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The solution to climate change –which is already happening and being suffered by millions of people around the world– is in theory quite simple: to substantially reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide. The majority of those emissions result from the use of fossil fuels (coal, oil and natural gas), whose carbon was safely stored under the earth's surface. The extraction of vast and increasing volumes of fossil fuels is at the core of the current climatic crisis. There are other sources of greenhouse gas emissions, among which deforestation –which releases the carbon dioxide held in the woody biomass of the forest– which also need to be addressed, but by far the major cause is fossil fuel use.

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