

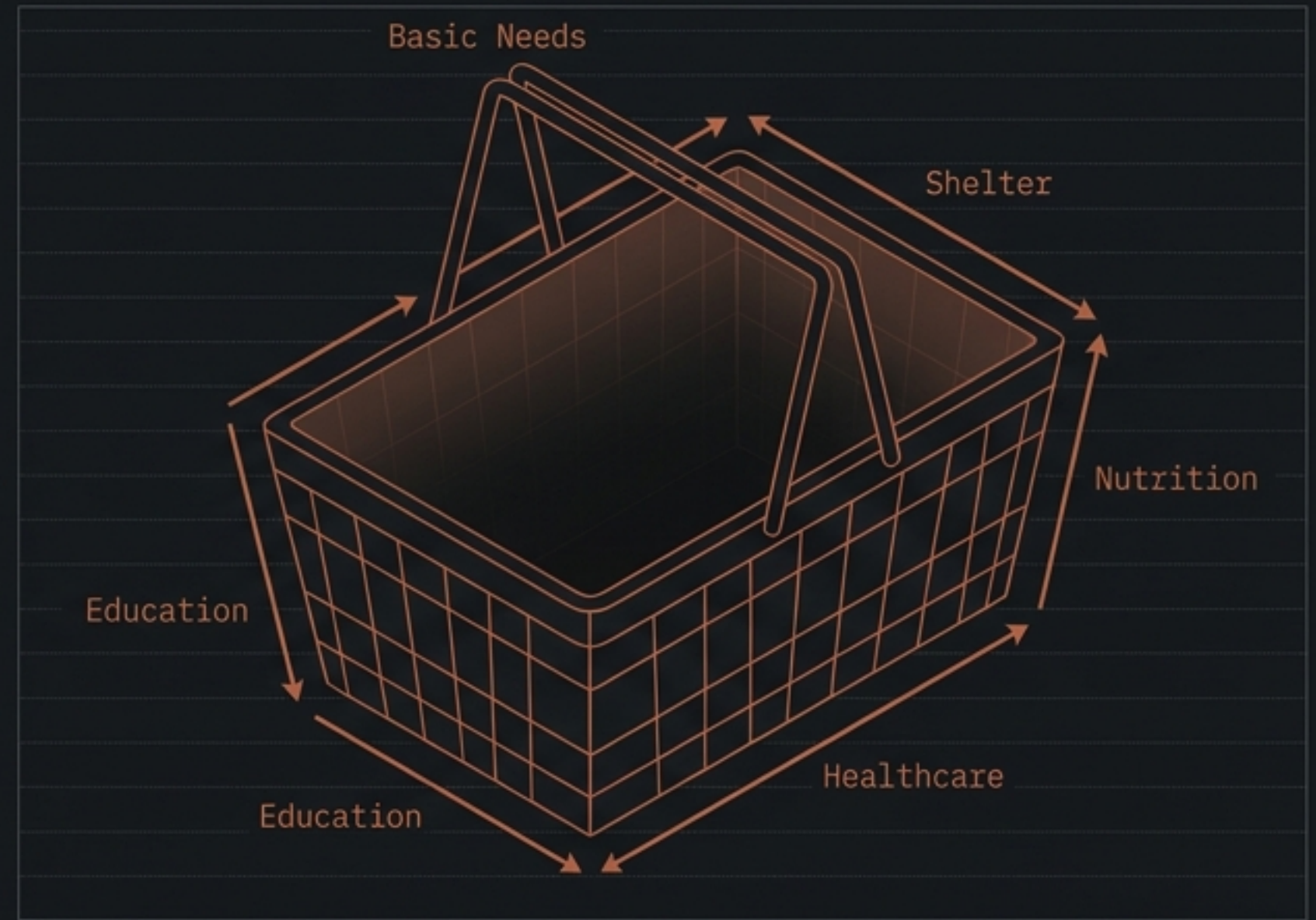
