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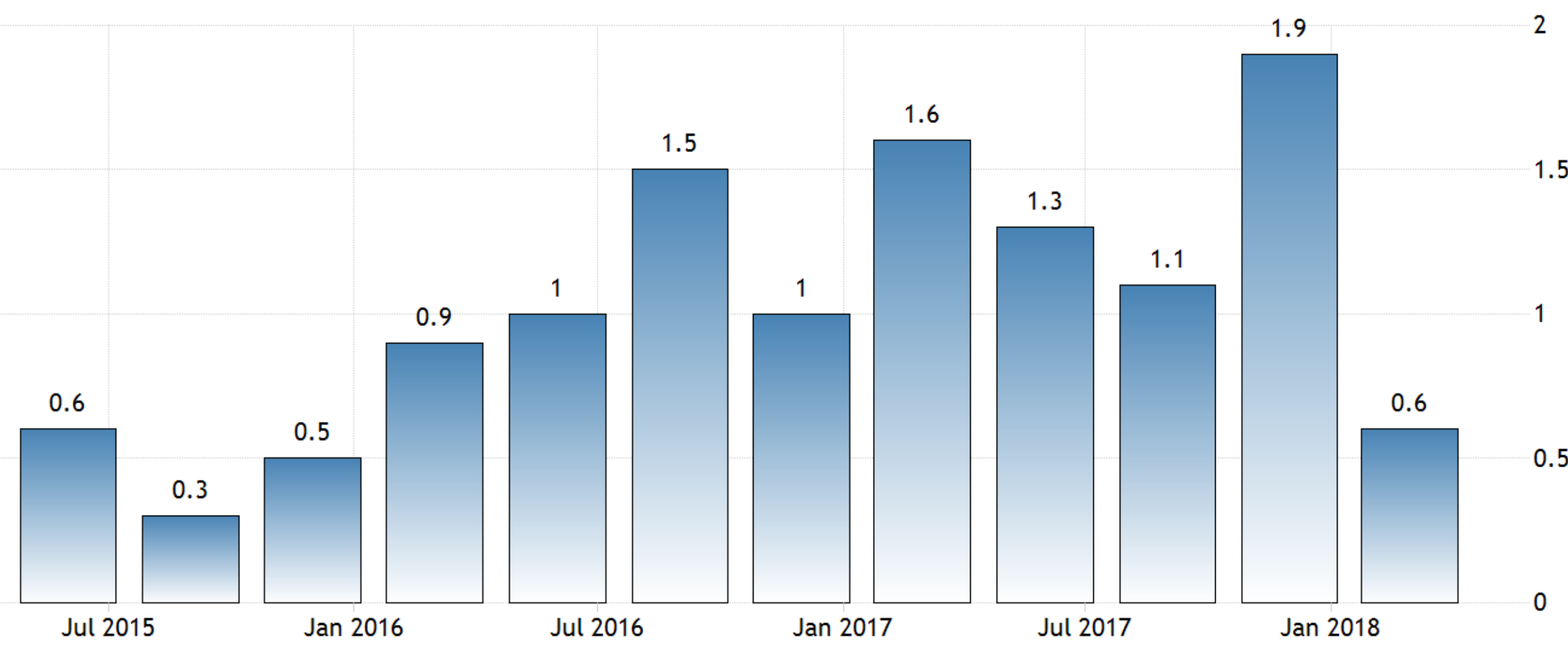
DEGROWTH

An aerial photograph of a large group of people, mostly children, gathered on a green lawn. They are arranged in a circular pattern around several large white circles, each containing a lowercase letter. The letters visible include 'd', 'e', 'g', 't', 'w', 'h', and 'o'. The people are engaged in various activities, some sitting on the grass, others standing or moving. The overall scene suggests a community event or a large-scale educational activity.

DEGROWTH

Let's try to understand what it's all about...

