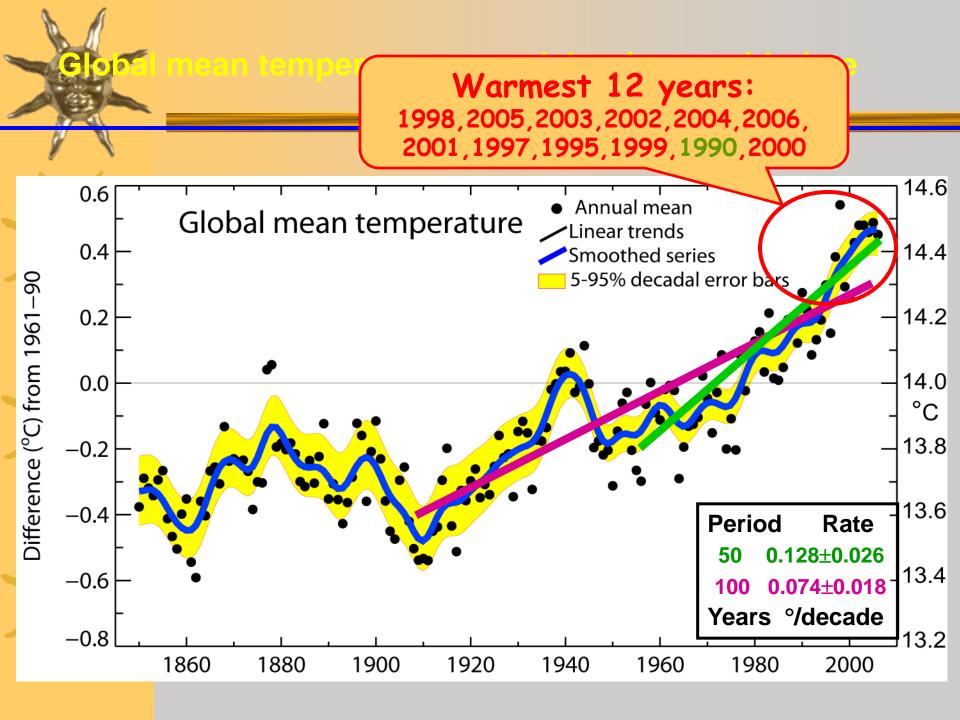
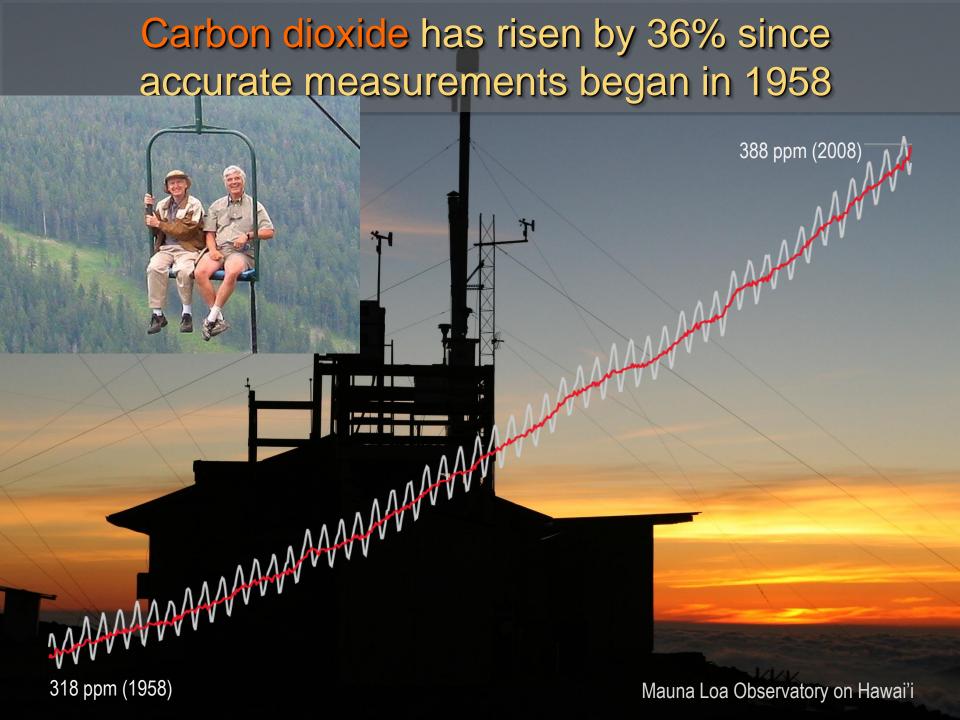
# Climate Change: Science and Society