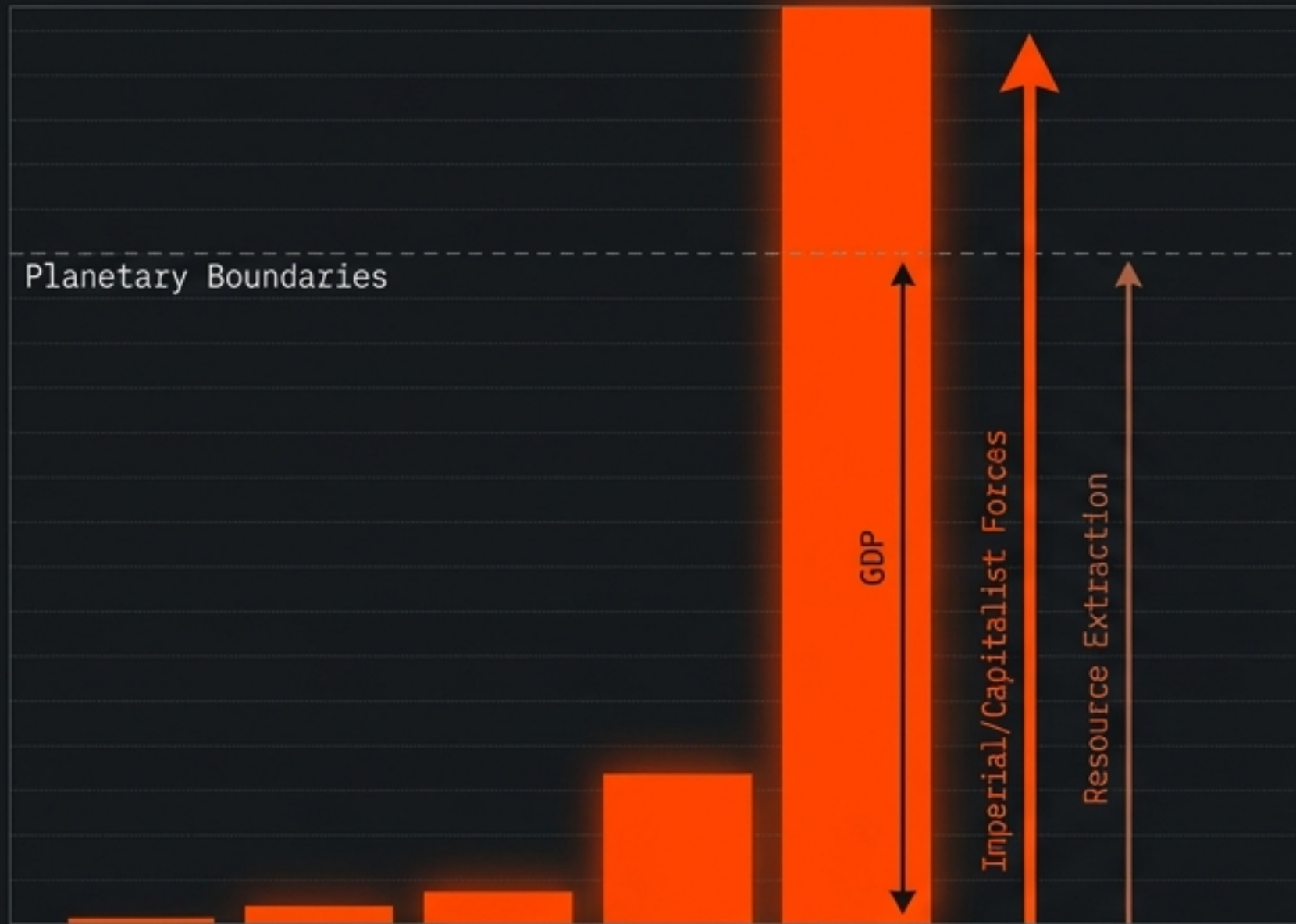
# The Architecture of Global Deprivation