SLOVENIA GDP GROWTH RATE

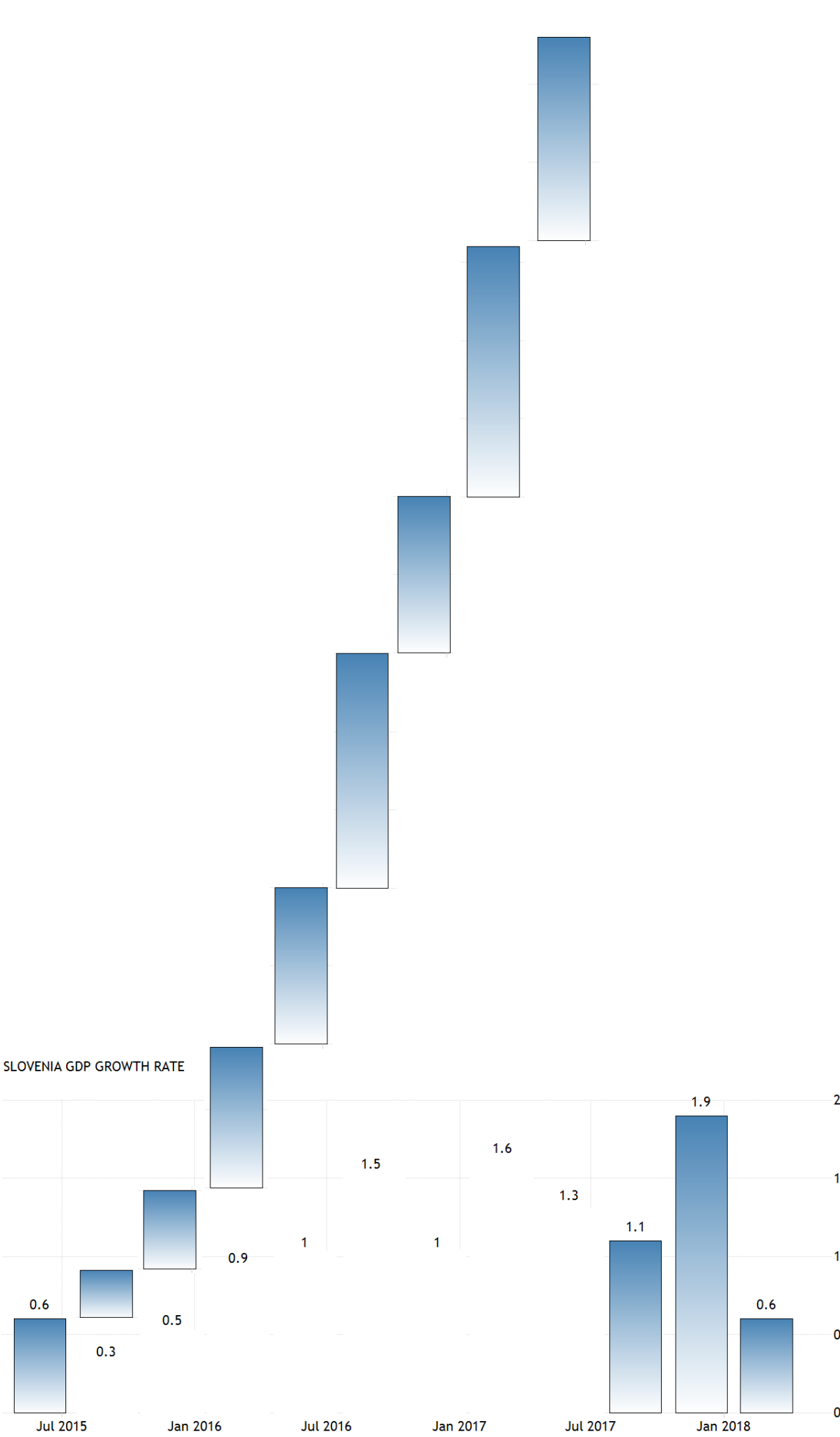


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ECONOMIC GROWTH

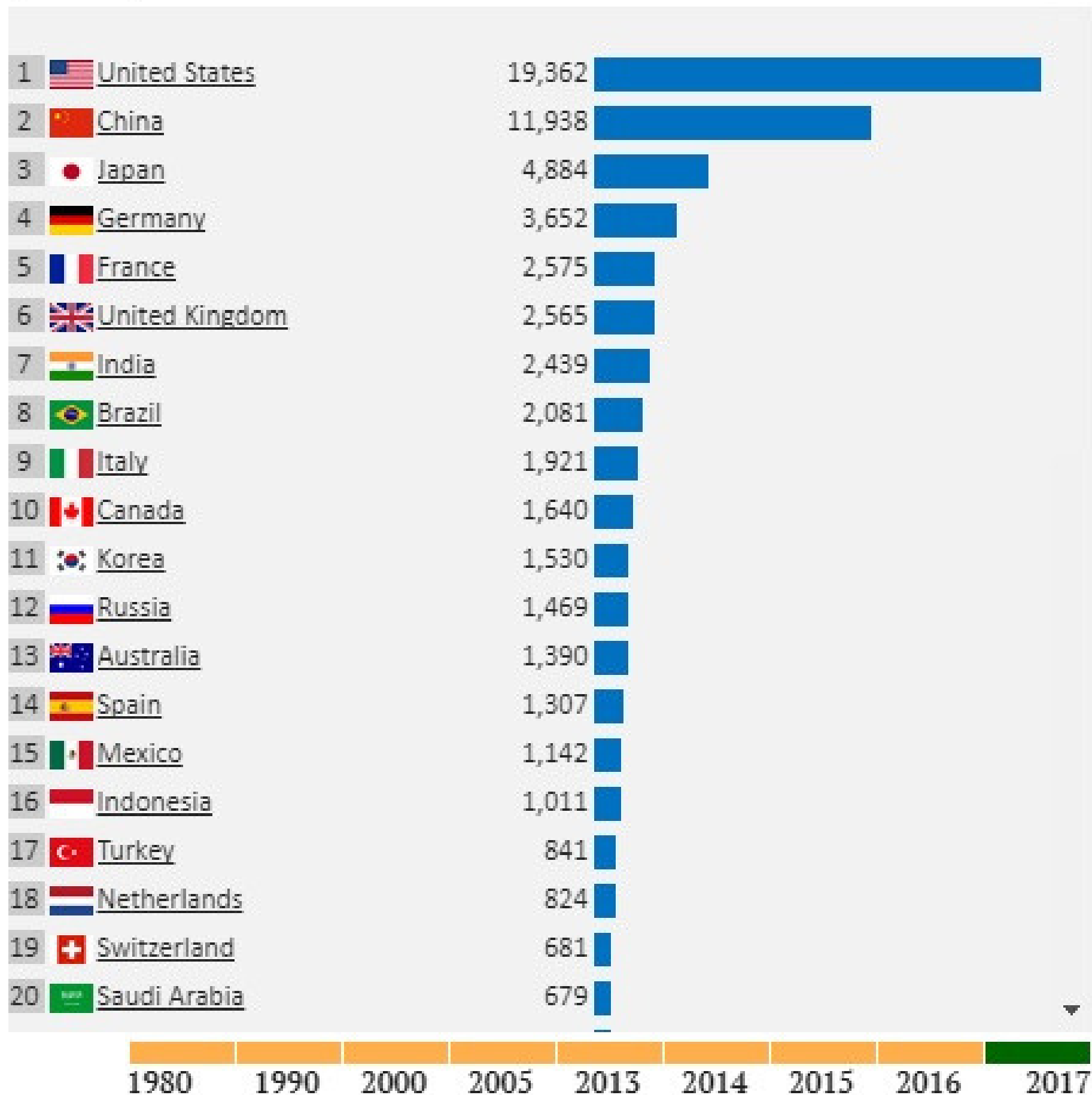
Economic growth is the increase in the inflation-adjusted market value of the goods and services produced by an economy over time. It is an increase, a number that refers to a movement in a defined time and is measured by the GDP indicator, Gross Domestic Product.

