

Can we feed the world without destroying the planet?

Development, Crisis, Faith and Hope

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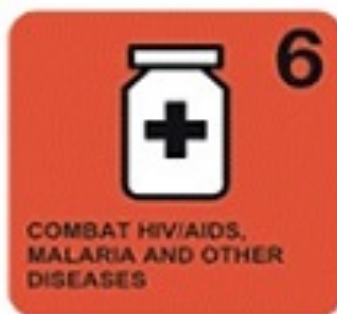
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The First XV: MDGs

The 8
Millennium
Development
Goals



The Good ...

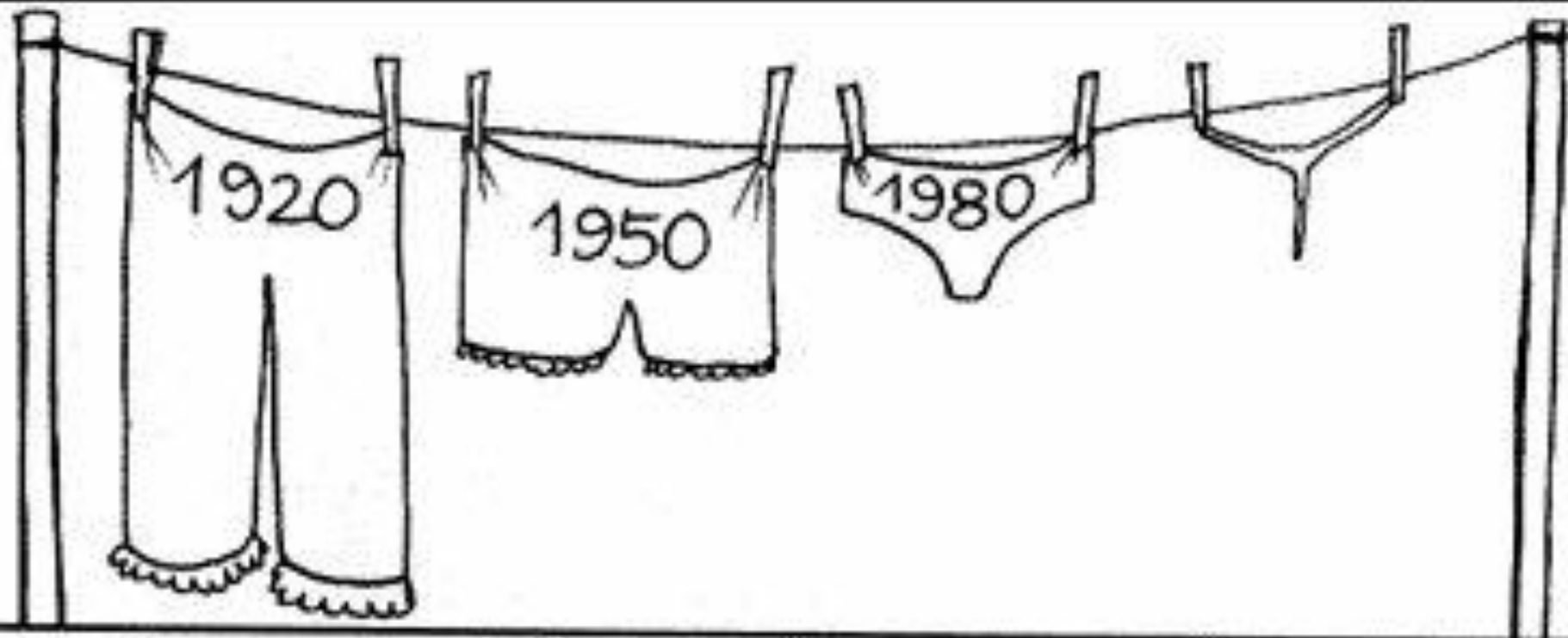
- Reduced extreme poverty by half
- Fight against malaria and tuberculosis has shown results
- Improved drinking water a reality for 2.3 billion
- Education disparities between boys and girls reduced
- The political participation of women has continued to increase

The Not So Good...

- Most of those in bottom 25% saw real incomes stagnate or drop.
- Threats to environmental sustainability continue,
- Progress on fighting undernourishment has slowed
- More needs to be done to reduce maternal mortality
- 50% of out-of-school children of primary school age live in conflict-affected areas.
- Africa has been the continent most left behind.