Why catch-up development is a myth, and how the capitalist law of value engineers both ecological collapse and mass poverty.



# The Overshoot/Deprivation Paradox

We produce more than ever before, yet are utterly incapable of meeting basic human needs.



100 million people in the US and EU combined suffer from food insecurity.

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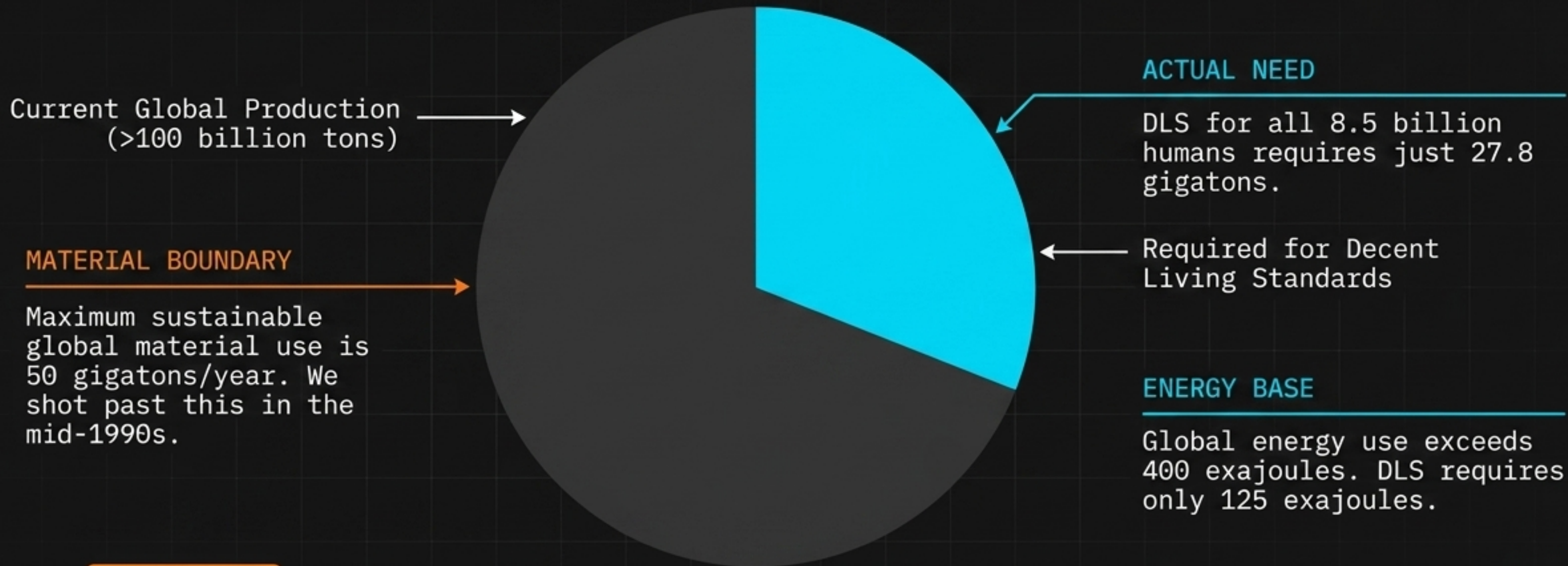
96% of people in surveyed LMICs do not achieve full Decent Living Standards.

