

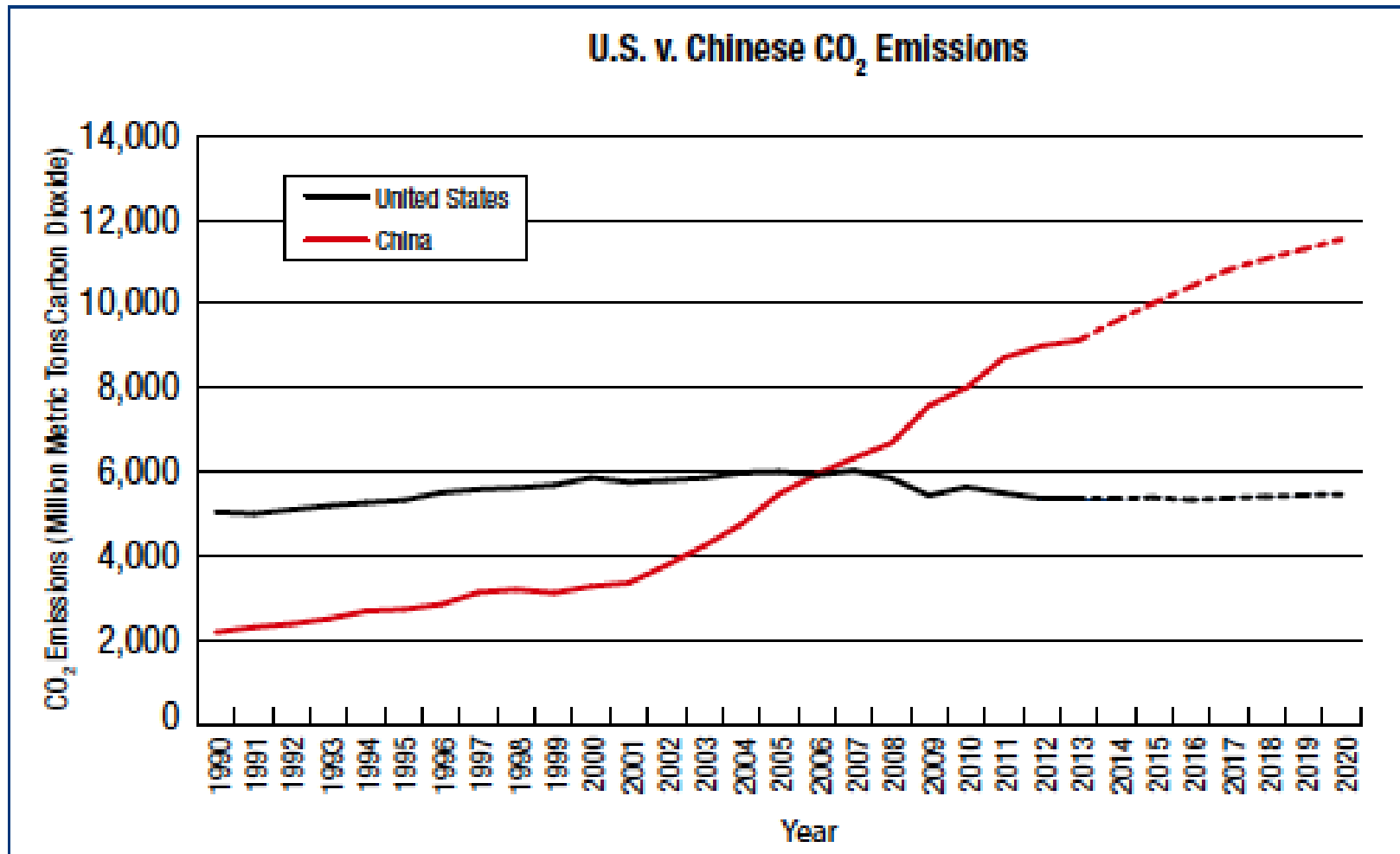
Six Rorschach Tests of The State of the Order

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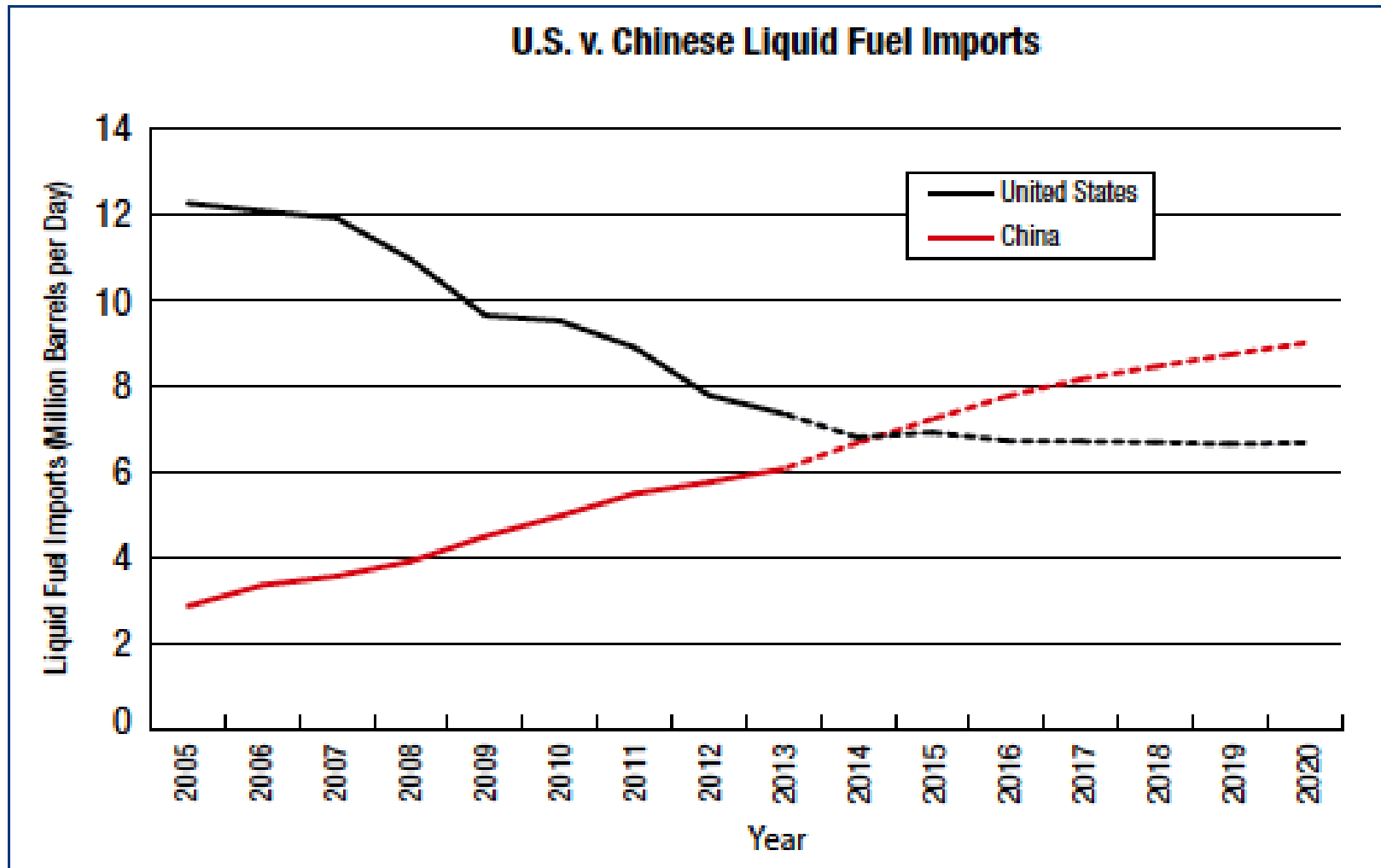
China has already overtaken the U.S. in carbon emissions...