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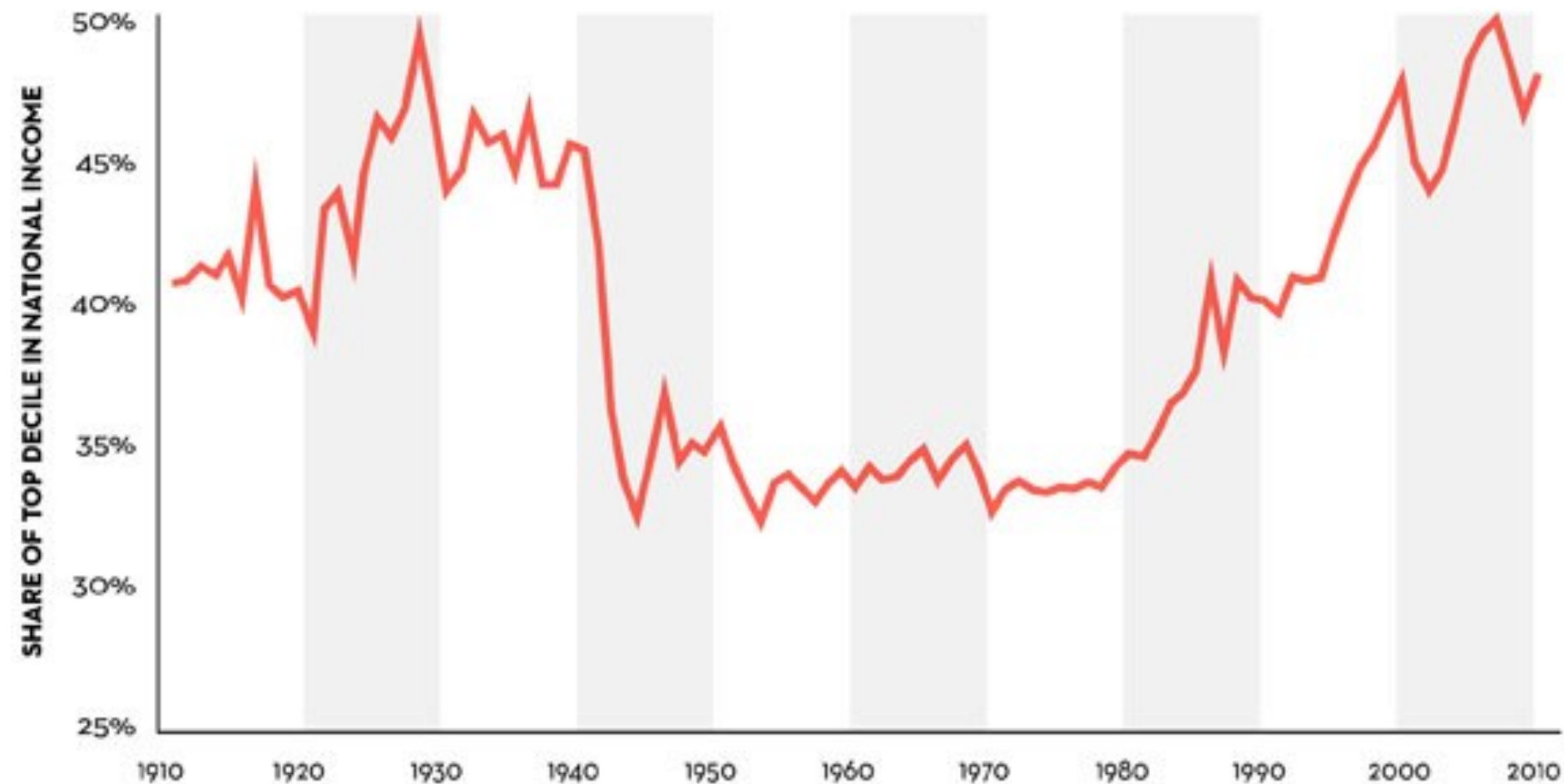


