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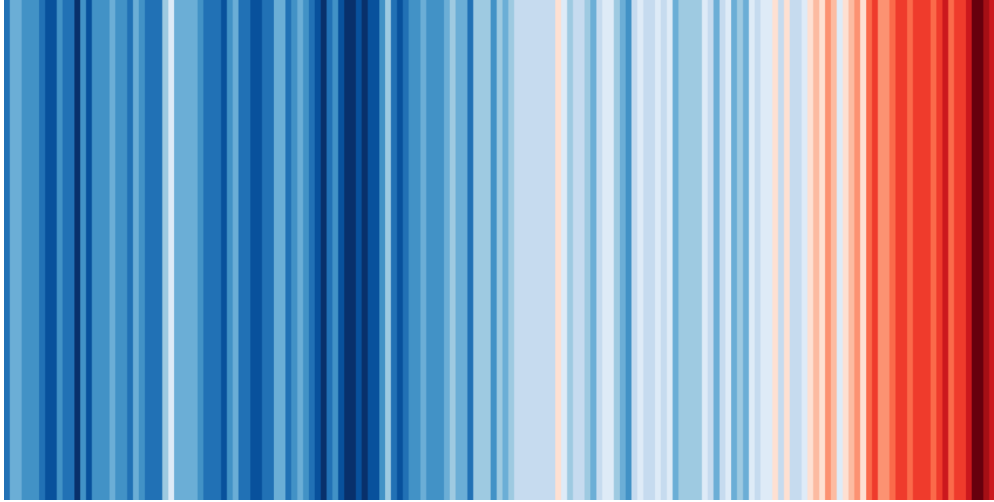


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This image shows the warming stripes for the whole globe from 1850 – 2019. These 'warming stripes' graphics are visual representations of the change in temperature as measured in each country over the past 100+ years. Each stripe represents the temperature in that country averaged over a year.

Go to <https://showyourstripes.info> < <https://showyourstripes.info> > and select climate stripes for a region of your choice.

- Which region did you choose?
- How has the temperature of your region changed over the period?
- Roughly what proportion of the graph is mainly blue, and what proportion is mainly red? You could use a ruler to measure the graph to help you estimate this:
 - Width of mainly blue area (w_1) =
 - Width of mainly red area (w_2) =
 - Total width (w_1+w_2) =
 - Proportion of blue (w_1 / total) =
 - Proportion of red (w_2 / total) = .
- How does that compare to the graph for the whole world, shown above?
 - Width of mainly blue area (w_1) =
 - Width of mainly red area (w_2) =
 - Total width (w_1+w_2) =
 - Proportion of blue (w_1 / total) =
 - Proportion of red (w_2 / total) = .
- Looking at the stripes for your region, when does it look like the temperatures were changing fastest?
- Looking at the stripes for the whole world, when does it look like the temperatures were changing fastest?

Extension Question: How do the climate stripes demonstrate the difference between weather and climate?