GROWTH DOMESTIC PRODUCT - GDP



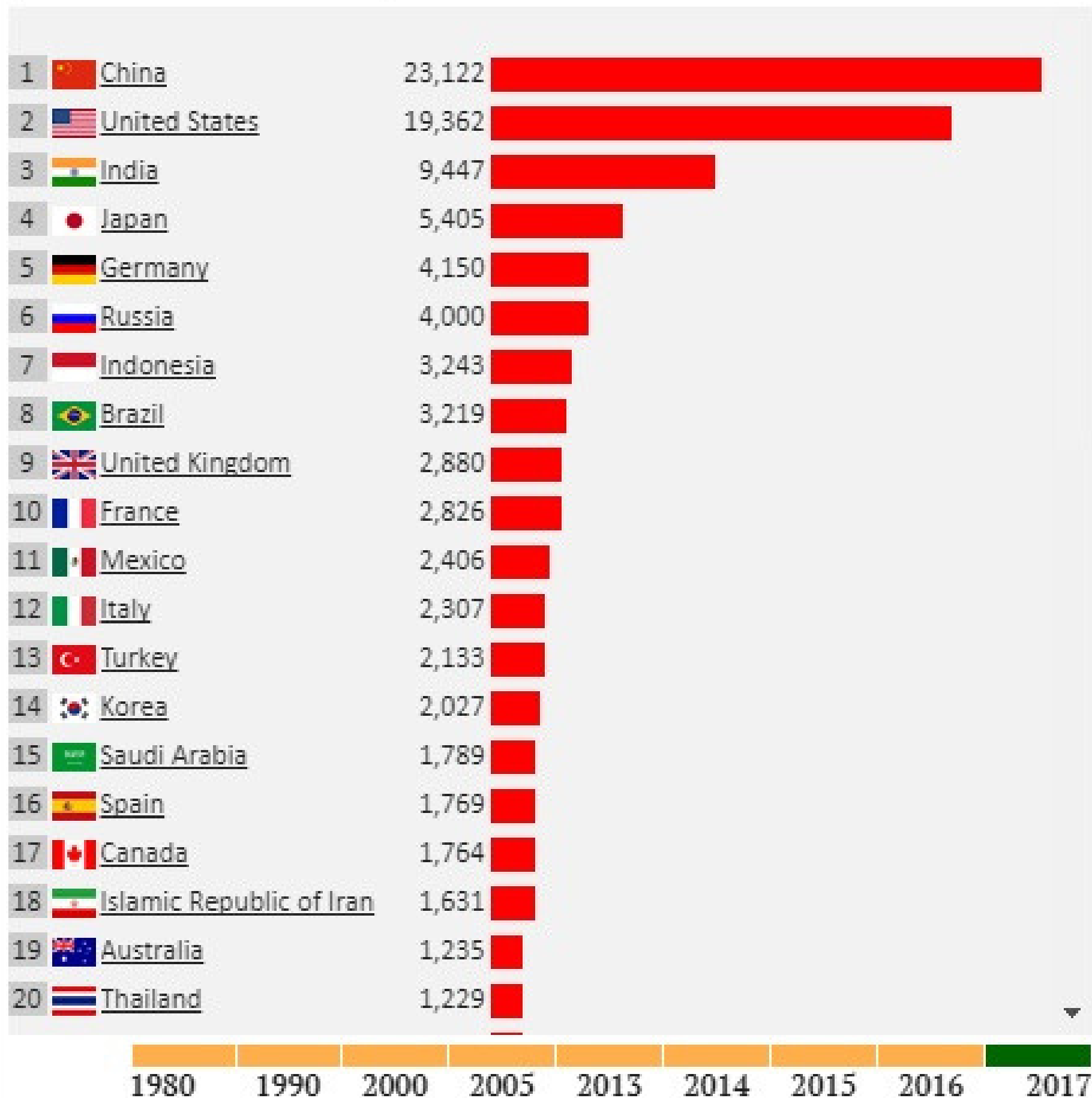
GDP, current prices

(billion USD)



GDP based on PPP valuation

(billion current international dollars)



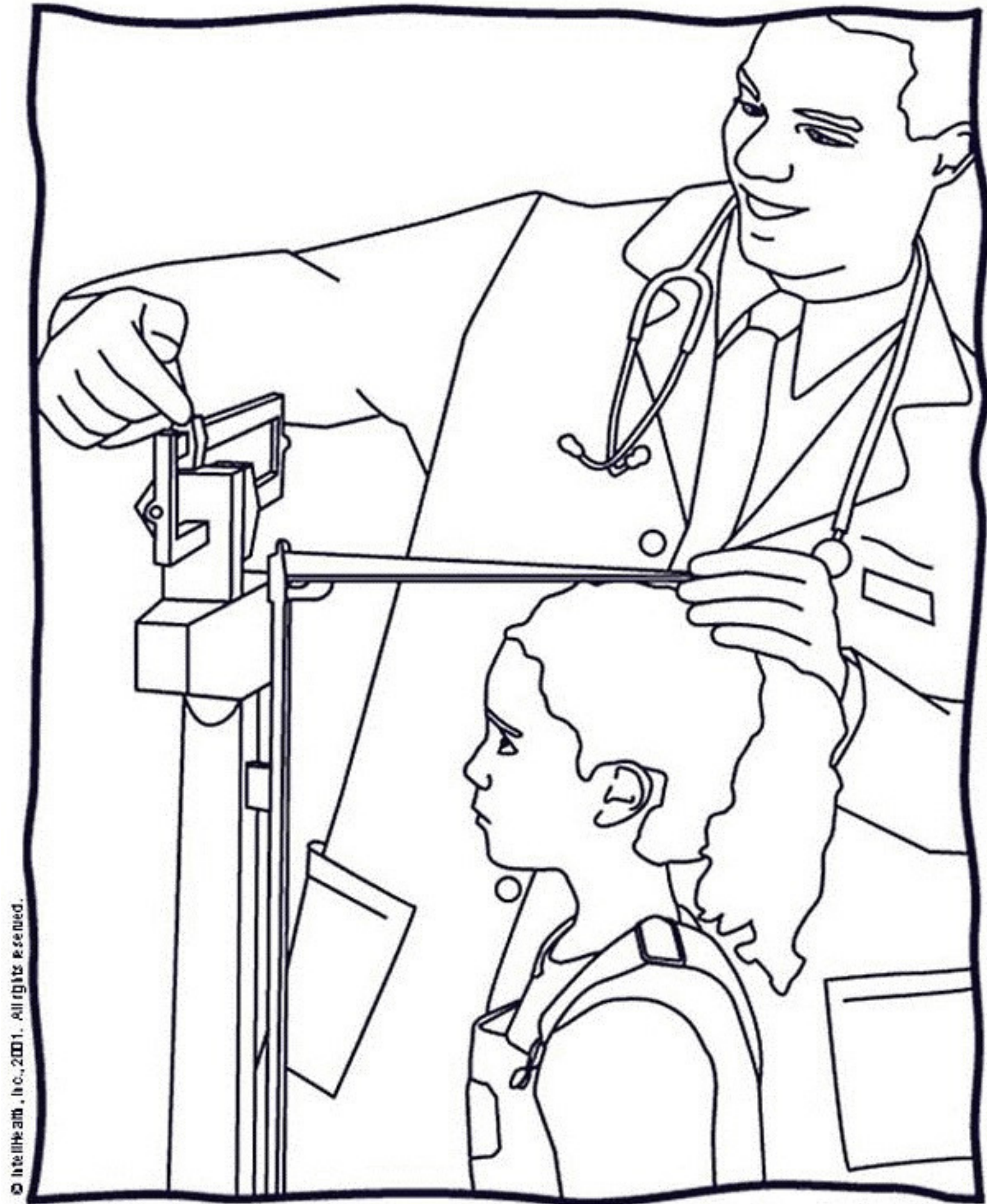
This indicator is now used as a reference indicator to indicate if an economy is doing well or not, the goal of maximizing GDP is the goal of all our countries, all our policies. It is this indicator that ranks countries in the world. It is because of the economic growth for example that the USA is considered the best country in the world, followed by China.