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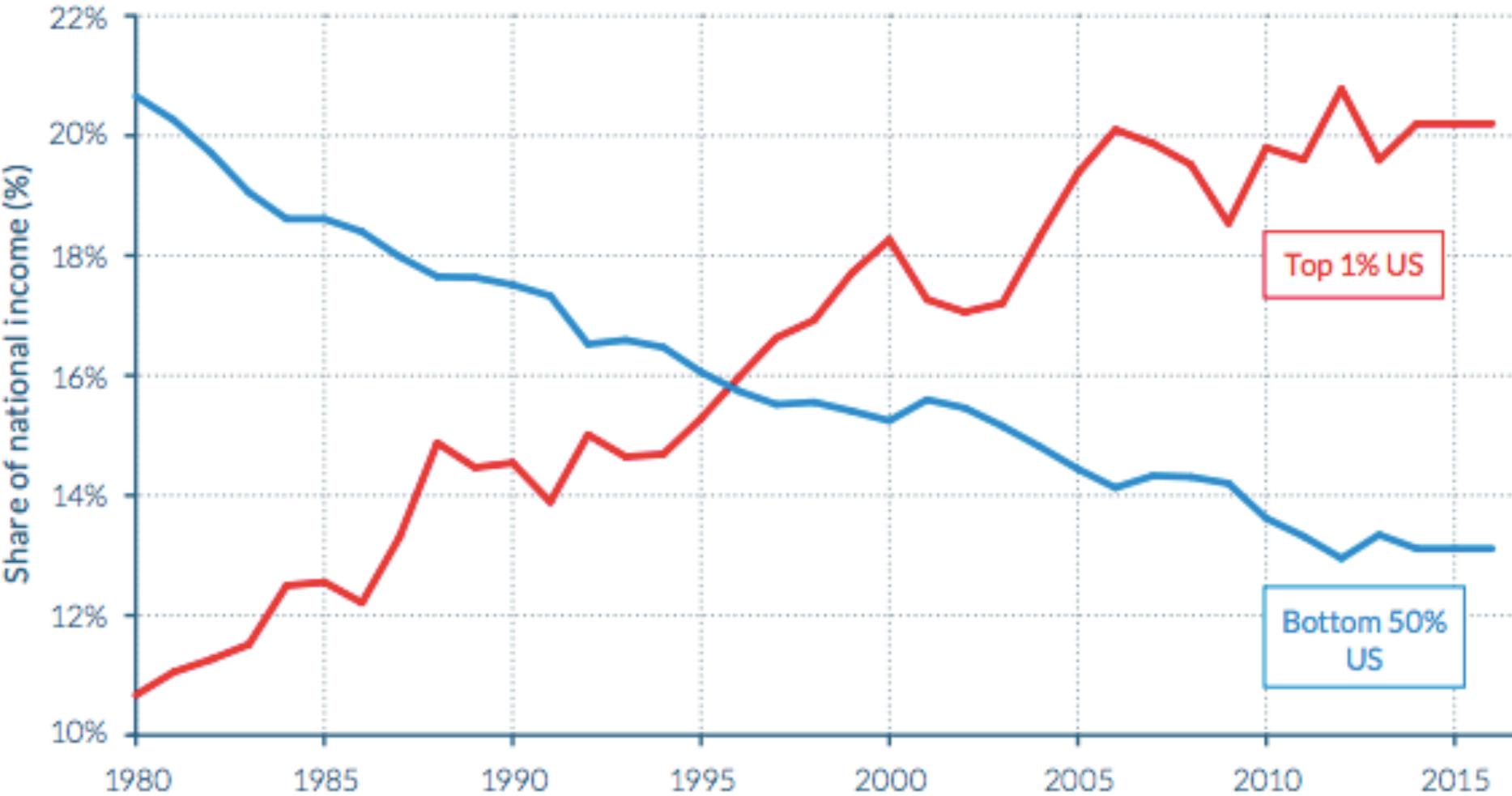
What's the big picture?