Sources: History: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) / International Energy Statistics database (as of November 2012) / www.eia.gov/ies

Projections: EIA/ Annual Energy Outlook 2013

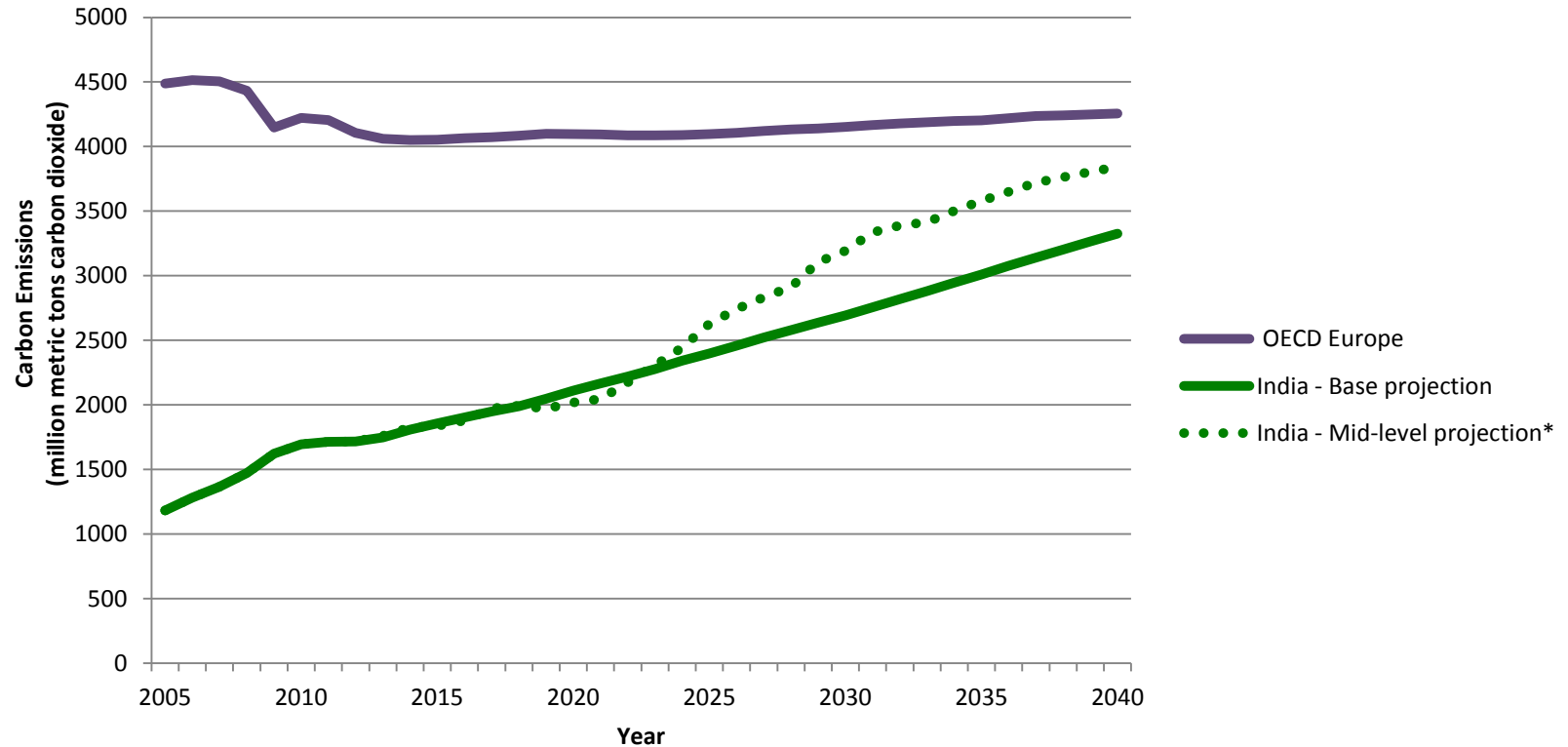
...and will soon surpass the U.S. in oil imports
—a dubious honor.