Hi everyone!



MR CAPITALISM

The principle of economic growth is a bit like going to the doctor - doctor that we will call Mr Capitalism. So you go to his office every year to do an annual health check, and see if everything is fine for you, what you need to do differently, change, improve.



And to find out if you're fine, he's only measuring you, and he's only giving you your increase in size, the difference in size between this year and last year. Because, for Mr. Capitalism if you grow up, it means that you are healthy enough.



When we talk about GDP, we only talk about the economic dimension of the states, through a quantitative point of view. As if because we accumulate material goods, money, that is enough to have a good society. It is a vision of the world that is maintained through advertising by big companies that this system enriches. GDP does not take into account the dimensions of well-being, non-market recreation, volunteer work, human rights, social activities, respect of environnement .



But the capitalist system, and therefore our Growth society, collapses, if growth slows or stops. The problem is that you always have to produce and consume more, for GDP to grow. So, work harder, produce more, use more resources, transport more and more goods by container, airplane, etc., by consuming more, polluting more, and producing more waste. The only growth purpose is to grow, in order to grow more.



CREDIT

PROGRAMMED OBSOLESCENCE



500 boats a month
in Nigeria in 2006



ADVERTISING

Second world budget, after the
armament: 103 billion euros in the
USA, more than 500 billion for the
whole planet in 2003.

"Then an immense doubt begins to disturb the minds. Is the idea that we must overproduce to overbuy, that is to say the idea that dominates the economic life of the whole country, is it so right?

When the market is saturated and production continues, what happens? We did an advertising campaign for each family to buy two cars: one is not enough. Will it be persuaded to buy three? We buy on credit our car, our house, our refrigerator, our overcoat, our shoes. Time is coming, however, when we will have to settle our account. "

PAUL HAZARD

What is Degrowth?

“Degrowth is a political slogan with theoretical implications, a missile-word as Paul Ariès says (...). The slogan of Degrowth is mainly intended to mark strongly the abandonment of the goal of unlimited growth, an objective whose engine is nothing other than the search for profit by the owners of the capital with disastrous consequences for the environment, so for humanity.”

POLITICAL SLOGAN

SERGE LATOUCHE

MISSILE-WORD

Degrowth is not Negative growth

"Negative growth" is an absurd oxymoron:

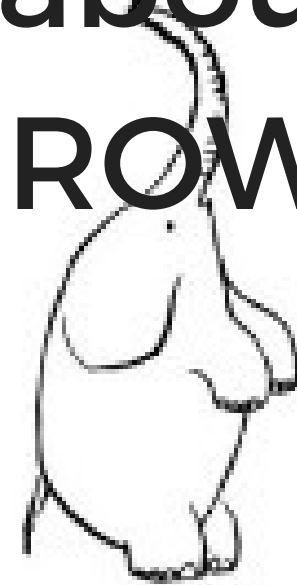
Negative, which Recedes, Growth, which Advances,
Therefore a negative growth is "to advance while recedes".

There is nothing worse than a society of
Growth in which there is no growth.

**Economic decline must be a practical
consequence in a "society of
Degrowth", in the context of another
system based on another logic.**

The exact is
A-GROWT, as we speak about a-theism,
rather than DE-GROWTH.

DEGROWTH,
SIMPLY
DIFFERENT



MORE OF
THE SAME

GROWTH



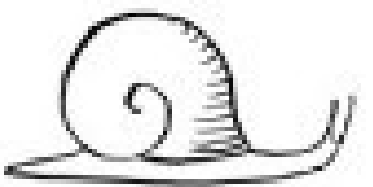
SAME OF
THE SAME

STATIONARY
STATE



LESS OF
THE SAME

RECESSION



It is a question of abandoning a faith or
a religion, that of the economy, of
progress, of development,
the cult of Growth.

**Degrowth is not a turning back, it's
building a coherent future.
But using past tools is sometimes a
proof of wisdom.**



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

It contains the idea of development, the idea of a linear worldview where all countries, all cultures, must evolve in the same sense: modernism, progress, urbanization, Growth.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The word has been completely absorbed by the capitalist machine.

"Sustainable development is easy to define: if the father of your grandfather, your grandfather and your children are loyal consumers of Nestlé, so we worked sustainably. "

Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Chief Executive of Nestlé.
Davos Forum, 2003.