INCOME INEQUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES, 1910-2010



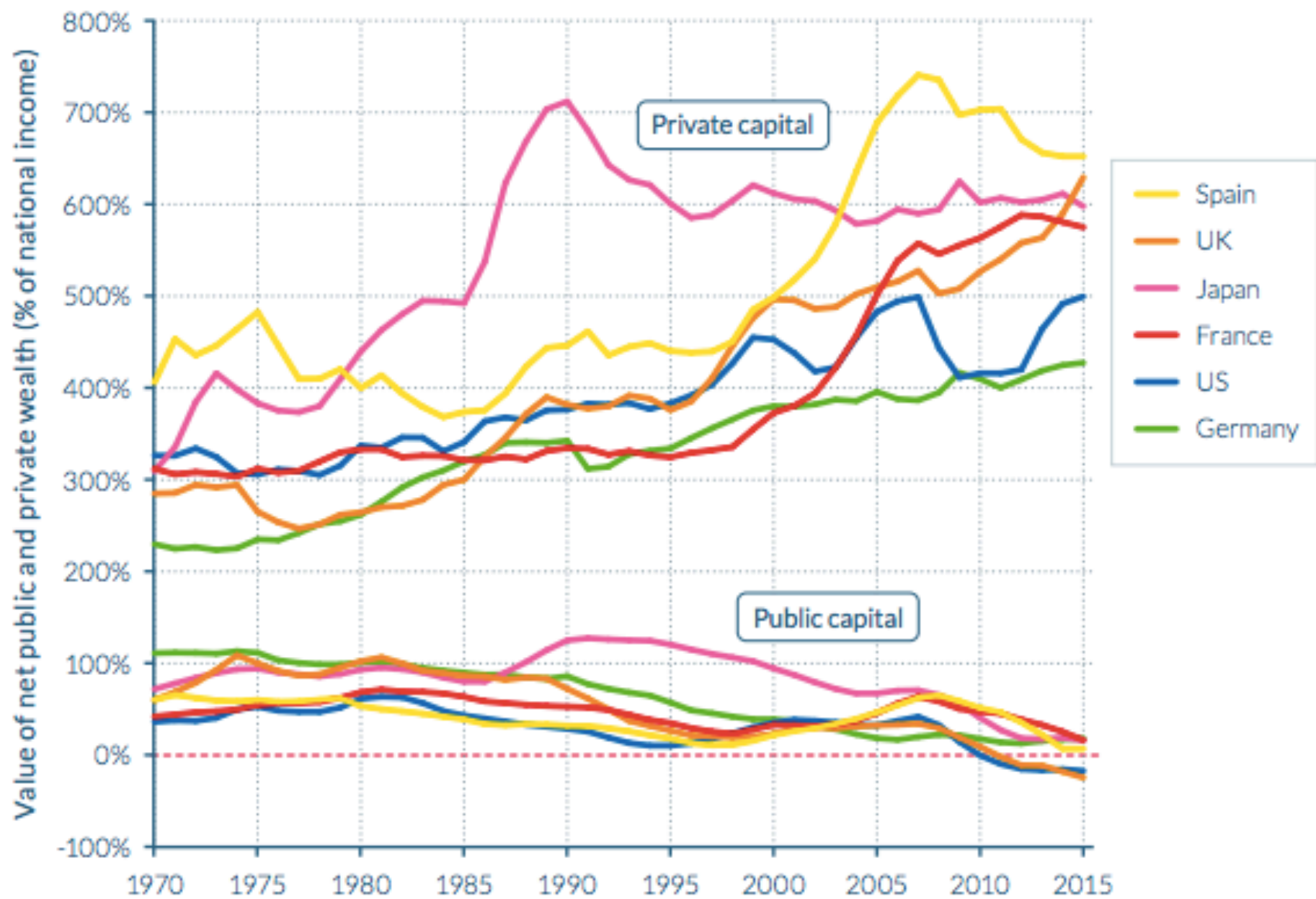
Top 1% vs. Bottom 50% national income shares in the US and Western Europe, 1980-2016: Diverging income inequality trajectories