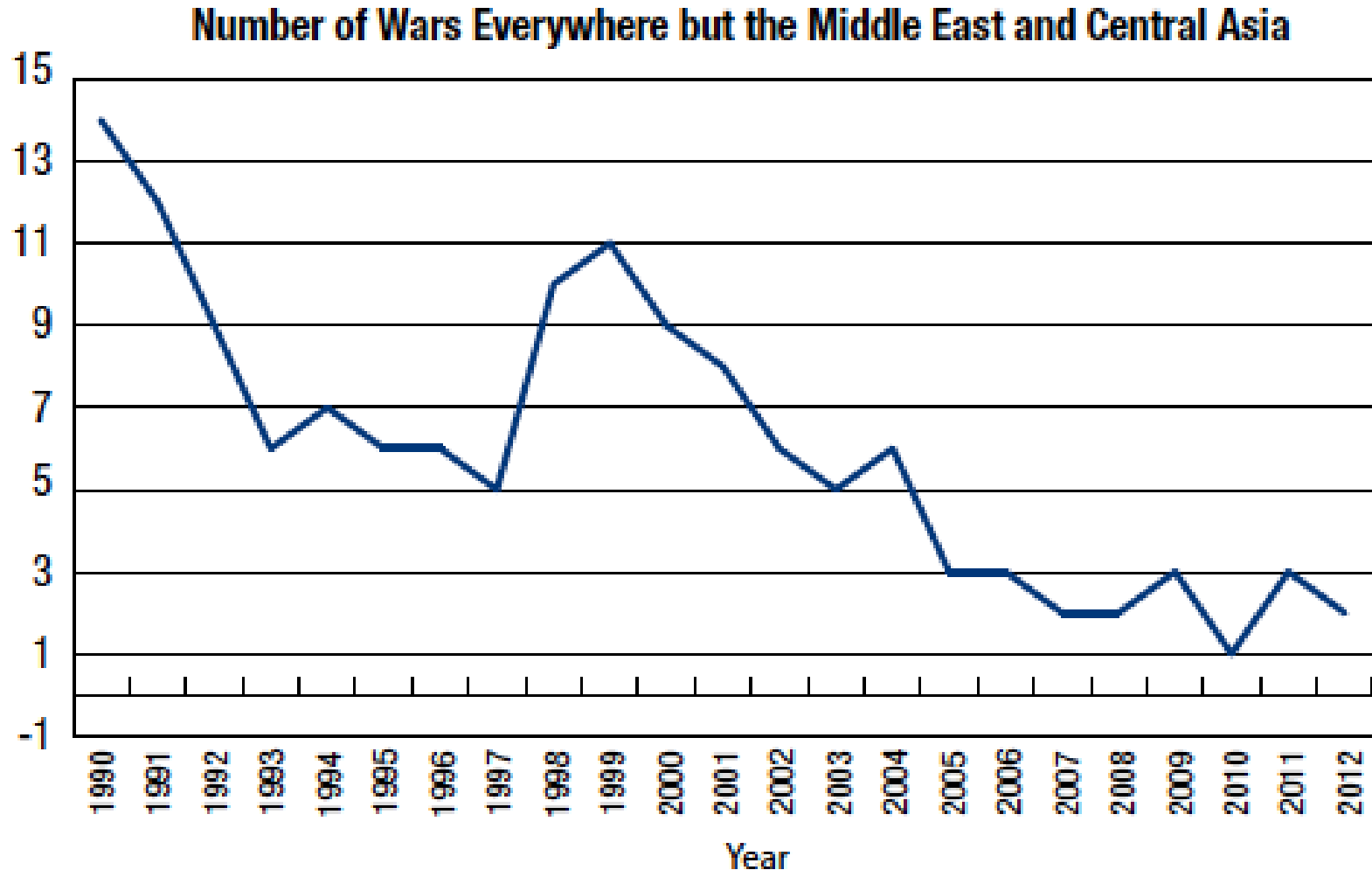
Sources: History: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

Projections: EIA / Generate World Oil Balance Model (2013) application.

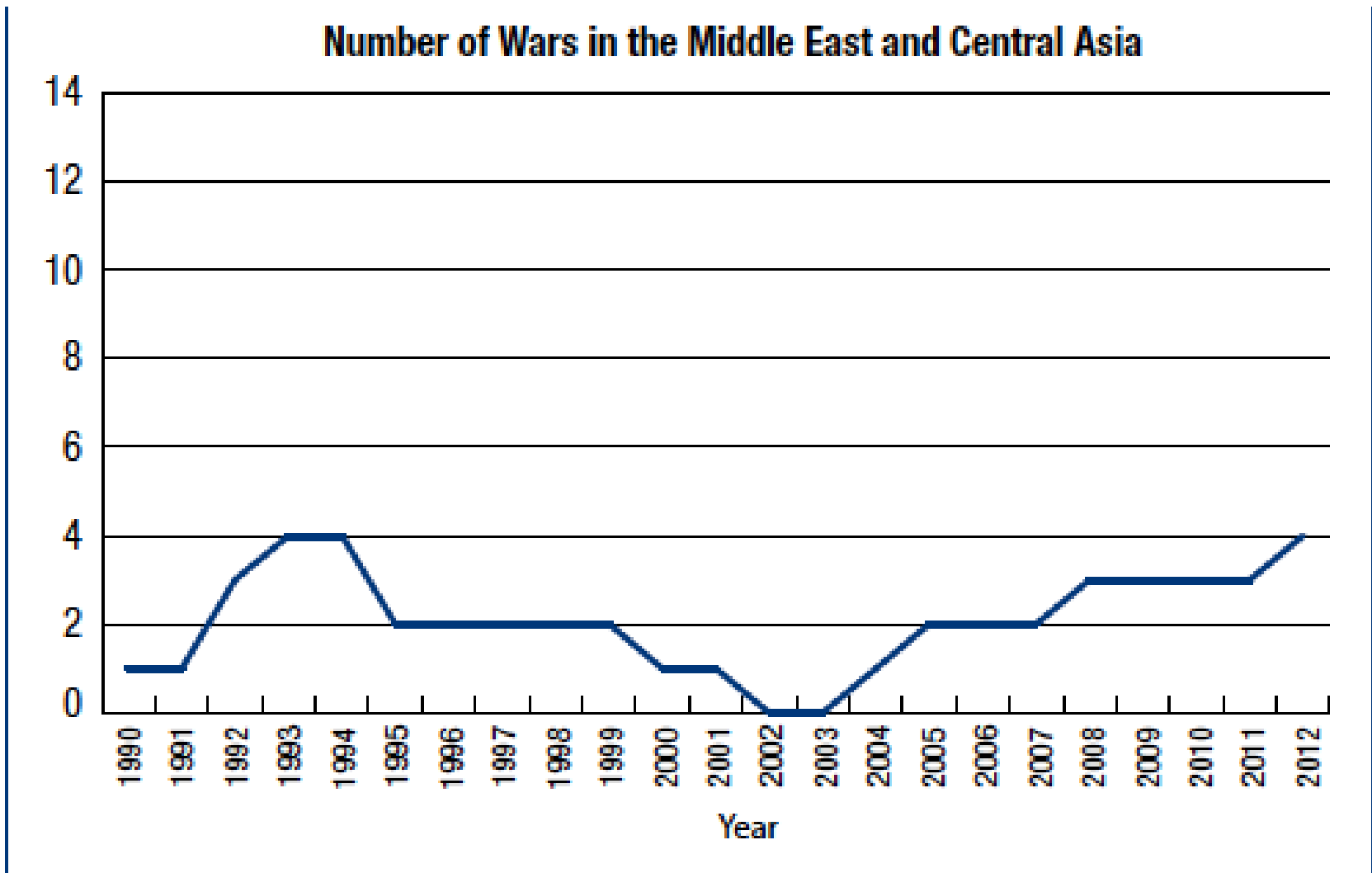
We have to think about India's emissions too....



