	21.5	23.5	23.2	24.1
		<i>SD</i>	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.2
		<i>Minimum</i>	15.0	14.0	15.0	14.0
		<i>Median</i>	22.0	24.0	24.0	25.0
		<i>Maximum</i>	27.0	29.0	28.0	30.0
Happiness	<b>PHI</b>	<i>n</i>	16	14	13	13
		<i>Mean</i>	87.6	88.4	86.8	90.0
		<i>SD</i>	13.6	19.2	20.2	20.5
		<i>Minimum</i>	58.0	50.0	53.0	49.0
		<i>Median</i>	91.5	92.5	94.0	98.0
		<i>Maximum</i>	103.0	111.0	117.0	113.0
Perceived stress	<b>PSS-10</b>	<i>n</i>	15	14	*	14
		<i>Mean</i>	16.2	13.8	*	12.0
		<i>SD</i>	5.3	6.1	*	5.2
		<i>Minimum</i>	8.0	5.0	*	3.0
		<i>Median</i>	16.0	13.0	*	13.5
		<i>Maximum</i>	27.0	25.0	*	20.0

# MCA Participant SF-36 Scores

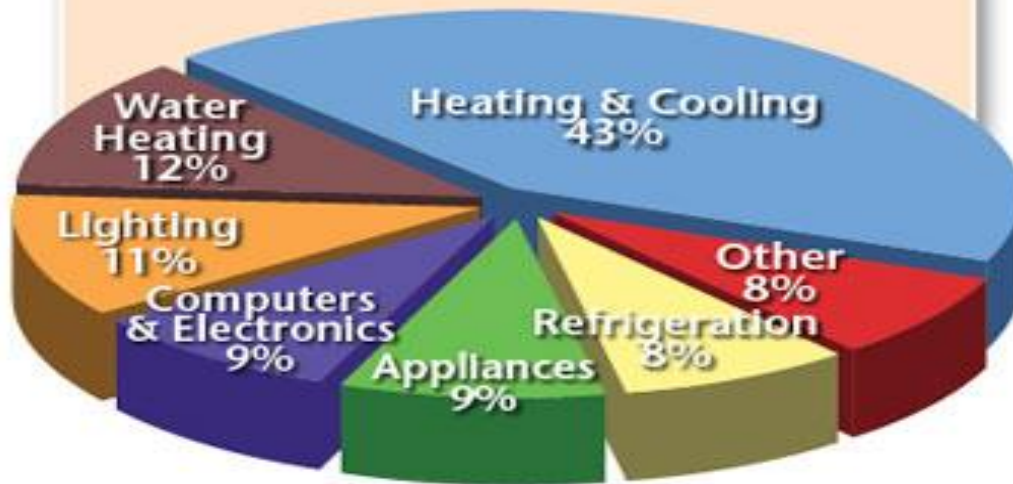
As part of the Medical Outcomes Study (MOS), a multi-year, multi-site study to explain variations in patient outcomes, RAND developed the 36-Item Short Form Health Survey (SF-36)



# Personal & Household Energy Use

## Here's how we spend our energy \$

A typical single family home has an annual energy bill of about \$2,200. Here's how the bill breaks down based on energy use.



(The heating or cooling numbers will change based on how far north or south you are.)

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**Use your  
Thermostat  
To save energy**

**Sweaters and  
Long underwear  
in Winter**

**Shortsleeves  
and Shorts  
in Summer**



**Do you really need  
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# BUY LESS, LIVE MORE



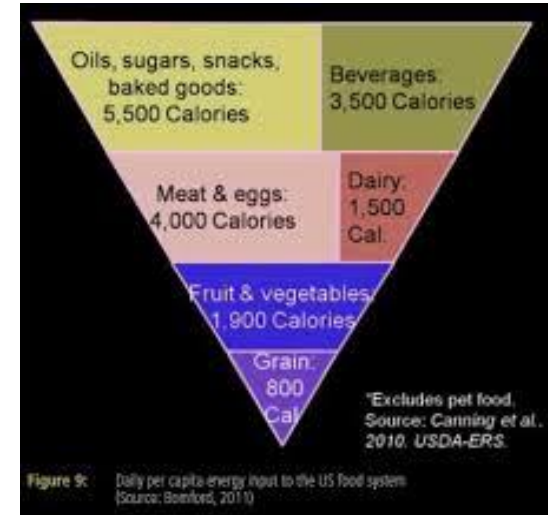
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# Eat lower on the food chain

