

A Manifesto for the Future

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Some assumptions I make about the current Earth State (S);

- Power is positively correlated with wealth;
- Piketty, and probably Marx, got it basically right with respect to wealth and inequality;
- “...[A]ll [people] are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness...”
- Future S will be determined in very large part by the actions of Humans;
- Humans are not going to go extinct (we will duke it out with roaches to the bitter end (or be chucked out of our niche by something we can not imagine)).

At its most fundamental the future I desire has the following characteristic:

- Aggregate quality of human life (Q) increases while $\text{var}(Q)$ declines.

I believe that, at the very least, this will require:

- An equitable distribution of wealth;
 - progress will be indicated by convergence of average and median wealth levels
- A spatial distribution of appropriate energy resources that facilitates poverty reduction;
 - progress will be indicated by increases in energy use at lower income levels and in places where average income is well below that of larger spatial scales
- Natural systems that are robust and that provide support for human development;
 - progress will be indicated by ecosystem management that incorporates measures of both ecosystem and human well-being and that optimizes that pair.