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How We Can

Once we give up on false solutions, we can explore strategies and tactics to physically stop fossil fuels.

The environmental movement defaults to attrition to gradually wear down industrial forces of destruction. This is hopeless in an asymmetric conflict against a system with far greater numbers and resources.

We must instead think in terms of cascading failure: systems, flows, nodes, & bottlenecks; and where we can intervene for maximum impact.

Principles of strategy and tactics
- Intervene with an economy of effort
- Seize, retain, and exploit the initiative
- Apply strength to their weakness
- Surprise your opponent
- Strike multiple targets at once
- Keep actions of short duration, then withdraw
- Aim for unity of command or a shared plan

CARVER guide to target selection
Weigh Criticality, Accessibility, Recuperability, Vulnerability, side Effects, and Recognizability.

Strategy of Attrition
- Defensive reaction to one proposed project at a time.
- Goal: stop immediate harm through prolonged, static protest to make the project uneconomical.
- Many people needed, but can be unskilled. Risk of arrest high, but penalties relatively low.

Strategy of Cascading Failure
- Hit-and-run surprise attacks on carefully selected infrastructure already in operation.
- Goal: cause failure which cascades through the system, making operations physically impossible.
- Few people needed, but must be skilled. Chance of arrest very low, but penalties severe if caught.

Tactics and examples

Civil disobedience—Standing Rock; Extinction Rebellion. Usually limited to attrition, with partial exceptions such as the Valve Turners

Ecosabotage—Ruby Montya & Jessica Reznicek, highly efficient hit-and-run DAPL ecosaboteurs

Militancy—MEND & Niger Delta Avengers, cutting Nigeria’s oil extraction by 10-40%