

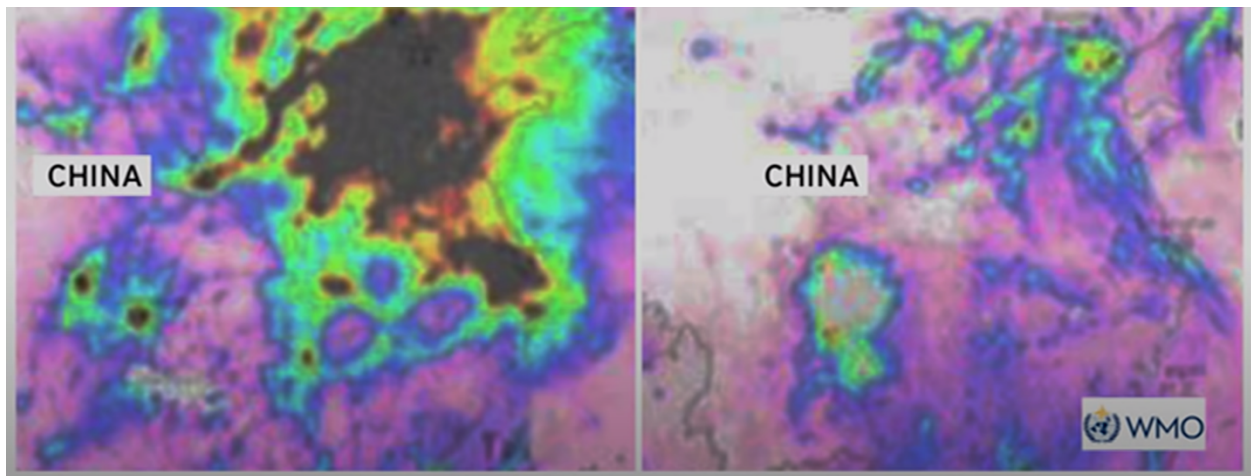
Small Victory? Corona vs. Carbon, and Manufactured Goods.

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Video News Title: Coronavirus leads to decrease in CO2 emissions: Can it last?

Since this January, many thing—almost everything—in our life and the way civilization lives, have changed. There is a great fear growing among the civilization that physical contact should be avoided.

Transportation—buses, trains, ships, and planes—have been either banned or significantly restricted domestically and internationally. Almost all places—school, restaurant, retails, companies, and factories—has been closed. And it is not a surprise to read or watch videos, where wild animals are hanging around a major city, or the Himalayas are clearly observed in cities.



Clearly, thanks to the Corona, the carbon emission has declined **significantly**. And yet, there are inconveniences in our life in unexpected area, which is consumption of manufactured goods.

Since 19th century, manufacturing has been the root of human life, specifically in terms of “consumption”. Almost all items we use daily are manufactured in factories. Because of that, many scholars has warned about “carbon footprint” of the manufactured goods; however, as most of them are not obviously related to carbon emissions, it was just one of campaigns in these days – until earlier this year.

Let’s be simple. Looking at the screenshot of the news, carbon emission is China has significantly dropped; this is due to two major factors: closure of factories and decreased transportation. And we can assume it is pretty much the same in other countries. Yet, the two major factors are the core of manufacturing goods these days and we are now realizing how the goods have massive carbon footprint.

It is still a posing question, and the Covid-19 has brought the question on the live table. It is true that there is no winning side; in order to maintain the civilization, we need to consume carbons; yet at the same time, we just realized how dangerous to do that. As Covid has brought the “new normal” to human life, why don’t we accept that “new normal”?