

Global warming

**For the past few years,
a tide of optimistic thinking has
held that conditions for human beings
around the globe have been improving.
Wars are scarcer, poverty and hunger
are less severe, and there are
better prospects for wide-scale
literacy and education.**

**But there are newer signs that
human progress has begun to flag.**

**In the face of our environmental
deterioration, it's now reasonable to ask
whether the human game has begun to
falter—perhaps even to play itself out.**

**Bill McKibben,
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