

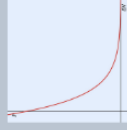
# THE SCOPE OF LONGTERMISM

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## SCOPE QUESTION

How many decision situations are correctly described by longtermism?

Aim of paper: Suggest three scope dimensions and offer 4 that shrink the scope of longtermism.



### 1. RAPID DIMINUTION

Rapid diminution occurs when the impact of an action diminishes more quickly than those impacts increase. This means that large impacts exert modest impact on ex ante value.

### 2. WASHING OUT

Washing out occurs when there is significant cancellation between positive and negative impacts that our actions could have on the long-term future.



### 3. OPTION UNWARENESSES

Option unawareness occurs when decisionmakers are unaware of potentially valuable longtermist options.

