



PERCEPTIONS ABOUT the climate change in Greece

POPULAR OPINION, NARRATIVES AND
APPROACHES



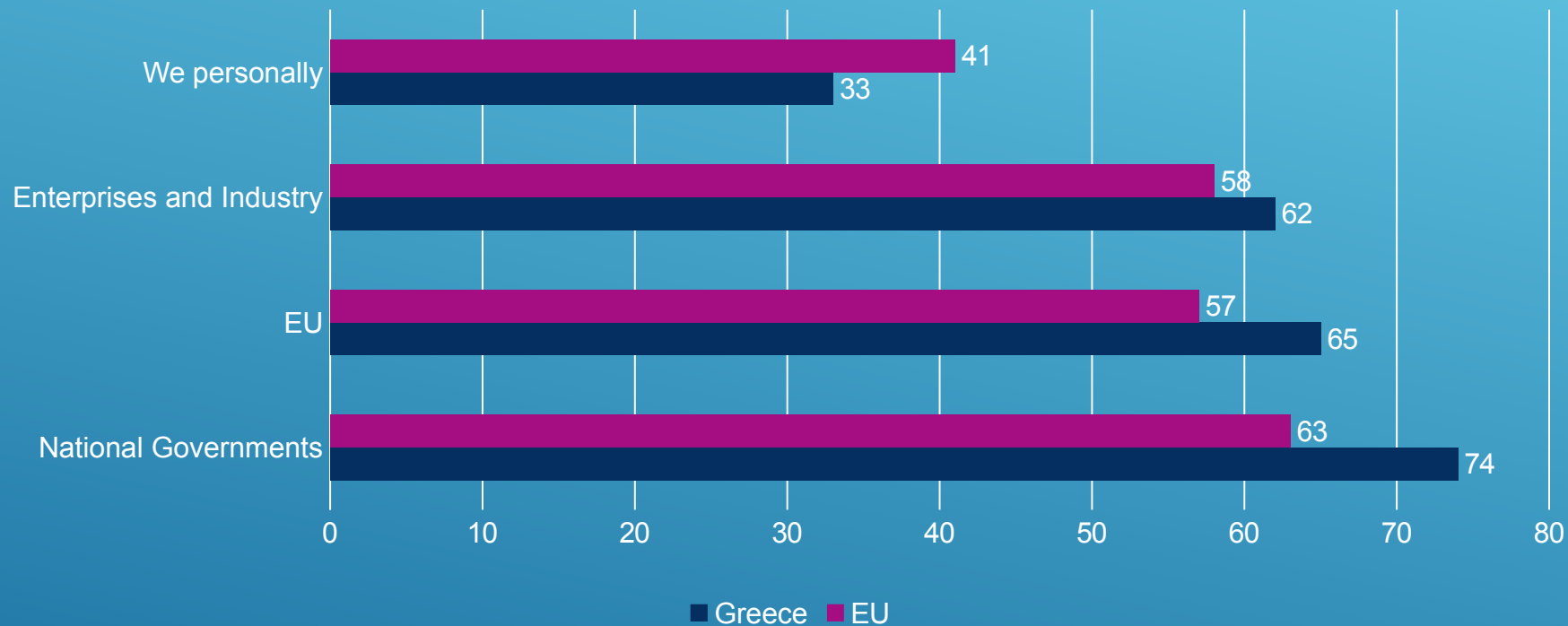
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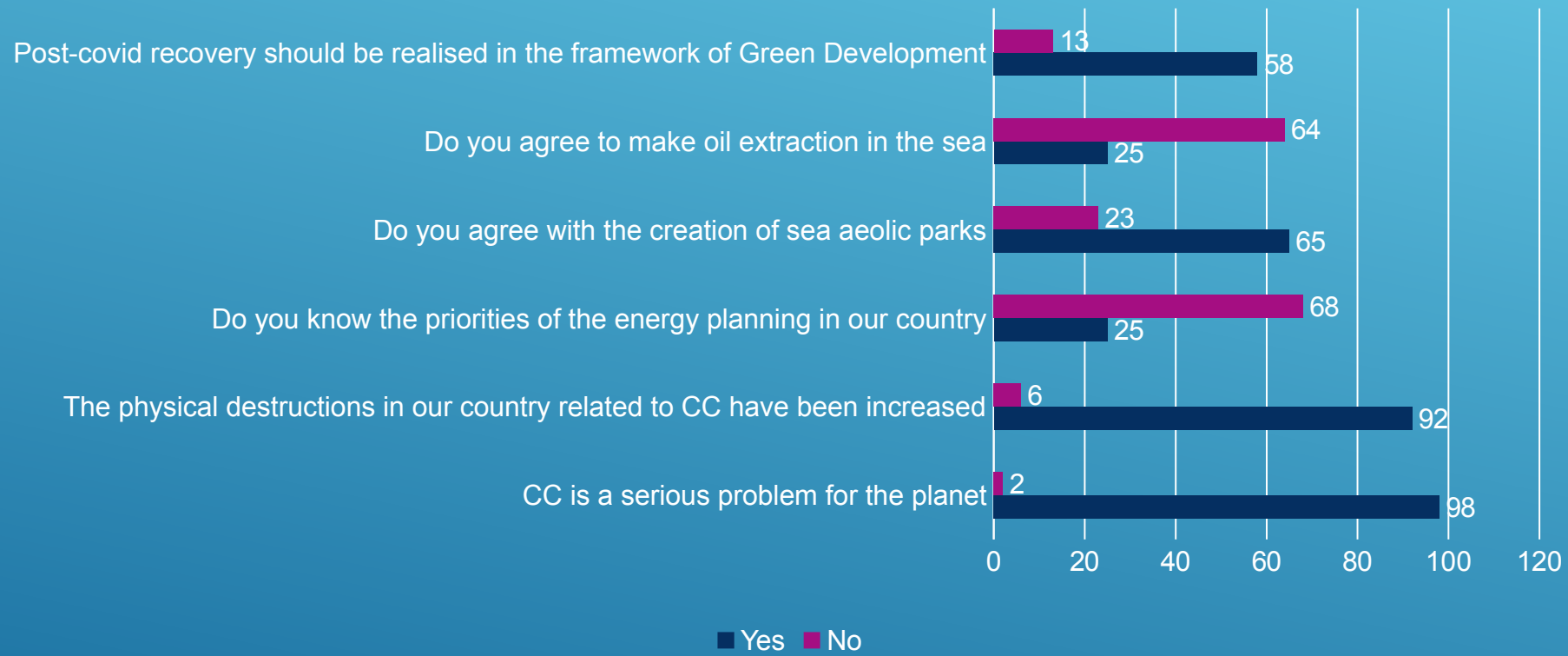