80% of the total human population is deprived of basic DLS. →

30% of the global population lacks secure access to food. →

## The Fraction

**8.5 billion people can live decently on less than 30% of current global material and energy use.**

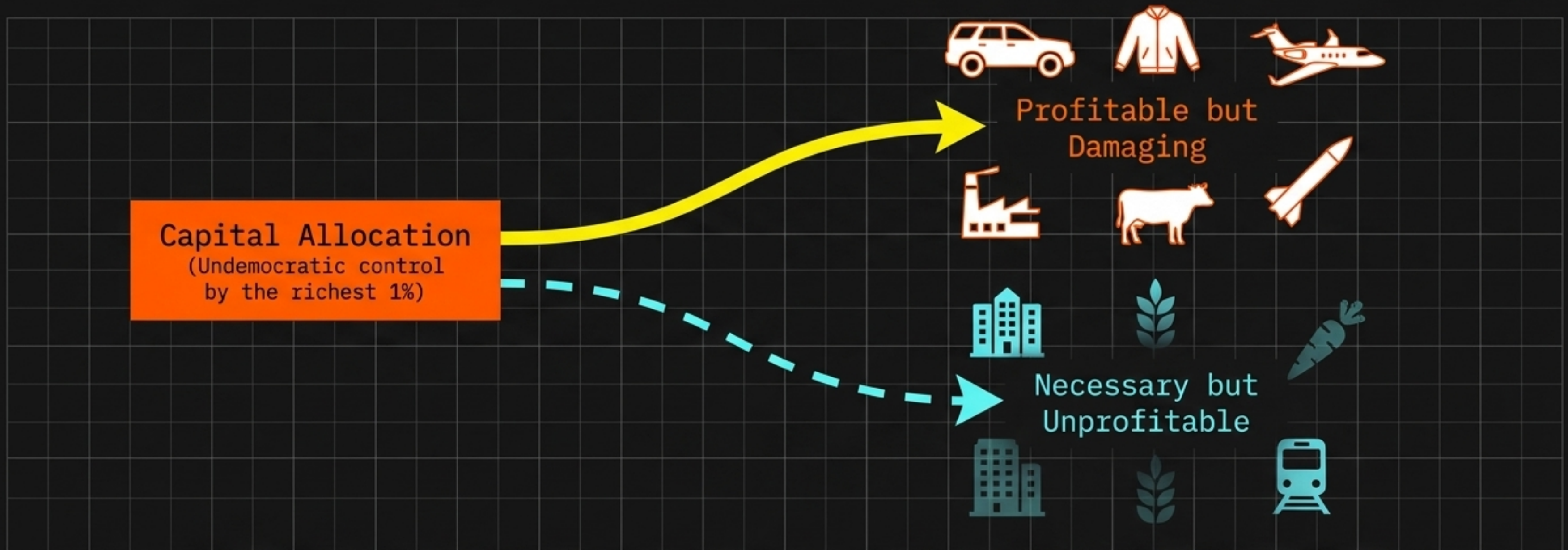


### KEY INSIGHT

**We live in a shadow of the world we could have.** We possess the productive capacity to eradicate human deprivation entirely while remaining comfortably within planetary boundaries.

# The Structural Misallocation of Capacity

Capitalism is not markets and trade. It is the undemocratic control of production strictly for capital accumulation.



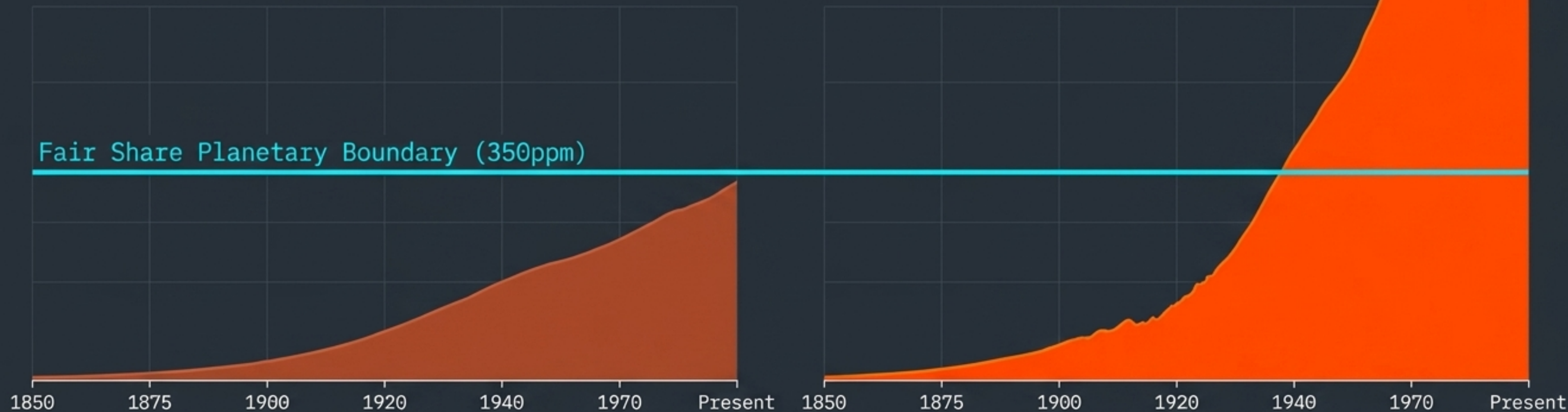
The objective of current global production is exclusively to maximize capital. Necessary goods are systematically underproduced because they generate insufficient profit.

# The Carbon Ledger: Atmospheric Colonization

The climate crisis is a mechanism of atmospheric colonization.