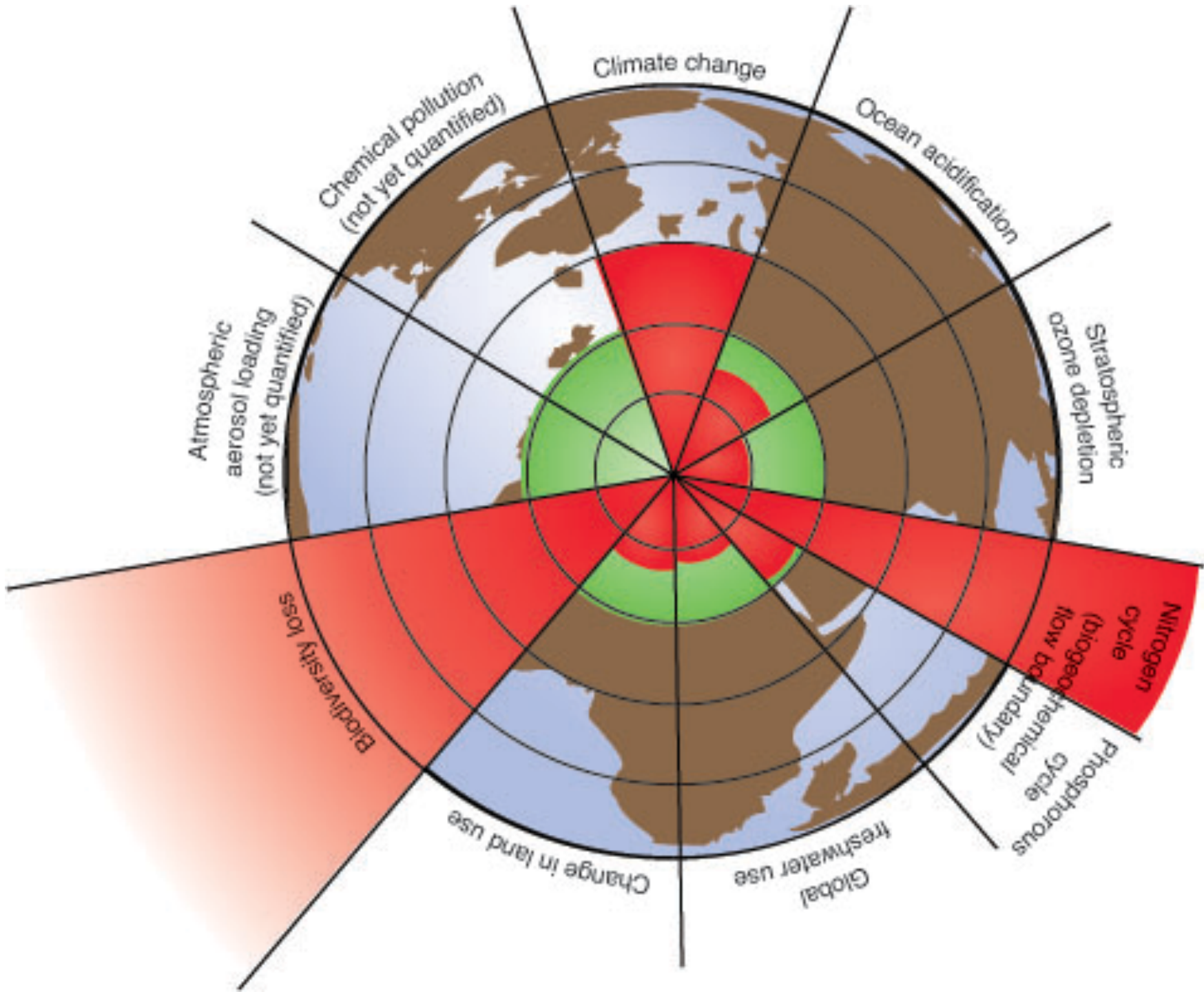
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Source: WID.world (2017). See [wir2018.wid.world](#) for data series and notes.

The rise of private capital and the fall of public capital in rich countries, 1970-2016







climate change

ozone layer depletion

ocean acidification

ECOLOGICAL CEILING
the safe and just space for humanity
SOCIAL FOUNDATION

OVERSHOOT

water

food

energy

health

networks

education

housing

income & work

gender equality

peace & justice

social equity

political voice

REGENERATIVE AND DISTRIBUTIVE ECONOMY

chemical pollution

air pollution

nitrogen & phosphorus loading

biodiversity loss

land conversion

freshwater withdrawals

SHORTFALL

The Second XV: SDGs



Fix what was missing

- Sustainability: Planetary boundaries
 - Development cannot be the enemy of the earth for very long!
- Universality: We are all ‘developing’ now
 - Development is not something “we” do to “them”. We help to cause global threats and we must “develop” away from this.
- Equality: No one left behind
 - Development has not been even – it has increased inequality and instability



Where is Hope?

1 Globally

A Just World?

Creating a 'restorative' economy

5 Shifts

- Energy: From fossil fuels to renewable energy
- Resources: From linear to circular economy
- Growth: accounting for environmental degradation
- Incentivise Innovation for the future
- Policy to rein in inequality.
- Participation of those most affected by poverty and inequality

2 *As Christians*

Global development and environmental questions are questions of:

- Spirituality
- Morality
- Values
- Lifestyle

They reflect our most accepted values and assumptions about how we should live.

3 Personally

Develop everyday practices to align our actions with global challenges