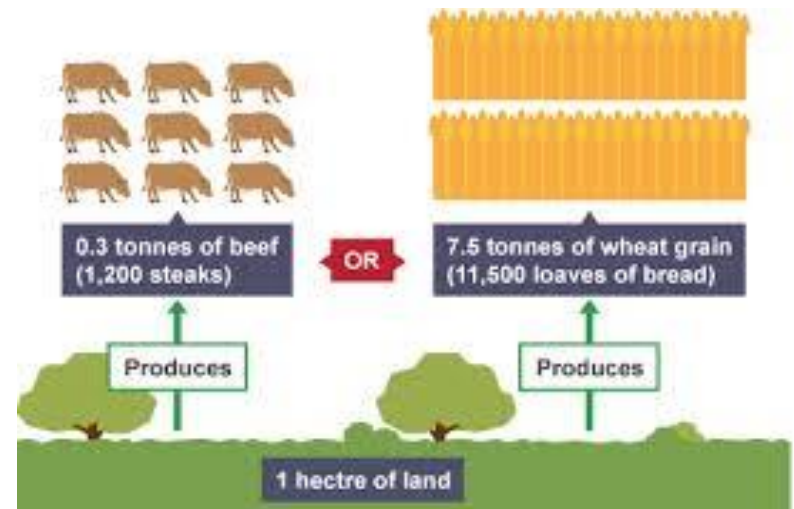
## New Food Pyramid



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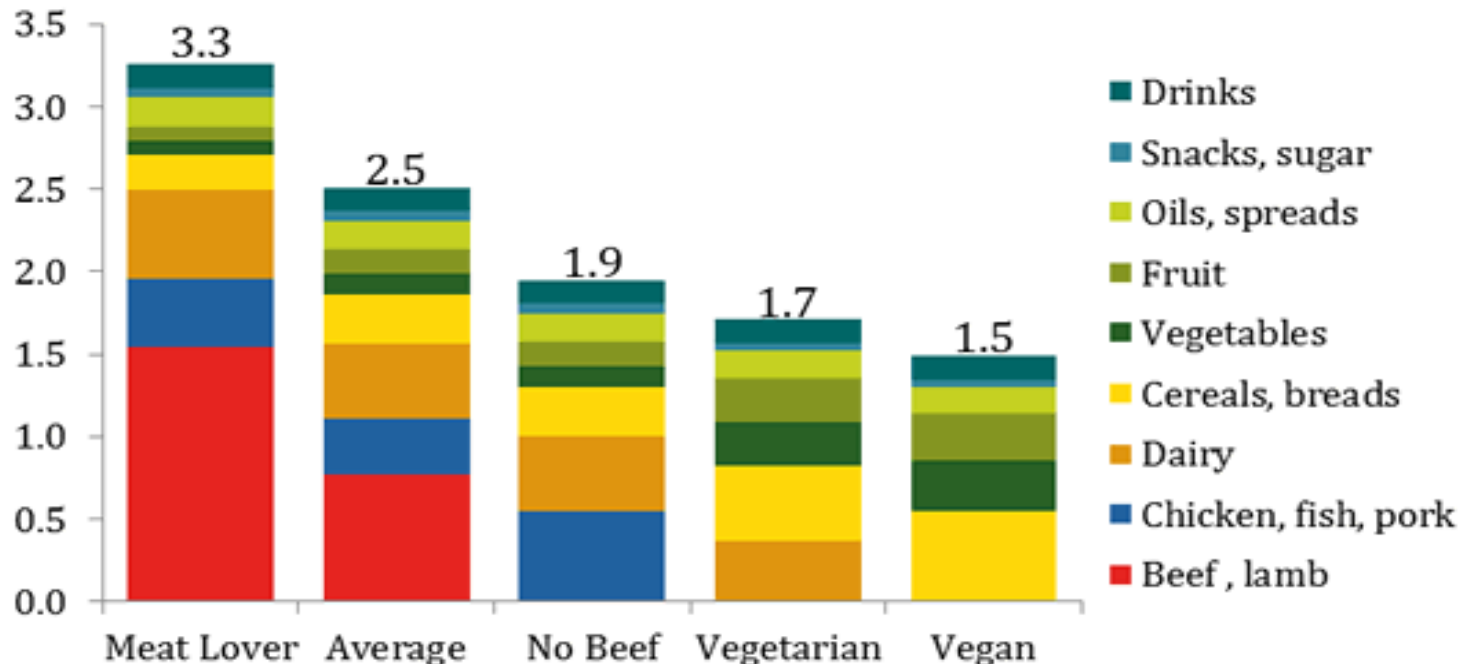


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## Foodprints by Diet Type: t CO<sub>2</sub>e/person



Note: All estimates based on average food production emissions for the US. Footprints include emissions from supply chain losses, consumer waste and consumption.. Each of the four example diets is based on 2,600 kcal of food consumed per day, which in the US equates to around 3,900 kcal of supplied food.