The Global South

The Global North



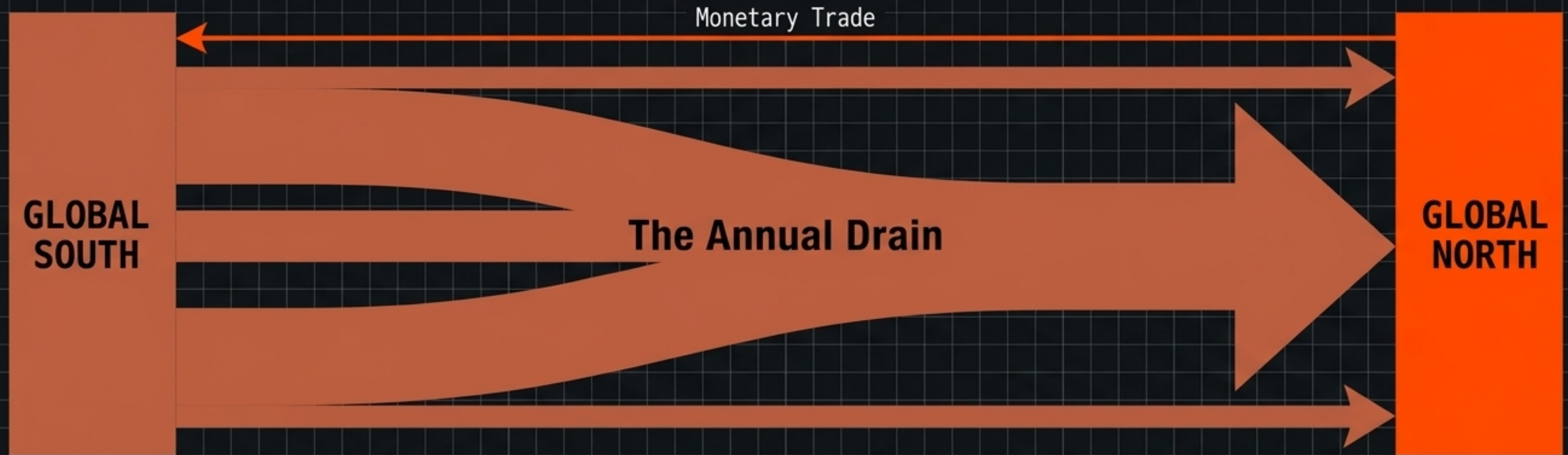
If the whole world emitted like the South, there would be no climate crisis.

## THE INJUSTICE:

The South suffers 82%-92% of the economic costs and 98%-99% of all climate-related deaths.

## The Imperial Siphon

**The Global South is actively over-exploited to subsidize the North's ecological overshoot. Catch-up development is a myth because Northern wealth physically requires Southern deprivation.**



**10 Billion Tons:** Raw materials transferred

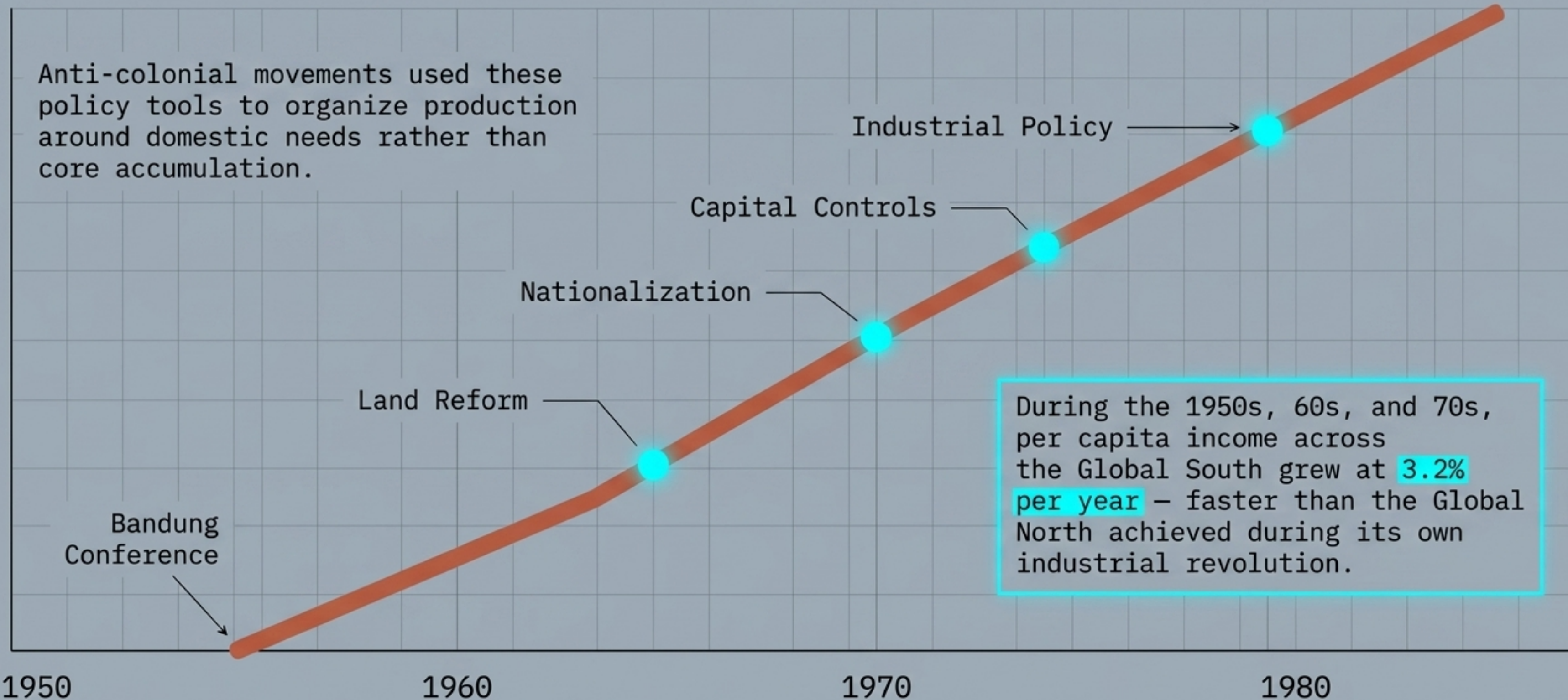
**140 Exajoules:** Embodied energy exported