The past twenty years have seen a steady decline in the number and severity of wars...

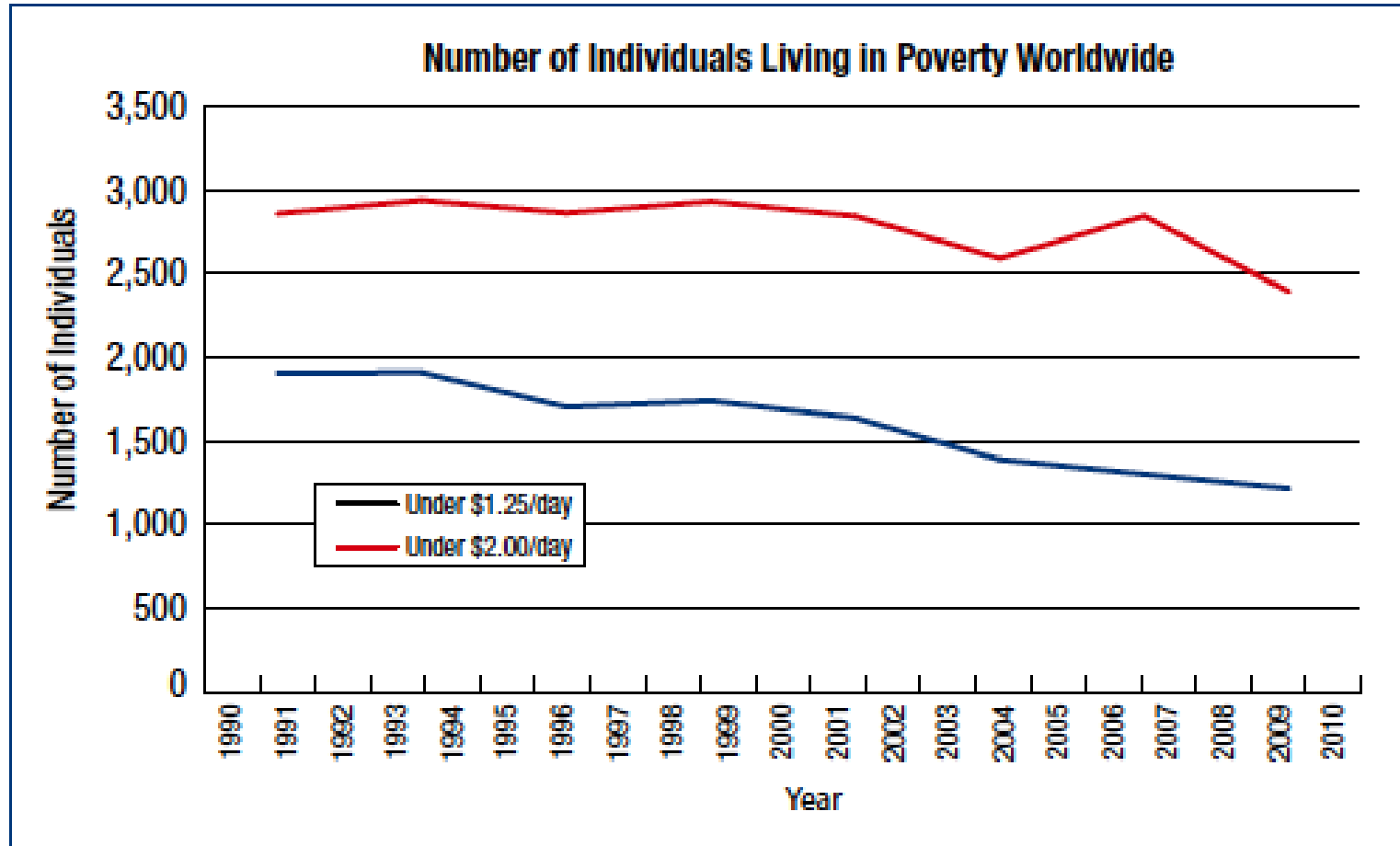


...but the Middle East is now bucking this trend.



