

## **Have It All? For How Long?**

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### **ABSTRACT**

What in our experience of life or knowledge of the physical world makes us think we can have it all?

We know there are limits to natural resources. We may think there aren't limits to technology. But upon closer examination, we might agree that technological changes have caused even faster depletion of natural resources.

Climate change will lead to changes in precipitation, which may or may not be of benefit to the desert southwest. But who has tried to address this at a policy level.

Finally, the root of our belief that we can try to "have it all" comes from our economic underpinnings. Our economic assumptions are all predicated upon a belief that unlimited growth is not only good but necessary. There must always be an increase in whatever is being measured - profit, GDP, population. Until we can define a healthy economy with other metrics, the proposition for unlimited growth will always, at SOME point, collide with limited resources, whether they are water, fossil fuels, or fisheries.