**800 Million Hectares:** Embodied land appropriated  
(Twice the size of India, enough to feed 6 billion people)

**420 Million Person-Years:** Embodied labor drained  
(Equal to the entire workforce of the US and EU combined)

## The Mid-Century Miracle

# When the Global South claimed economic sovereignty.



## The Bloodless Coup

**Sovereign development threatened Northern capital accumulation, triggering a coordinated, multi-decade assault.**

### The Staircase of Sabotage

**1. Regime Change  
(1950s-70s)**

Over 100 US-backed coups replacing sovereign leaders with compliant dictatorships.

**2. Financial Assault  
(1980s-2000s)**

Structural Adjustment Programs (SAPs) imposed post-Volcker shock. 132 countries adjusted, adjusted, forcing rapid privatization.

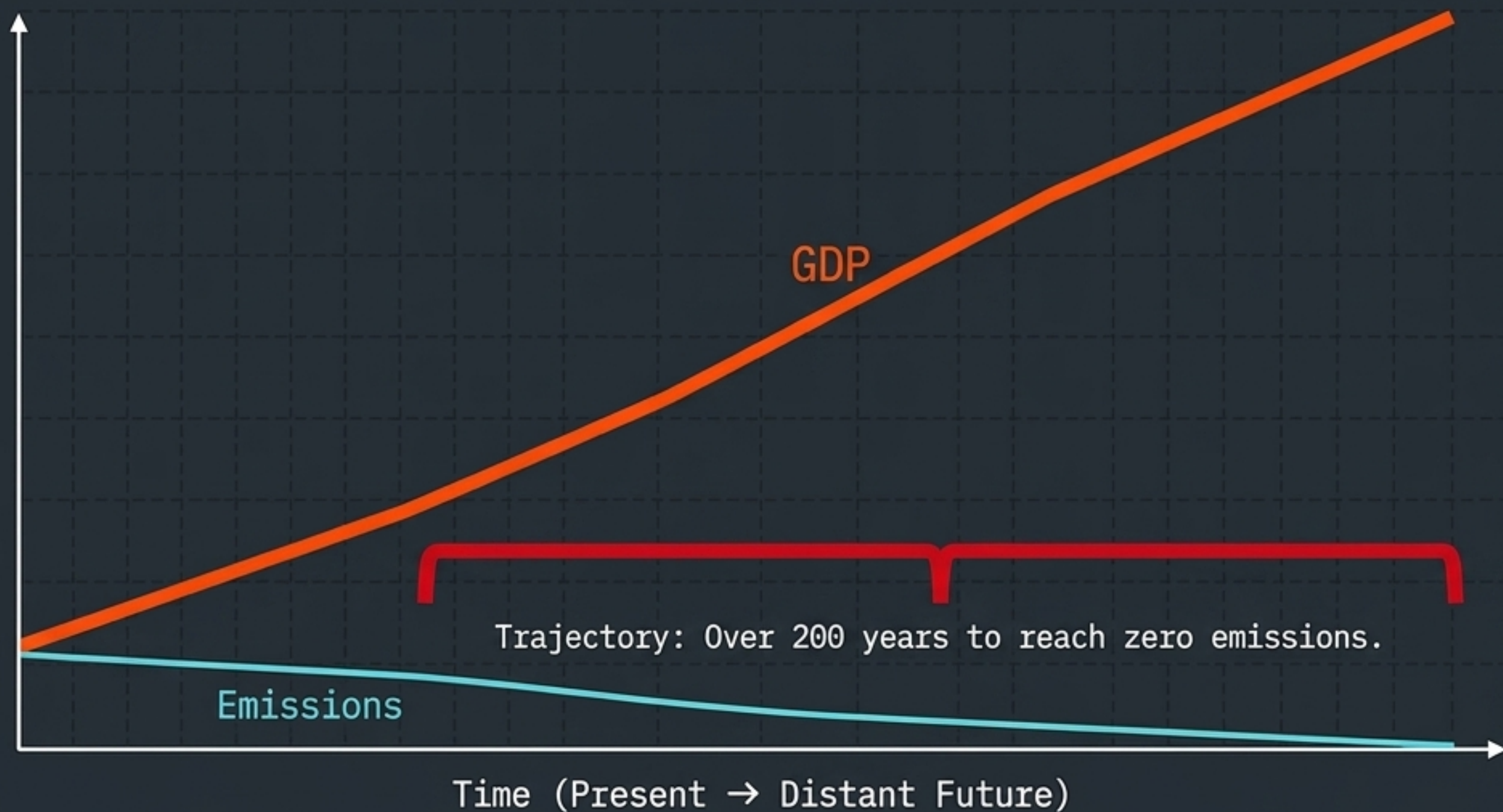
**3. Economic Siege (Ongoing)**  
Unilateral sanctions functioning as economic warfare. Associated with 38 million deaths since 1971.