Source: UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Datasets, Version 4.0

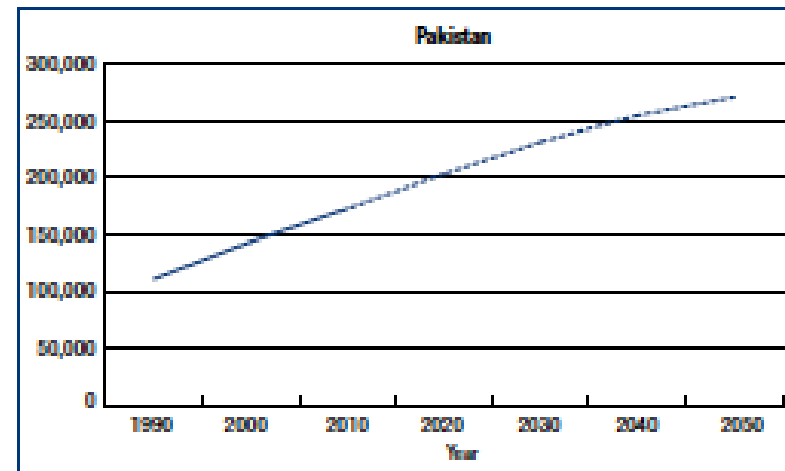
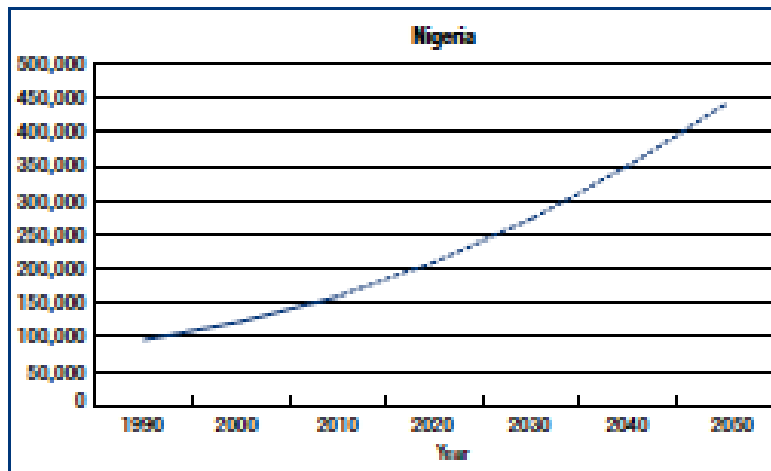
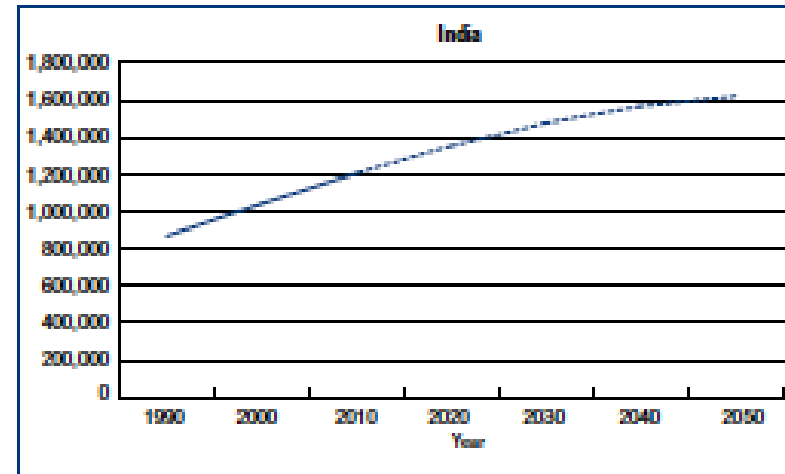
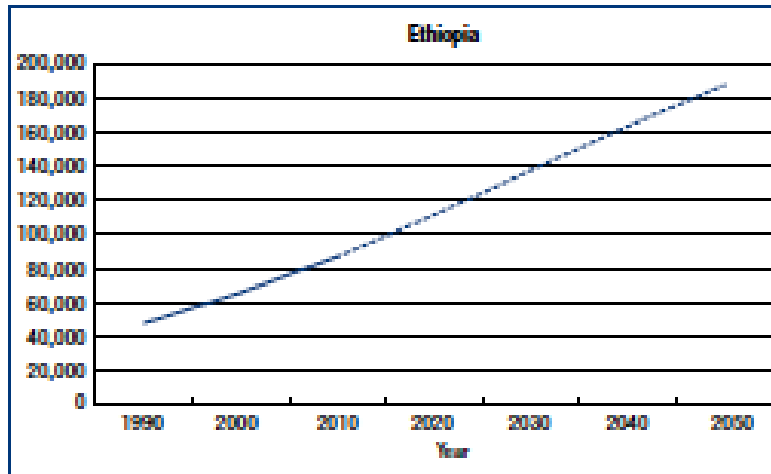
There's been tremendous progress on poverty reduction (largely within the BRICs) and improved human development (globally)...



Source: World Bank's PovcalNet

...But sustained progress could be eroded by rapid population growth.