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#### Climate Milestone: Earth's CO2 Level Passes 400 ppm

Greenhouse gas highest since the Pliocene, when sea levels were higher and the Earth was warmer.



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#### The Greenhouse effect

#### ATMOSPHERE

Not inseming solar radiation 200 Watter or Some solar radiation is reflected by the atmosphere and earth's surface Outgoing solar radiation: 103 Watt per m<sup>2</sup> Some of the infrared radiation passes through the atmosphere and is lost in space

let outgoing infrared radiation: 200 Well per mi

Svant Arrhenius, 1896

GREENHOUSE GASES

Solar radiation passes through the clear atmosphere.

Incoming solar radiation: 343 Watt per m<sup>2</sup> Some of the infrared radiation is absorbed and re-emitted by the greenhouse gas molecules. The direct effect is the warming of the earth's surface and the troposphere.

Surface gains I

Solar energy is absorbed by the earth's surface and warms it...

168 Watt per m<sup>2</sup>

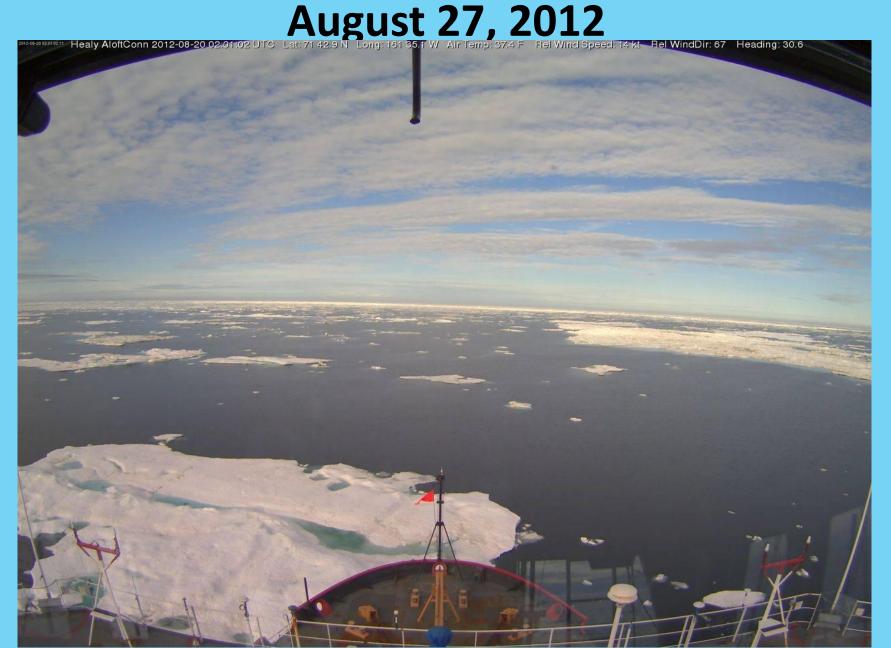
... and is converted into heat causing the emission of longwave (infrared) radiation back to the atmosphere