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**RESULT: Southern labor and resources were violently re-cheapened for Northern consumption.**

# The Mathematical Impossibility of Green Growth

"Absolute decoupling" under capitalist growth is dangerously inadequate for Paris compliance.



**FACT:** In the 11 high-income countries achieving decoupling, their current trajectory misses climate targets by centuries.

**FACT:** Fossil fuels remain 3 to 4 times more profitable than clean energy. As long as capital dictates investment, transition stalls.

**KEY INSIGHT:** High-income nations must reduce aggregate energy use by up to 50%, abandoning the production of unnecessary, high-profit luxury goods.

# Diagnosing the Laws of Value

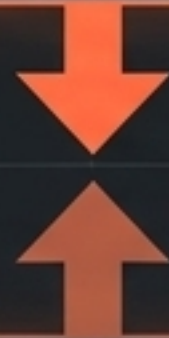
	The Capitalist Law of Value	The Democratic / Ecosocialist Law of Value
Control of Production	Undemocratic (Richest 1% / Financial Firms)	Direct public/worker control
Primary Objective	Maximize and accumulate capital	Fulfill human needs within planetary boundaries
Systematic Overproduction	SUVs, Fast Fashion, Military, Industrial Meat	Eliminated (Resource use capped)
Systematic Underproduction	Affordable Housing, Public Transit, Agroecology	Prioritized for universal access

## The Dual-Track Mandate

Global resource use must converge at levels consistent with universal human welfare and ecological stability.

### THE GLOBAL NORTH: DEGROWTH

Structurally scale down material throughput to get back within sustainable boundaries, freeing up global ecological space.