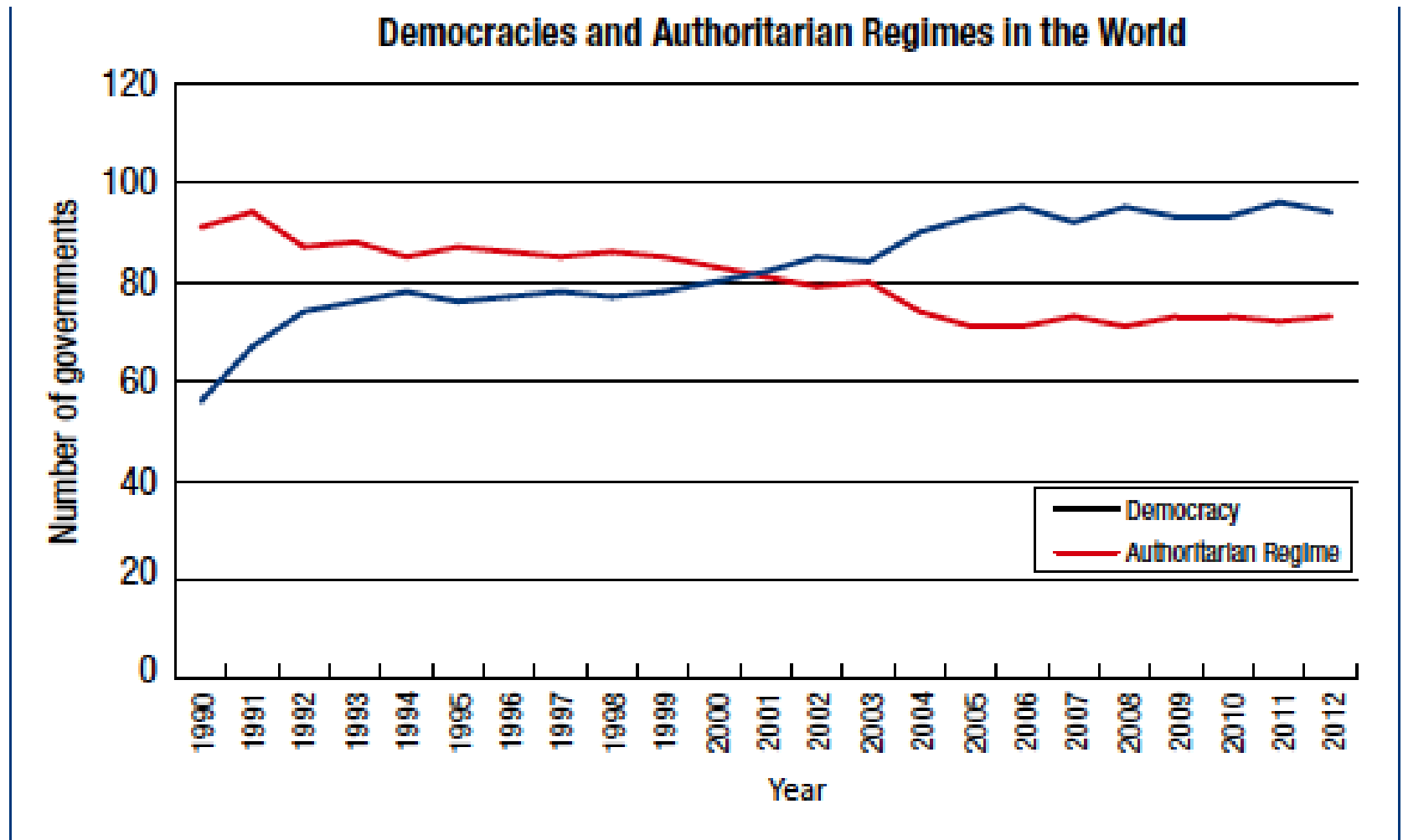
Developing Countries' Projected Population Increases (in thousands)



Source: Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, *World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision*, <http://esa.un.org/wpp/Suppl/index.htm>

Forecasts shown are derived from the medium variant

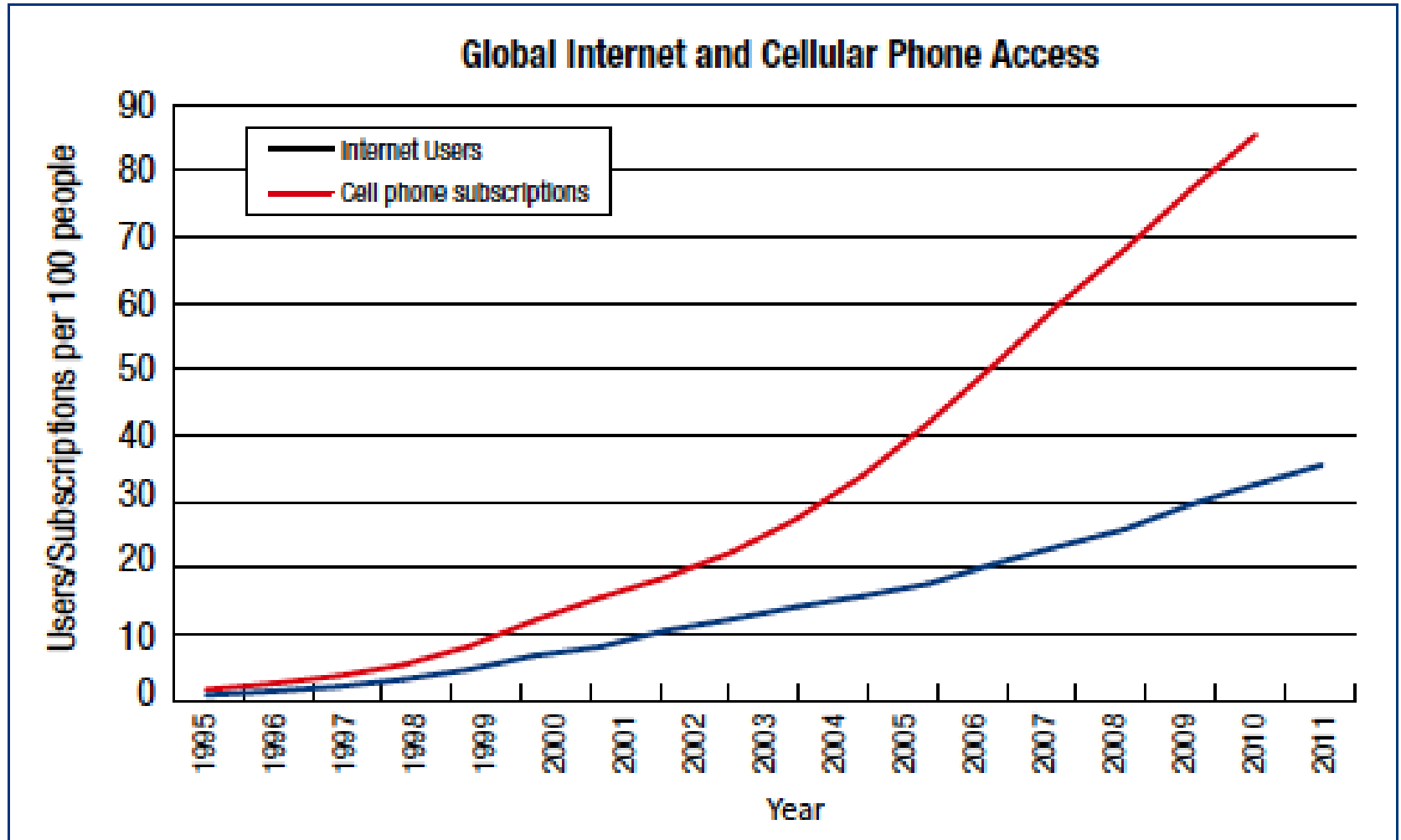
The rate of progress in democratic development has slowed...