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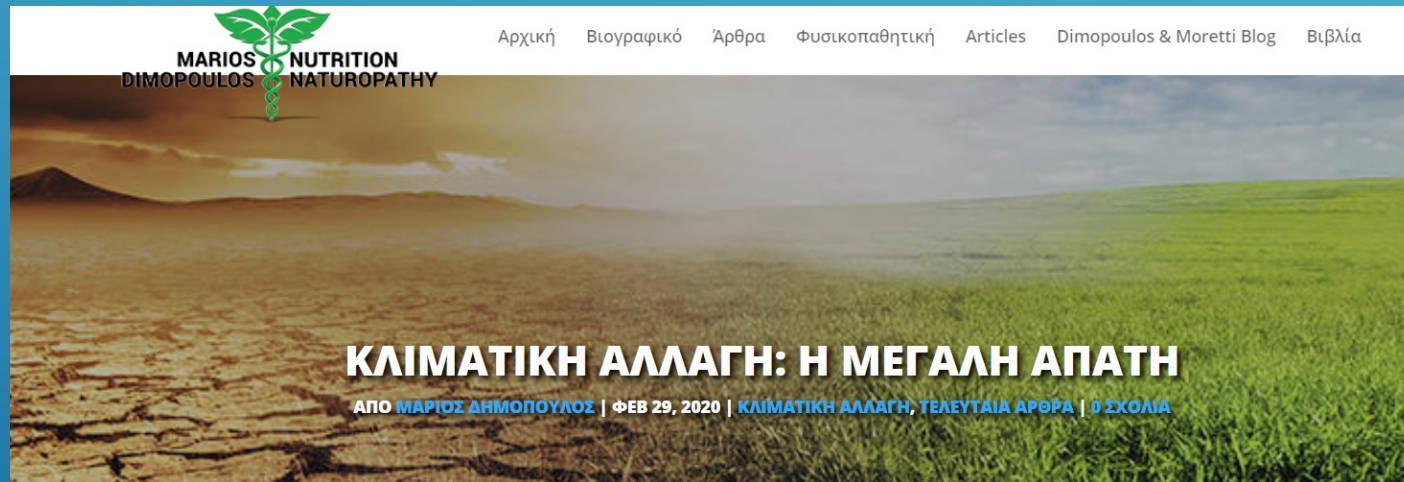
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WHO IS TO BLAME FOR CLIMATE CHANGE (EUROBAROMETER- march/ april 2021)