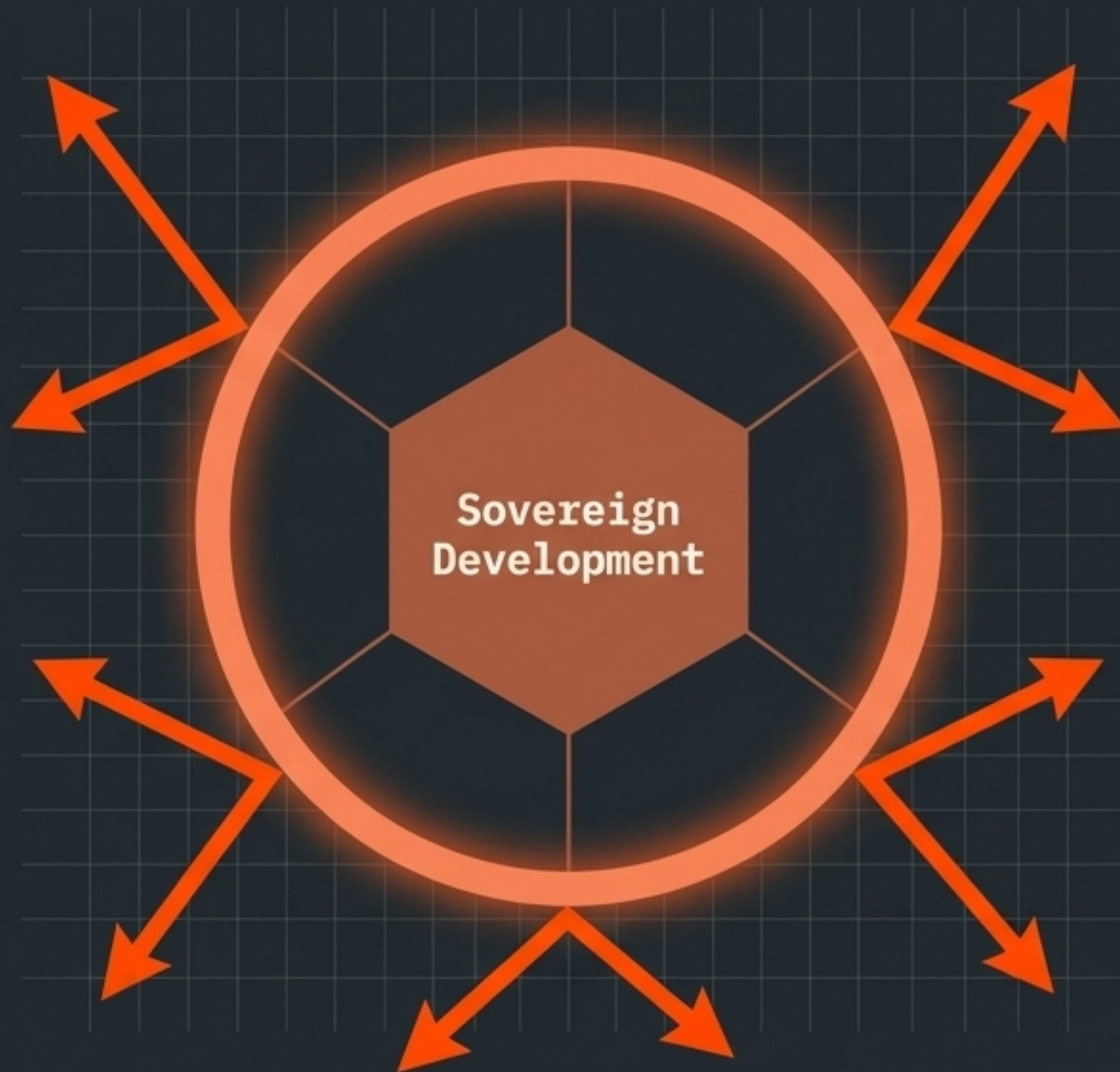


CONVERGENCE POINT:  
EQUITABLE ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

### THE GLOBAL SOUTH: DELINKING

Reclaim productive capacity to meet domestic needs without being drained by the imperial siphon of unequal exchange.

# Track 2: The Delinking Imperative



**Delinking is not isolationism. It is escaping the drain of unequal exchange.**

## **1. Reclaiming Productive Capacity:**

Using industrial policy and public finance to build sovereign sovereignty industries and substitute luxury imports.

## **2. Trade Reorientation:**

Shifting to South-South trade alliances, utilizing non-core currencies and swap lines to insulate against sanctions.

## **3. South-South Deterrence:**

Forming mutual military and economic defense alliances to protect sovereignty from imperial aggression.

# Track 1: The Degrowth Reality

**Degrowth in the imperial core is an ecological necessity that improves working-class welfare.**



## 1. Demand-Side Mitigation:

Scaling down ecologically damaging, socially unnecessary production (private jets, fast fashion) to reduce absolute energy demand by 50%.

## 2. Universal Public Services:

Ensuring housing, healthcare, transit, and basic utilities are decommodified and guaranteed outside the profit motive.

## 3. Public Job Guarantee:

Reallocating labor away from destructive industries directly into care, agroecology, and the clean energy transition.

# Economic Democracy is an Ecological Necessity.

We cannot achieve ecological stability or eradicate global poverty by asking capital to voluntarily reduce its profits. The transition requires mass-based political struggle to wrest the allocation of human labor and planetary resources out of the hands of capital.

**Socialism is simply the extension of the principle of democracy into the realm of production. It is the only way out of the double crisis.**