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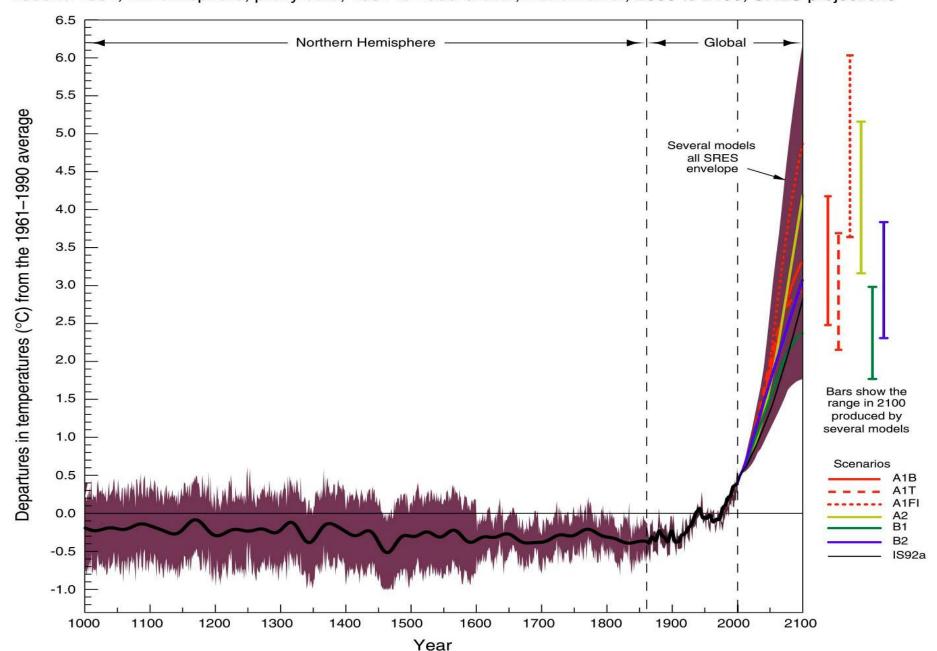
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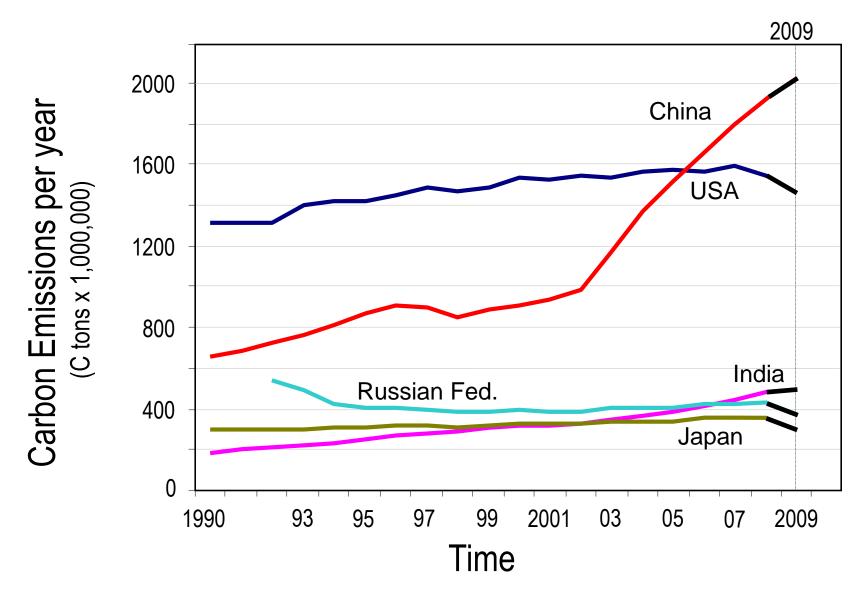


#### Variations of the Earth's surface temperature; 1000 to 2100

1000 to 1861, N.Hemisphere, proxy data; 1861 to 2000 Global, instrumental; 2000 to 2100, SRES projections