Source: PolityIV

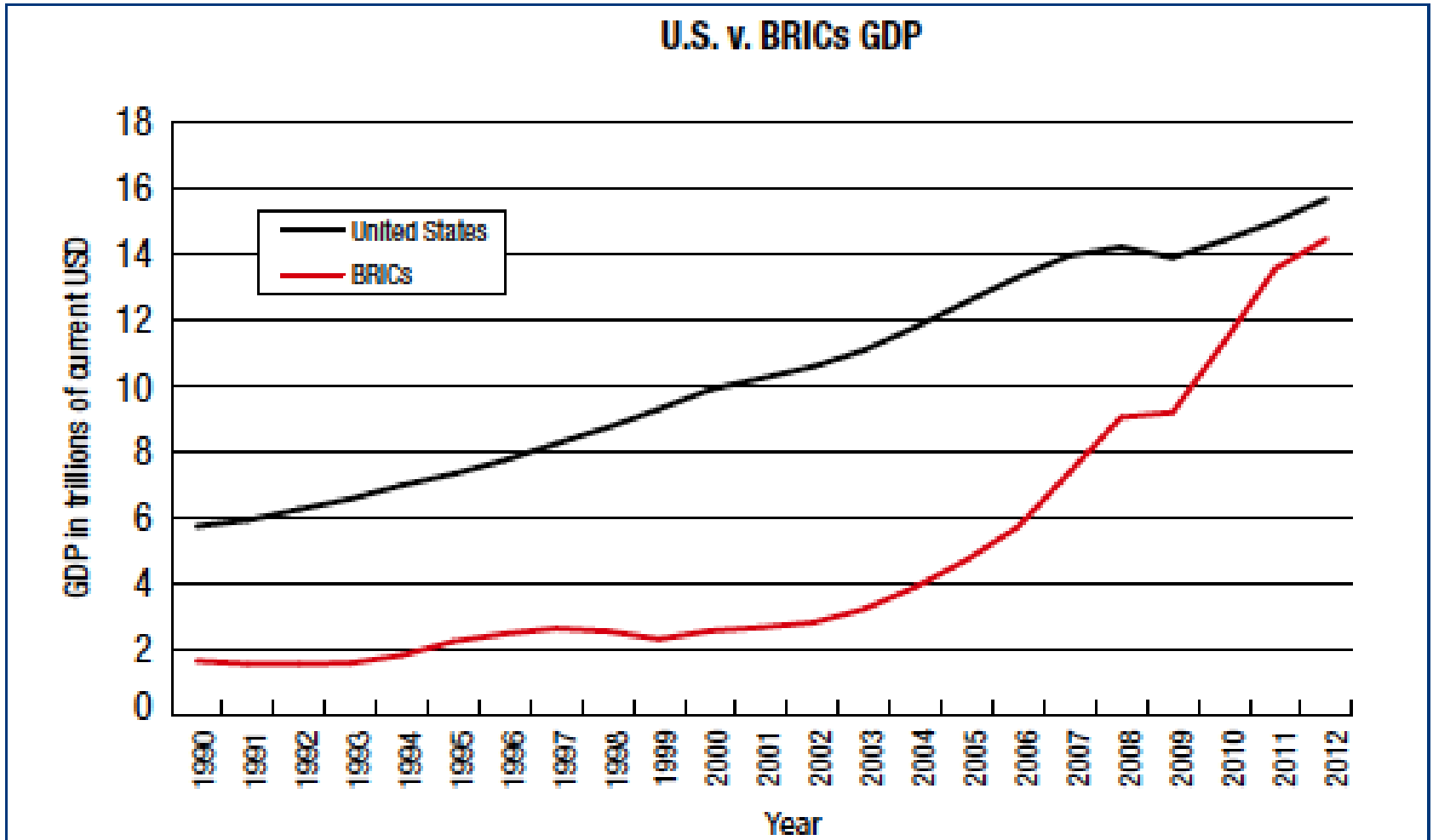
Polity scores of 6-10 were labelled "democracy" and those below 6 were labelled "authoritarian regime"

Massive spread of citizen access to information portends new changes—whether liberating or complicating remains to be seen.

