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AN ECOLOGICAL DEMOCRACY

Based on

Marko Ulvila and Kristoffer Wilén “Engaging with the Plutocene: Moving towards Degrowth and Post-Capitalistic Futures”



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the global community. Instead of the current status when harmful actions are mitigated by less than effective actions from central governments who often cannot keep up with the ingenuity and speed of these new technologies. Another serious and effective impact of a new ecological democracy would be to be able to move away from the consumptive behaviors that have marred political inaction.

The current structures of democracy have been disproportionately influenced by those who have great wealth. This idea extends to corporations as well. These groups are able to exert their wealth by donating to political campaigns of those who agree with their corporate or individual ideals. This influence has contributed to much of the inactions that has results in the global systems change, read: climate change. If instead the democracies of the world were much more equitable, and reflected the ideals of one-person-one-vote mentalities that was exposed by the Supreme Court of the United States, what would that look like? As the chapter noted, some of the grassroots efforts like Occupy Wall Street, provided a model for what it would like. Noting that Occupy wall street failed mainly for the lack of homogeneity, the overall themes have persisted in political action in the US and across the world in the years afterwards. An ecological democracy would place a much greater focus on the collective good, ensuring that any extractive practices could be a near zero-sum or even net-positive action for

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