## Fossil Fuel CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions: Top Emitters













#### **Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector**

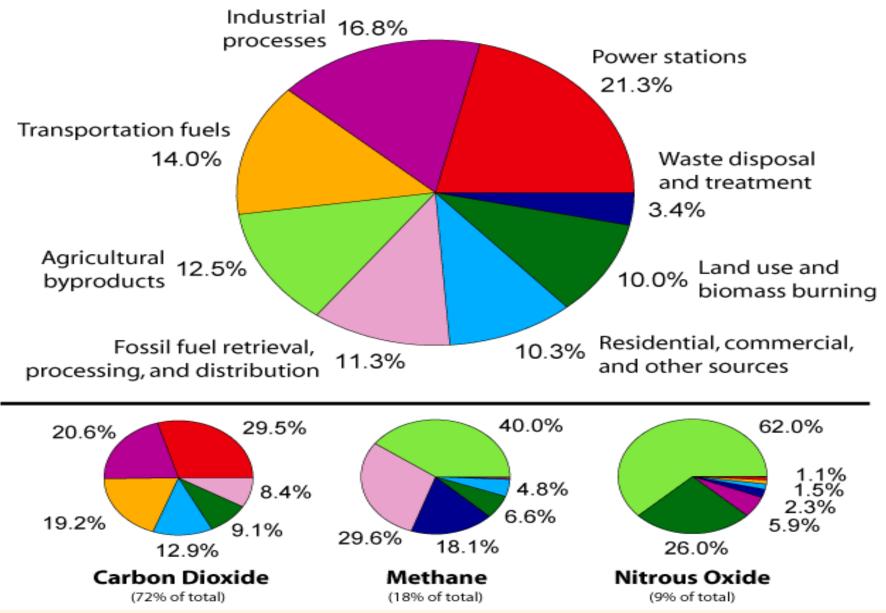


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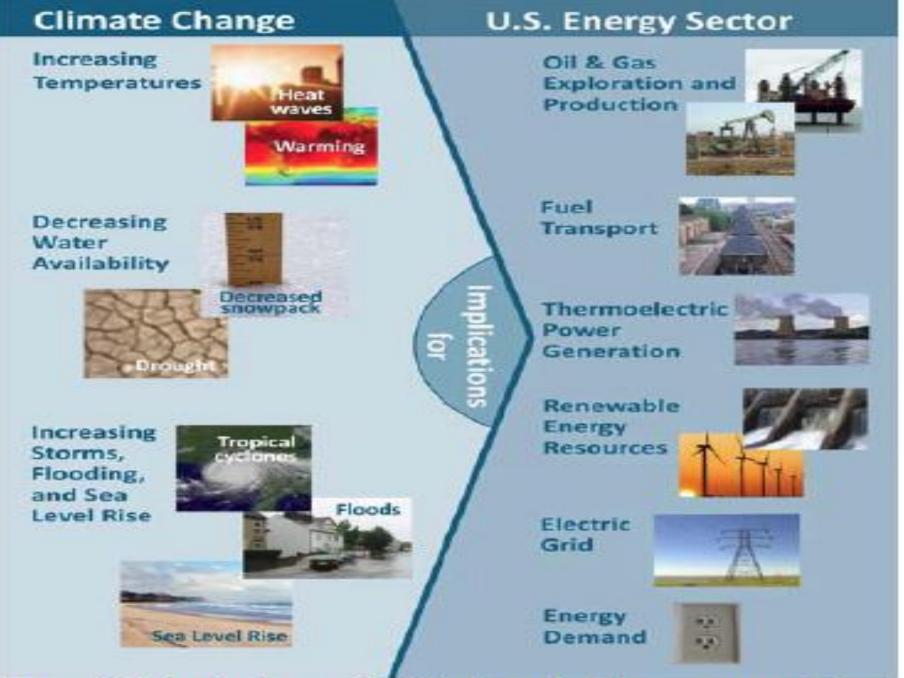


Figure 2. Climate change implications for the energy sector



Figure 33. Illustrative technology opportunities to build a more climate-resilient U.S. energy sector

