

## Mutualism and cooperation

### The world by numbers

For a world reality check, I invite you to read the following text found on the Internet.

If we were to reduce the population of the world to 100 individuals while keeping current proportions, here's how the population would look:

- 61 Asians
- 12 Europeans
- 13 Africans
- 14 Americans
  
- 50 men and 50 women
- 26 Caucasians, 74 non-Caucasians
- 33 Christians, 67 non-Christians
- 6 individuals owning 59% of all wealth
- 80 individuals living in poverty
- 14 individuals not knowing how to read
- 33 individuals dying of hunger
- 7 individuals attending university
- 8 individuals having computers

If you have never seen a member of your family dying in war

If you have never been a slave

If you have never been tortured

You are luckier than 500 million individuals

If you keep your food in the refrigerator  
and your clothes in a closet

If you have a roof over your head

and a bed to sleep in

You are richer than 75% of the population

If you have a bank account, you are among the 8% of the richest people on the planet

If you can read this message, you are luckier than the billion people who cannot read at all.

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