"The term of [sustainable development] is so wide, put in all the sauces, as the example of Mr Jourdain everyone can claim it. And it's true, it's a fashionable concept. Both in the corporate world and in any social debate. So what? Traders have always been able to recover good slogans. "

Michel-Edouard Leclerc, Le Nouvel Economiste, 2004.



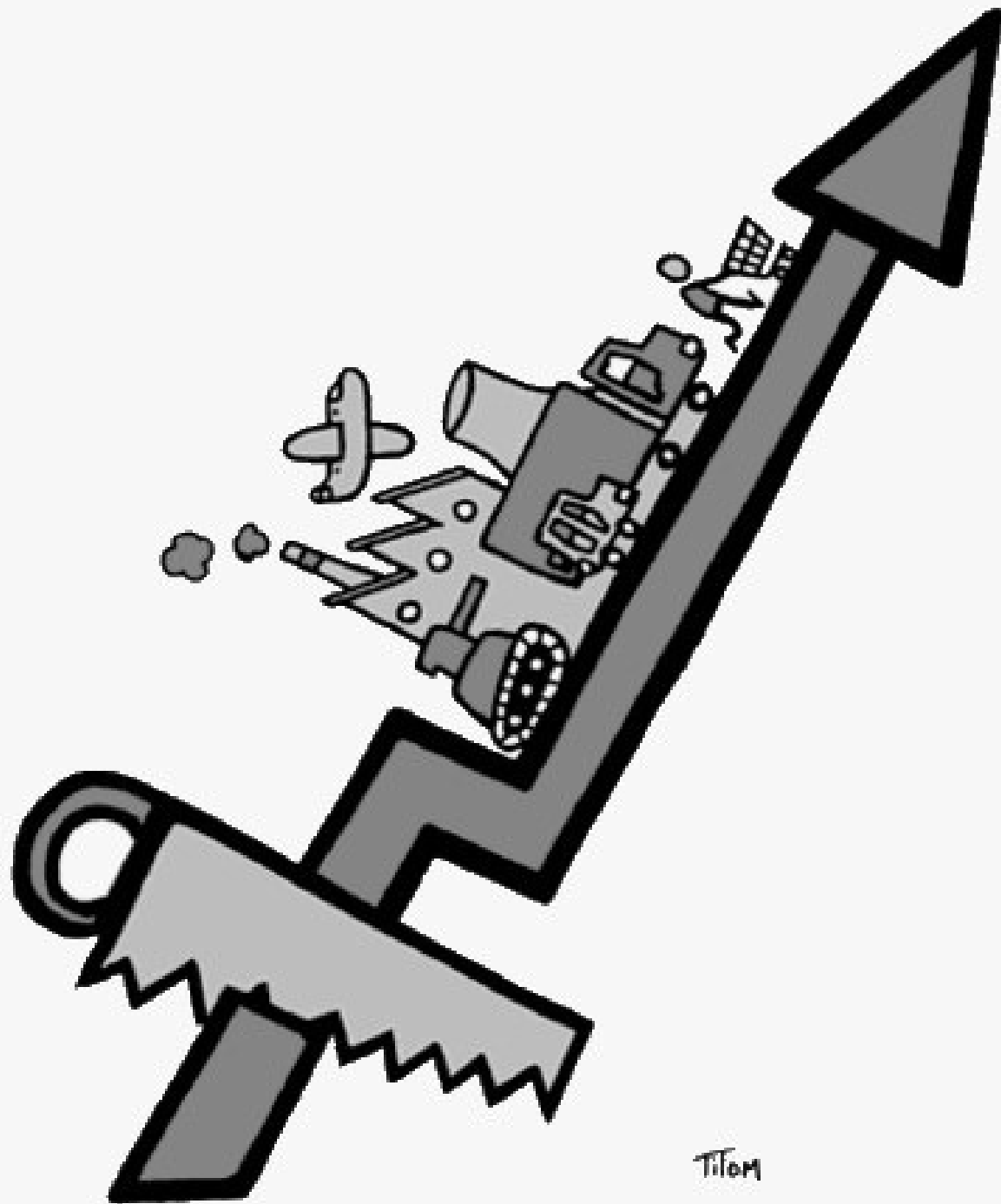
Refers to abstract concepts designating economic dynamism as being its own end in itself. It's greenwashing, it's not the color of growth that is important but growth itself



DEGROWTH

Culturalist critique of the economy

Environmental criticism



André Gorz, François Partant,
Jacques Ellul, Bernard Charbonneau,
Cornelius Castoriadis, Ivan Illich

SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL LIMITS

SADI CARNOT AND HIS LAW ON THERMODYNAMICS OF 1824



When we transform energy, the process is not completely reversible, the planet loses energy available, it is this which is called the entropy phenomenon.

