

1 Can private actions cure the climate?

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Reading “Factfulness”¹, by the late professor Hans Rosling, a few years ago gave me a new perspective of how wealth and CO₂-emissions are distributed in the world. A share of people in all countries can be seen as responsible for climate change rather than just certain countries. Could it be the wealthiest individuals, regardless of where, that also ought to do something about it? If all did, could it make any real difference in curing the climate?

There is now a consensus. Most scientists point in the same direction and climate myths are being resolved. The website “Skeptical Science”² is one attempt to answer misunderstandings. The level of CO₂ has to come down and the increase in temperature has to be reversed. Many countries are committed to reduce emissions. With positive results on the climate many years ahead after getting worse for the next 40 years.

Is there an alternative to the slow progress of climate mitigation? Can a small portion of the global population help to reverse the planets overheating by reasonable actions and without cutting down on life’s good? I believe it might be possible by combining cost-effective research-based measures with small-scale finance and implementations done by many. Parallel of course to the necessary but slow restructuring of the carbon-based industry.

For the past two years I have cut most of my own fossil emissions, through both real fossil reductions and a service that neutralize CO₂. It is surprisingly effortless to do. To become more than a symbolic gesture, of course many more would need to do similar actions.

In a few articles, I will suggest a global population that could make difference, how it could affect them, what could be done relatively fast, a vision of a working solution and an idea of a first step.

Why do I do this? I think there is room for more complete and constructive suggestions of effective solutions counterbalancing the current mainly problem-oriented news feeds. If read, I could well be regarded as too optimistic, but I have tried to find best of working solutions, and it has been a fun pastime partly during my covid quarantine earlier this year.

And - there is no hidden message that will ask you for money or to join anything. This is an attempt to feed and spread a positive discussion towards a needed global solution.

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¹ Rosling, H., Rosling Rönnlund, A. & Rosling, O. (2018). Factfulness: Tio knep som hjälper dig att förstå världen. (Första upplagan). Stockholm: Natur & Kultur. (English title – Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World--and Why Things Are Better Than You Think)

² Sceptical Science (2021) Explaining climate change science & rebutting global warming misinformation Accessed February 9 2021 from <https://skepticalscience.com>