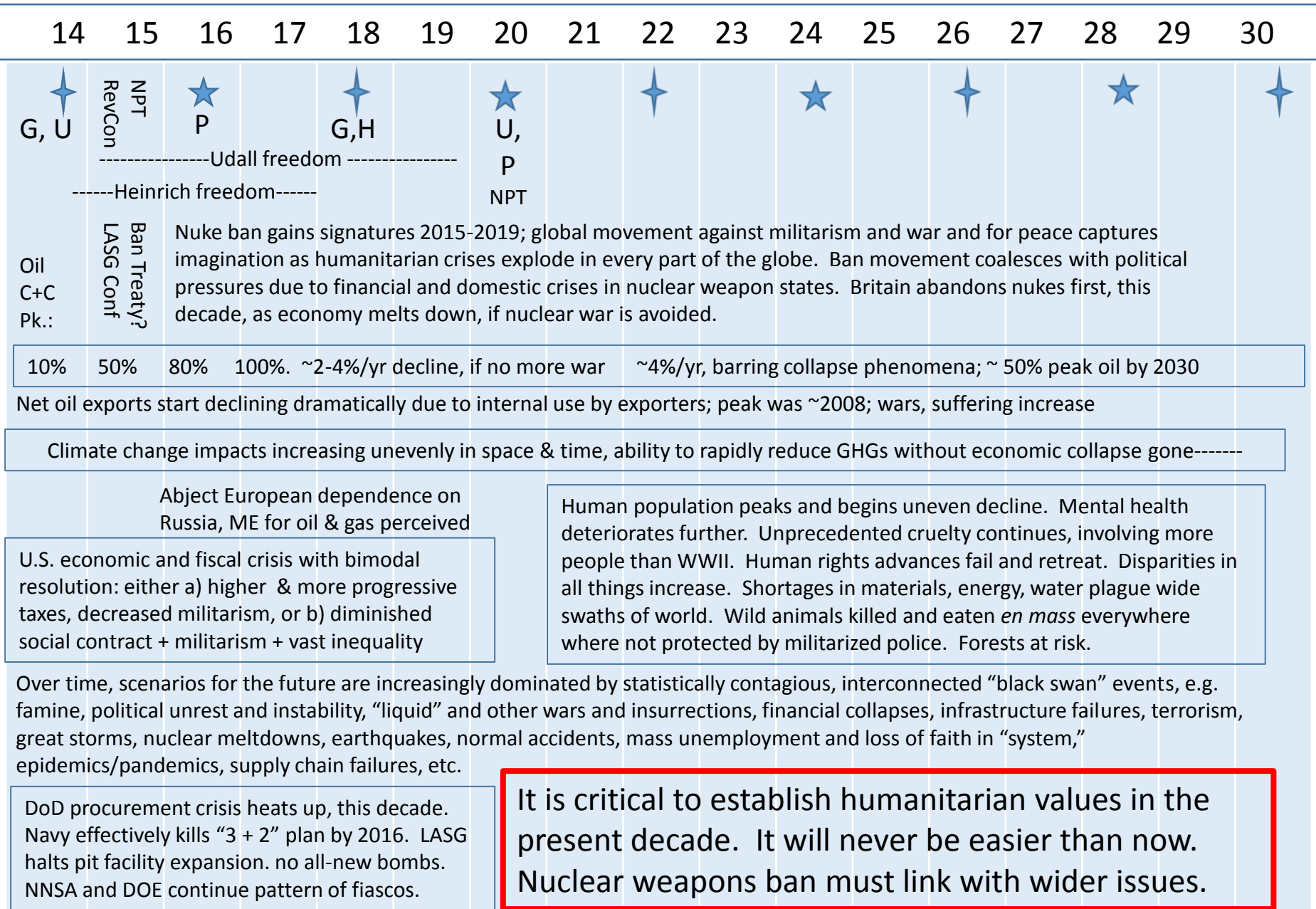


Now let's put some of the pieces together



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New Mexico Zero: Downward Drift: Continuing exodus of non-military non-government professionals; continuing population declines in most rural counties; gradual loss of natural amenities, habitats, species ensembles; fracking bubble bursts (this decade); falling human development indices; increasing inequality; declining skills; corruption; failure of entrepreneurial model of business development (“Innovate ABQ”) along with loss of some current economic anchors; some improvement in health coverage but quality of care poor; new slums and homeless encampments; political disenfranchisement and lassitude.

New Mexico One: Same as NM0 but also nuclear wasteplex and fracking petroplex; military and homeland security focus; essentially the ABQ “war zone” expands as does the Carlsbad WIPP culture; lab, military contractor, and uniformed military retirees and leave-holders more frequently hold political office. Reputation and identity of state shift to national security, which now includes oil and gas, toxic and radioactive waste, drugs, police wars, prisons, collapsing suburbs, homeless encampments.

New Mexico Two: Civil discontent, honest appraisal of situation with NM0 fuels progressive revolt, electoral sweep, fosters green “New Deal,” the groundwork for which had been laid previously. Public investment and private incentivization fuel locally-owned renaissance in sustainability. Distributed generation and microgrids become popular as banks remove barriers and incentives are put in place. PNM’s role whittled down. Local ownership, increased political enfranchisement, trust, changed mentality, skills -- pride. Protection of habitats, livelihoods as stewards, producers. Cultural renewal-in-depth as consumerism falters. Arts flourish.

It is critical to articulate green, human development values immediately. New Mexico risks a downward spiral from which it might never recover. Mere reform is inadequate.