

Conclusion

The decade and a half preceding 2030 was a time of radical technological and societal advancement and change. The United States, and much of the world, went from having more than half of its energy derived from nonrenewable sources to having a completely renewable energy source by 2030. We landed a man on Mars and have started the process of colonization, expanding the horizon of human advancement. We have suffered from the ignorant mistakes of our ancestors, but see them more as invigorating challenges than as impossible obstacles. With these new systems came a change in attitude towards our environment and our place within it. This changed attitude is neither grim nor wary about the future. Instead, a positive and closer-knit relationship between mankind and nature developed. Even with a small percentage of the population leaving the planet in search for securing mankind's future among the stars, there developed a drive for coalescence between us and our home planet. Unlike 2016, we look forward to our secured future on planet Earth and abroad, regardless of the obstacles it keeps throwing at us.

In 2030, nature is revealed to us through a more holistic lens. We recognize that nature includes us, and is a complicated, dynamic system. We have learned from our mistakes of neglecting nature as a sensitive entity. With the increased focus on eco-sustainability in our education system, we are ensuring that this attitude is prevalent for generations to come. This education teaches our future to be tenders and gardeners to nature, and not force our will upon it in an effort to control it. Of course some methods of controlling nature are acceptable in our new future (ex. renewable energy usage), but controlling nature that results in harming it is discouraged. Most of the technologies that we have developed in recent years abide by this philosophy, and further mediate a healthy, productive relationship with nature. For instance, in an effort to decrease our non-renewable energy sources, we developed wave power as a low-impact, high-yield energy source. We developed technologies that help minimize environmental impact of existing systems, such as the case of the meat industry. Lastly, we developed "fail safe" technology that promises a future for the human race among the stars in case life on Earth is threatened yet again. All of these technologies are invented by the new generation and embrace the ideals we hold true in an effort of ensuring a 2060, 2100, or even a 4000+.

Our lives in 2030 are by no means perfect, but society never is. We are always working towards a more sustainable world, and making the world a place that we are worthy to exist in. When nature throws us a curveball, we adapt and survive. We have only learned recently that when we throw nature a curveball, she has the power to fight back. This is an important lesson for humanity, and one that needed to be learned. We as a species must teach the future generations to avoid our same mistakes, otherwise next time the nature's pitch might just be three strikes and we're out.

Below you can find a diagram of the relevant components related to the restructuring of society in response to sea level rise. Each section of the diagram has more inherent detail, but those are explained in more depth in our digest write-ups.