Sources: ERS/USDA, various LCA and EIO-LCA data



# Diet and GHG Emissions

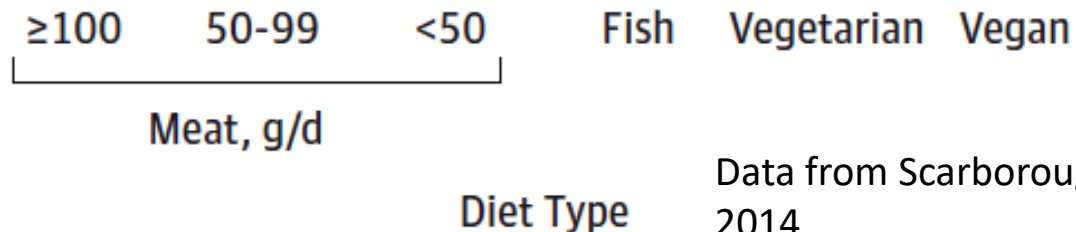
Mean Carbon Dioxide Equivalents per d, kg

If meat consumption was halved in the UK, GHGs could be reduced by 25–40% and intake of saturated fat could fall by 40%

Westhoek, 2014

Heart disease burden could fall by 15%

Friel, 2009





*Did you know that cow protein's C.F. is 36x greater than peas?*

**The two ingredients necessary to calculate an individual's dietary environmental footprint are:**

- 1) Food intake records (ASA24) with unique 8-digit food ID**
- 2) Environmental impact data (Poore & Nemeck, 2018)**

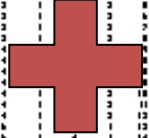


er **Tom Bryan** created an **all-new** calculator that tracks with 7 eco-impact categories to environmental impacts.

*Making Data Matter!*

# MCA Environmental Impact Calculator

8-digit codes used by FNDDS, NAHNES, and ASA24



Poore and Nemecek 2018 impact data



Relational database between codes and impact  
("environmental impact calculator")

Food Item	Code	Impact Category	Value	...
Wheat	10000000	Global Warming Potential	1.2	...
Wheat	10000000	Acid Equivalents	0.5	...
Wheat	10000000	Human Health	0.3	...
Wheat	10000000	Land Use Change	0.1	...
Wheat	10000000	Mineral Fertilizer	0.2	...
Wheat	10000000	Nitrogen Oxide	0.4	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Greenhouse Gases	0.6	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Air Pollutants	0.8	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Water Pollutants	1.0	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Land Use	1.2	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Energy	1.4	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Resources	1.6	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Impacts	1.8	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Emissions	2.0	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Footprints	2.2	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Burdens	2.4	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Impacts	2.6	...
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Wheat	10000000	Other Burdens	9.6	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Impacts	9.8	...
Wheat	10000000	Other Burdens	10.0	...

# Graduate student Tom Bryan's calculator of

## Carbon footprint using ASA24 data

Unique 8-digit code  
from USDA FNDDES

T	Y	DY	DZ	EA	EB	EC
FoodCode	FoodAmt	Food_Description				
11112210	244	Milk, cow's, fluid, 1% fat				
63219000	123	Raspberries, raw, NS as to color				
92101000	473.6	Coffee, made from ground, regular				
51150000	52	Roll, white, soft				
83107000	27.6	Mayonnaise, regular				
24198700	76	Chicken patty, fillet, or tenders, breaded, cooked				
72116000	11.75	Endive, chicory, escarole, or romaine lettuce, raw				
31102000	100	Egg, whole, cooked, NS as to cooking method				
73410300	108	Sweet potato, french fries				
94100100	355.2	Water, bottled, unsweetened				
63149010	304	Watermelon, raw				
58106760	254	Pizza with meat and fruit, thick crust				
93101000	360	Beer				
51300110	72	Bread, whole wheat, NS as to 100%				
75506010	5	Mustard				
14109030	21.0945	Cheese, Swiss, reduced fat				
63101000	223	Apple, raw				

Mass of food, in grams

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*Sustainability* 10 (5), 2018.

**Table 1.** Summary of the carbon footprints (kg CO<sub>2</sub>e) of the nine participants with pre, during, and post ASA24 logs. The calculator used eco-invent and FoodCarbonScope as the data sources.