NICHOLAS GEORGESCU-ROEGEN

Infinite growth in a finite world is impossible

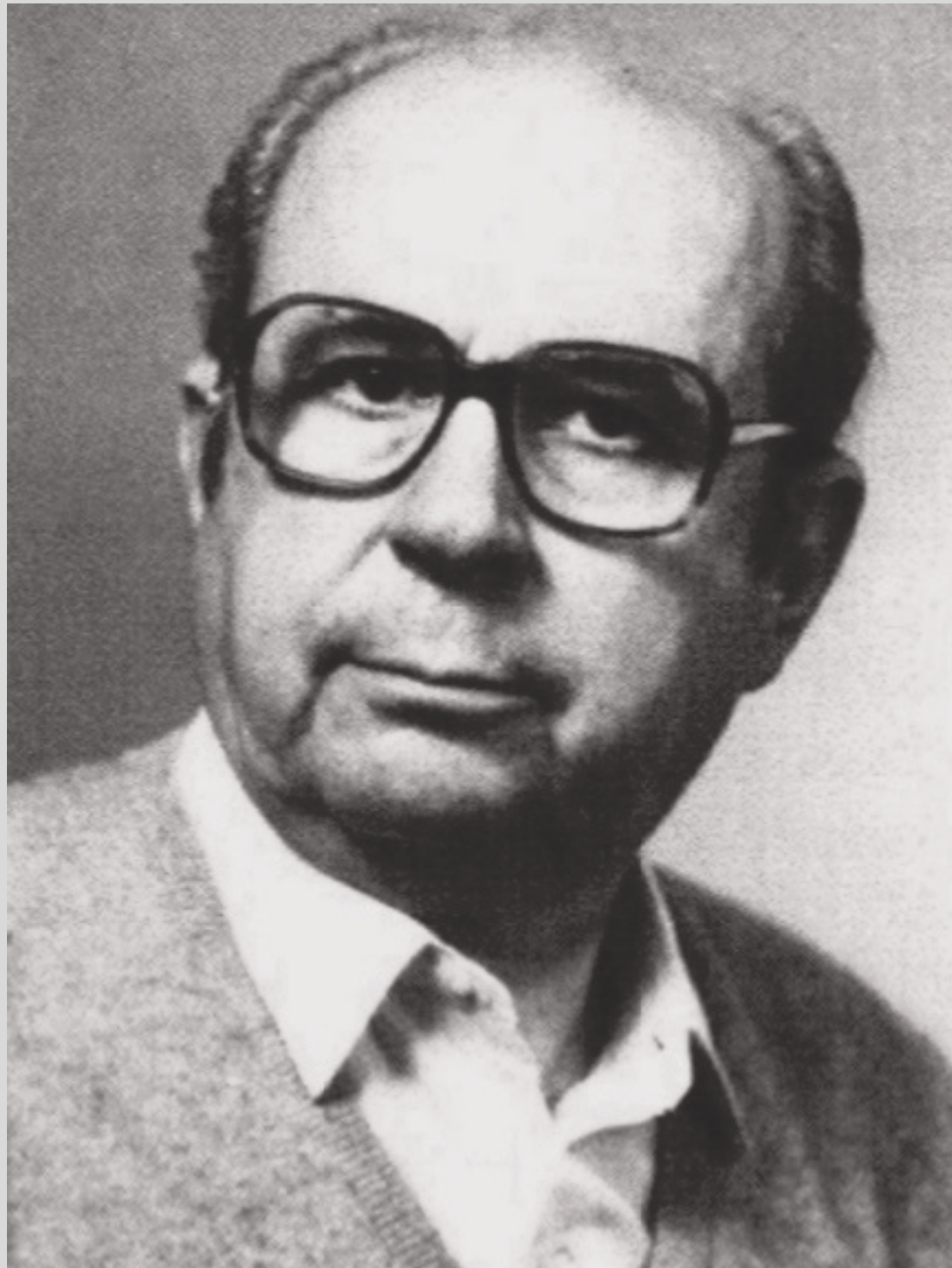
And that economics must be replaced by a bioeconomy