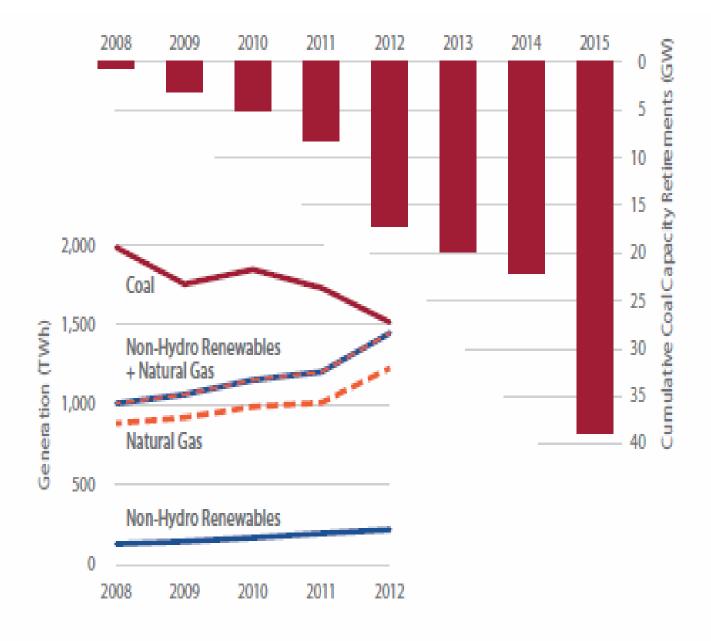
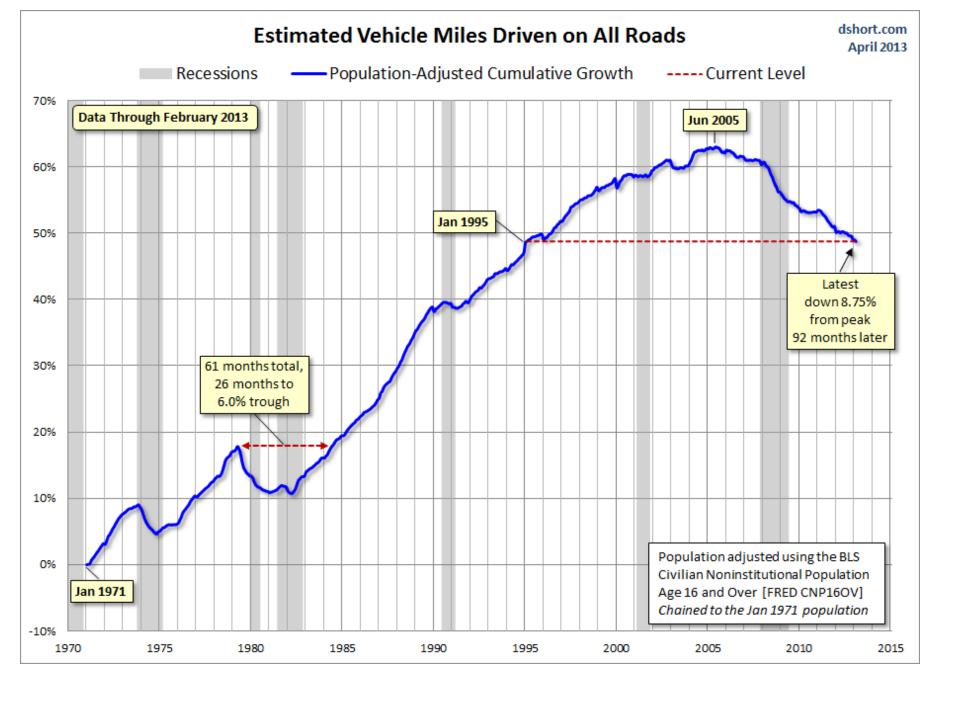


FIGURE 2. Electricity Sector in Transition: The U.S. Electricity Mix and Retiring Coal Plants