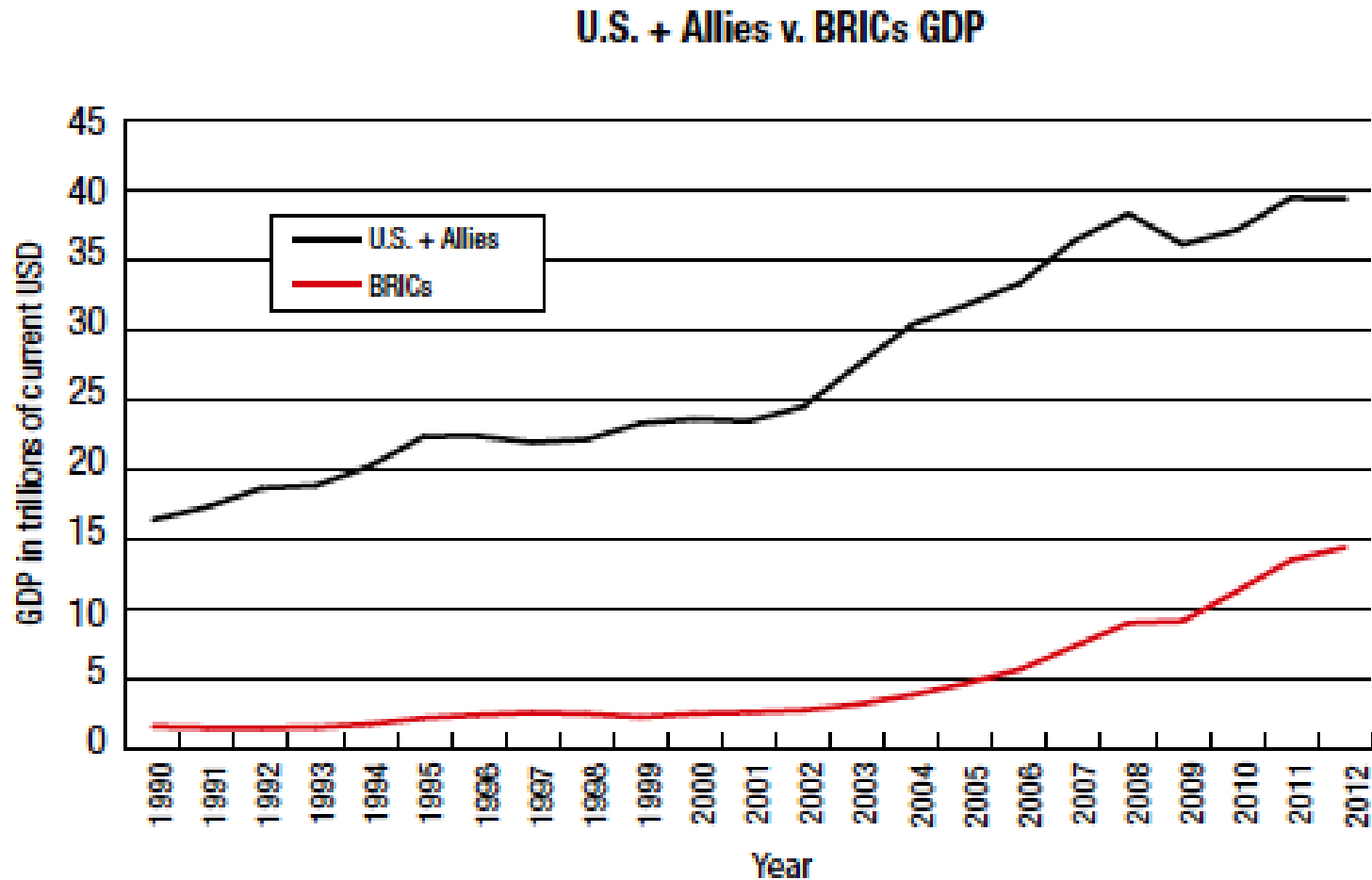


Source: World Bank's World Development Indicators

Rapid growth among the BRICs makes them a major fact of the international economy...



...but taken together,
the U.S. and its allies are still far larger.

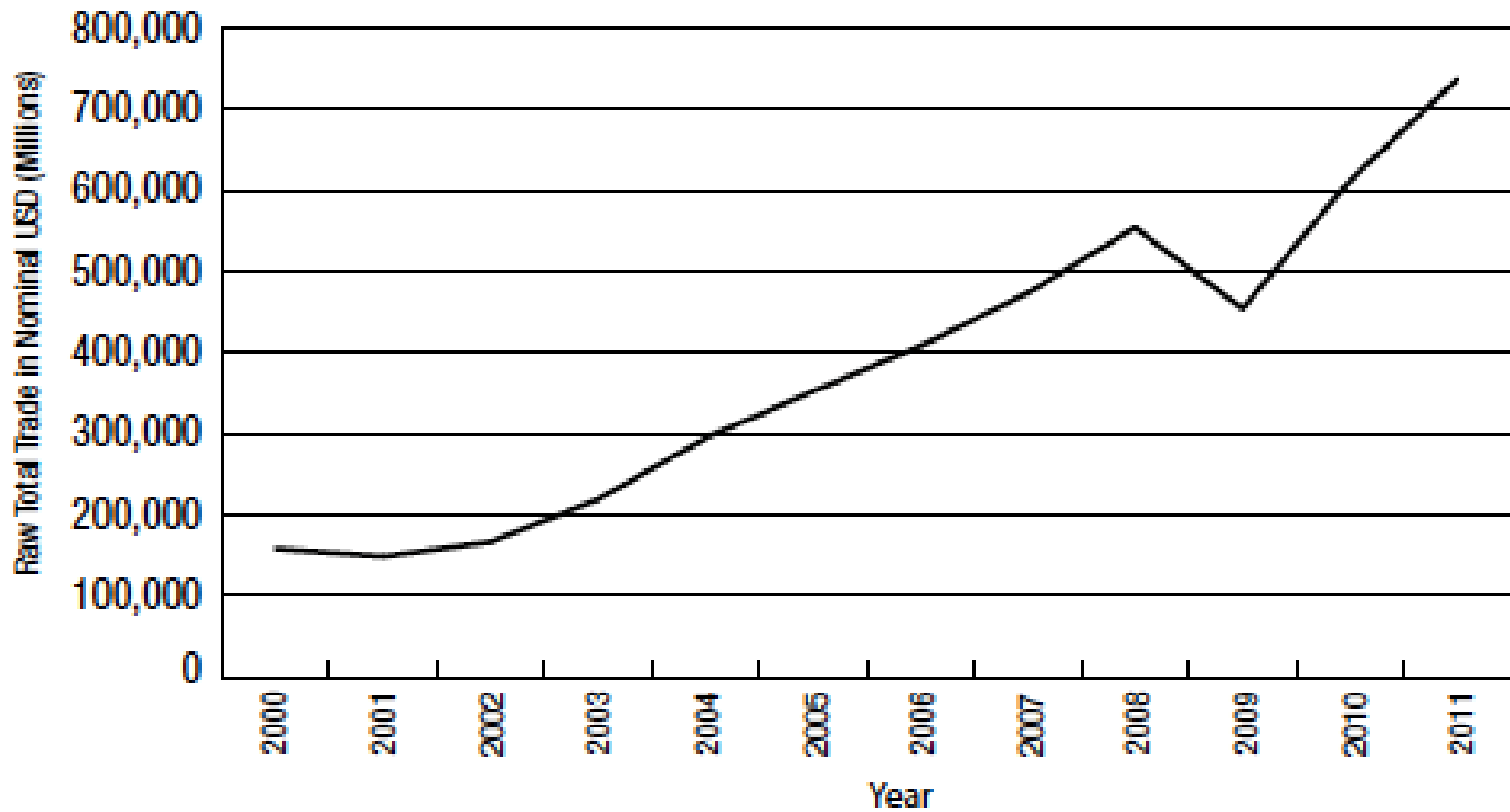


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Allies included in calculations are EU member states, Japan, and South Korea

Changing trade patterns show increasing trade integration in Asia...

Intra-Asia Trade



...but that is not forestalling the rise of military spending and new tensions.