Participant	Baseline CF (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)	During MCA CF (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)	Follow-Up CF (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)	# of Items Logged
B	3.0	1.3	3.7	204
C	0.9	0.9	1.6	121
D	1.5	1.2	1.7	89
E	2.2	0.7	1.0	148
F	1.1	1.2	1.8	198
G	1.0	1.3	1.1	197
I	1.4	1.9	2.2	230
J	0.4	0.8	1.6	186
L	2.7	2.8	3.7	187
Group Sum	14.1	12.1	18.3	
Group Mean	1.6	1.3	2.0	
Group Median	1.4	1.2	1.7	
Group Range	2.6	2.1	2.6	



*Concept Paper*

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# **Scaling Up** MINDFUL CLIMATE ACTION **business plan**

market MCA trainings to:

- 1) **Businesses** ↓energy costs ↓ absenteeism ↑ worker productivity
- 2) **Community and faith-based organizations** mission & moral mandate
- 3) **Educational institutions** educational mission & innovation
- 4) **General Public** in-person courses & web-based learning





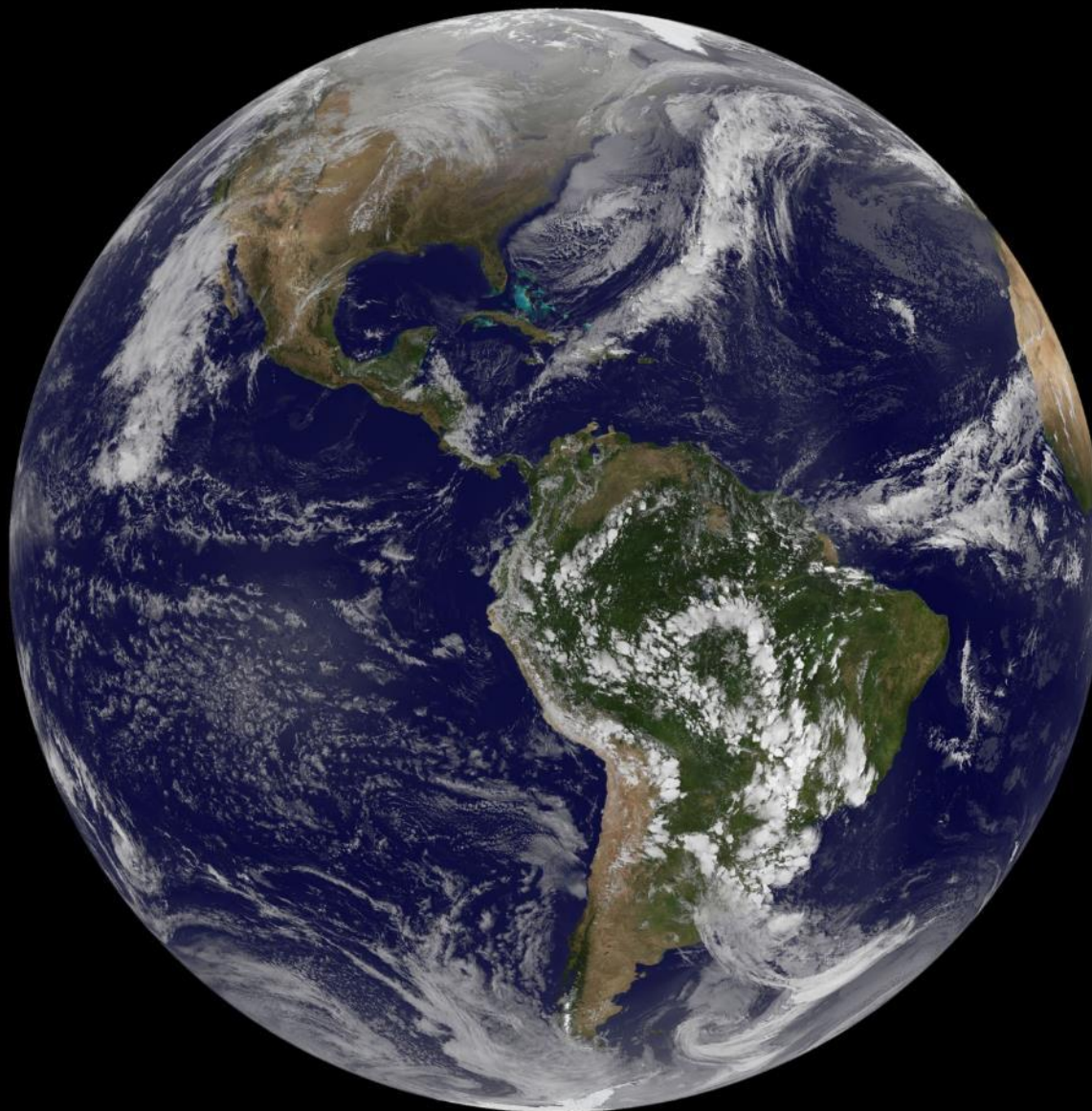
Potential future funders. . .



# **Expanding MCA Program**

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