OPINION POLL/ JUNE 2021



CLIMATE CHANGE DENIAL IN GREECE

- ▶ Climate Change Denial is very small in Greece
- ▶ However, there are people that claim that Climate Change is a Hoax
- ▶ These people are mainly coming from far-right parties or marginalised websites/ online communities

CLIMATE CHANGE DENIAL IN GREECE



- ▶ Admiration for Donald Trump
- ▶ Nationalistic and anti-globalist approach
- ▶ Anti-left approach
- ▶ Behind the Climate Change narratives there are business interests
- ▶ They are based on (pseudo) scientific analyses of foreign Climate Change denials
- ▶ References in foreign articles and “specialists”
- ▶ They usually do not deny the climate change but the human cause of the climate change

COMMON ELEMENTS IN DENIAL APPROACHES

A night scene of a city on fire. The sky is filled with bright orange and yellow flames and smoke. In the foreground, several palm trees are silhouetted against the dark background. The overall atmosphere is one of destruction and tragedy.

Major tragedies related with
climate change



15TH November 2017

26 people died



μύρες Μάνδρα Αττικής 15/11/2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPsXI91j0ok>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjlcObv8ets>



7:15 / 8:13









- ▶ Aeolic parts alter the physical beauty of the nature
- ▶ Aeolic parts create problems to the ecosystem and reduce biodiversity (they create changes to the food chain, alter the itineraries of the birds, alter the itineraries of other animals)
- ▶ They are made for the benefit of large enterprises (Greek and foreign especially German) and there are not visual benefits for the local communities
- ▶ Lack of public consultation with local communities

REASONS FOR THE OPPOSITION





- ▶ Only 16% of the waste is being recycled (EU average: 28%)
- ▶ Most common way: waste burial
- ▶ Greece: 22nd out of 27 EU countries
- ▶ Illegal networks of collecting and selling recyclable material (scrap)
- ▶ Lack of Necessary Infrastructure/ Lack of Planning and Monitoring

LOW PERCENTAGE OF RECYCLING





- ▶ Entire regions in Greece depend on the production of electrical power using lignite
- ▶ Stable employment and free energy for the people of the region BUT, very high number of cancer cases
- ▶ The de-lignification process is not gradual and without any viable plan for the region

GREEN ENERGY VS UNEMPLOYMENT






Gold Mining Company from Canada
Has a mining in the area of Skouries/
Chalkidiki and is accused to have
managed the local environment

Employees local people as workers in the
mining

“Civil War” between local people protesting
the presence of the company and local
people working for the company

A photograph of a banner hanging in a lush green forest. The banner is white with text written in black and red. The text is in Greek and reads: "ΧΡΥΣΑΦΙ ΕΙΝ' Ο ΤΟΠΙΟΣ ΜΟΙΣ, ΧΡΥΣΑΦΙ ΤΟ ΝΕΡΟ' ΜΟΙΣ" on the top line and "ΧΡΥΣΑΦΙ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΤΟ ΒΟΥΝΟ ΚΑΙ Τ' ΟΜΟΡΦΟ ΧΩΡΙΟ ΜΑΣ" on the bottom line. The background shows dense green foliage and tree trunks.

ΧΡΥΣΑΦΙ ΕΙΝ' Ο ΤΟΠΙΟΣ ΜΟΙΣ, ΧΡΥΣΑΦΙ ΤΟ ΝΕΡΟ' ΜΟΙΣ
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ΠΡΟΣΕΤΟΝ
ΤΗΝΑΝΗΤΗ ΤΟΝ
ΠΑΙΔΙΟΝ ΣΟΥ

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Student Movement and Mobilization for the Climate Change was strong in 2019, following the example of their European peers

This mobilisation was interrupted by the pandemic



- ▶ Disadvantaged groups are affected disproportionately from Climate Change because they live in places with worse infrastructure
- ▶ Disadvantaged groups have less active stance and interest in relation with Climate Change

CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISADVANTAGED GROUPS



- ▶ Disadvantaged groups have more chances to suffer more from health problems related with climate change
- ▶ Disadvantaged groups have less means to recover from a Climate Change destruction
- ▶ Training in the Concept of Climatic Migration

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