Bioeconomic implications of the law of the entropy

Model of Newtonian mechanics

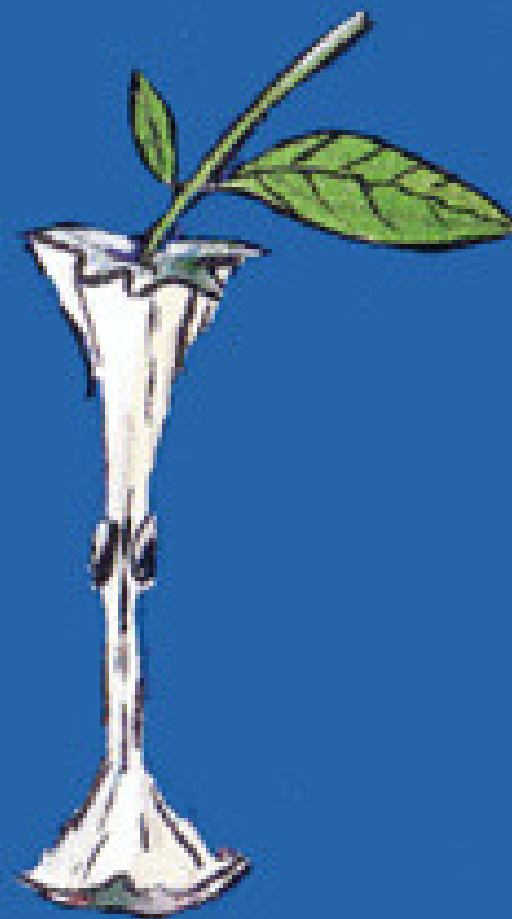
Economics excludes the irreversibility of time

Current economic production, of neoclassical theorists, is not confronted with any ecological limit, which leads to the unconscious waste of scarce resources,



"Whoever believes that infinite growth is possible in a finite world is either a madman or an economist."

Kenneth Boulding, 1973.



THE LIMITS TO growth

Donella H. Meadows
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*A Report for THE CLUB OF ROME'S Project on the
Predicament of Mankind*



A POTOMAC ASSOCIATES BOOK

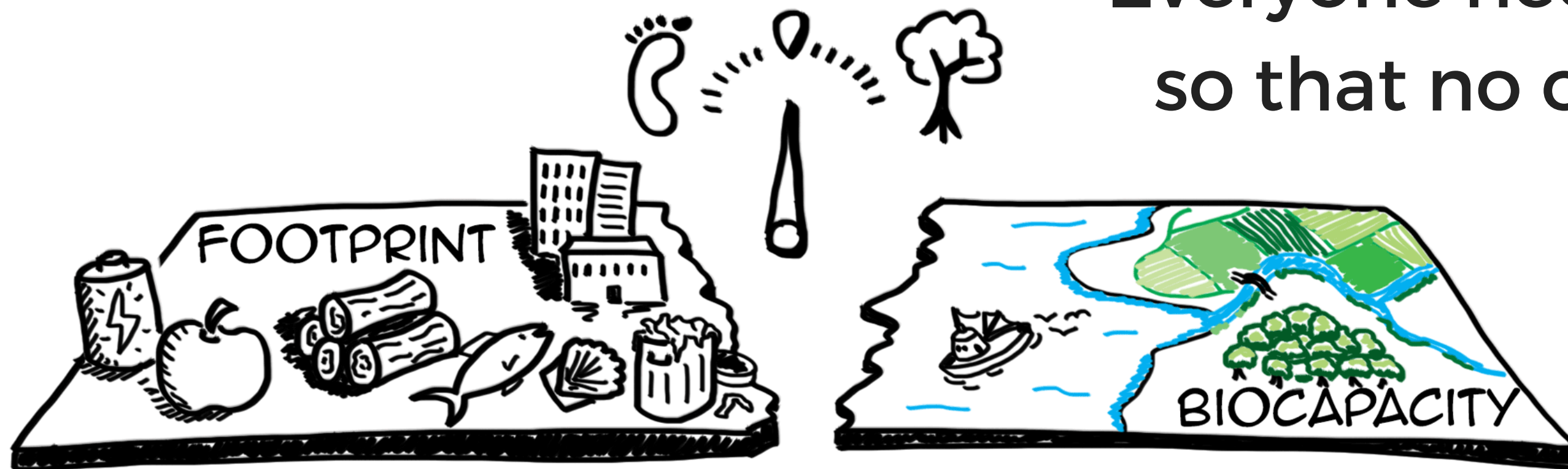
Meadows report The Limits To Growth 1972, Rome Club

THE ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT, 2001

In 2014, a US citizen consumes 8,37 hectares (or 4.97 planet Earth)

When a Bangladeshi consumed 0.79.

Everyone needs to be enough
so that no one is too much.





A Concrete Utopia

Degrowth - a real political project

"Without the hypothesis that another world is possible, there is no politics, there is only the administrative management of people and things"

Ernest Bloch

The goal of our concrete utopia is to build a living together, a desirable, frugal society

DEGROWTH IS RADICAL AND REVOLUTIONARY

"Revolution does not mean civil war or bloodshed."

Cornelius Castoriadis.



"The snail builds the delicate architecture of its shell by adding one after the other even larger turns, then it stops abruptly and begins enlistments this time decreasing. Only one more larger turn give to the shell a size sixteen times larger. Instead of contributing to the welfare of the animal, it would overload it. Consequently, any increase in its productivity would serve only to offset the difficulties created by this enlargement of the shell beyond the limits set for its purpose. Beyond the limit point of widening of the turns, the problems of the overgrowth multiply in geometric progression, whereas the biological capacity of the snail can, at best, only follow an arithmetic progression."

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To learn more about degrowth in Slovenian