

**My critique of Hickel et al., 2022. Degrowth can work — here's how science can help.**  
*Nature* 612: 400-403, <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-04412-x>

Their degrowth prescription for wealthy countries is excellent, but here is what I submit is lacking:

1) They say "**Reduce less-necessary production.** This means scaling down destructive sectors such as fossil fuels, mass-produced meat and dairy, fast fashion, advertising, cars and aviation, including private jets."

Military expenditures/imperialism and its ongoing wars, the most destructive sector, are not mentioned as the major obstacle blocking chances to achieve the 1.5 deg C warming target.

Fossil fuels must be terminated, not simply reduced, and very soon, in no more than 20 years from now.

2) Several of the papers cited also call for global degrowth of energy, a prescription for mass death; see my critique at <https://climateandcapitalism.com/2022/01/05/a-critique-of-degrowth/>.

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