### The Six Americas Audience Segments



Highest Belief in Global Warming Most Concerned Most Motivated Lowest Belief in Global Warming Least Concerned Least Motivated

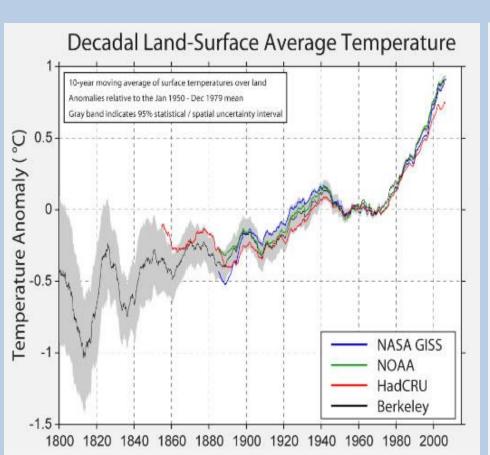
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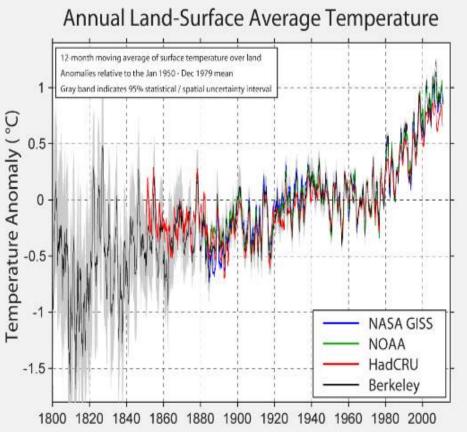
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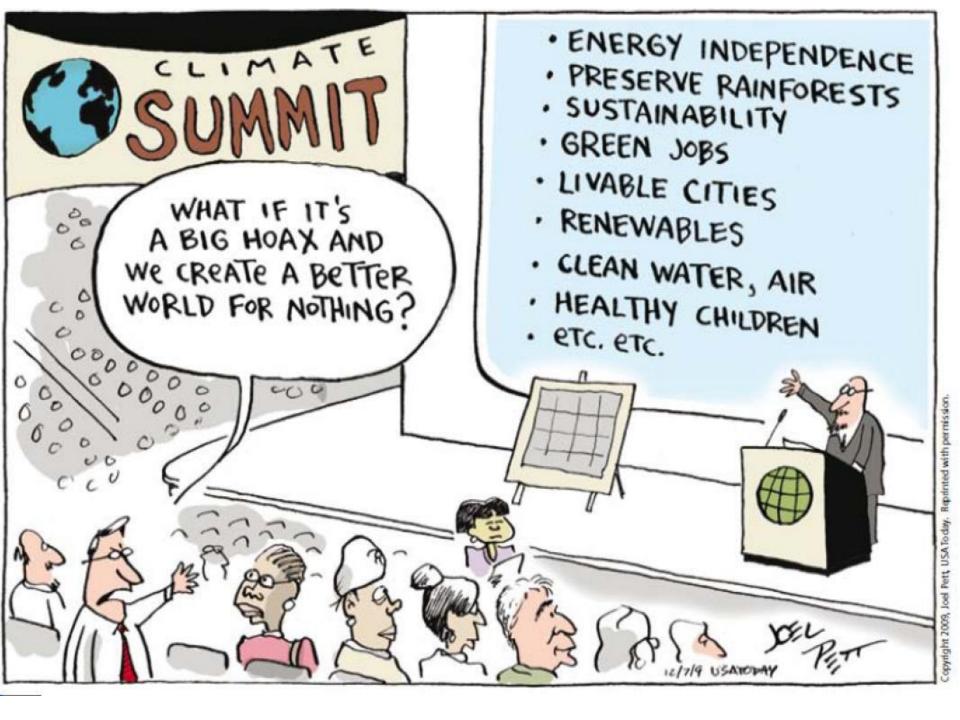
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My generation caused this mess...

your generation has to fix it!