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Perhaps the greatest myth of the 20<sup>th</sup> century is that the war of ideology was won by the free market economies over the state-owned. Of course, this is not to suggest that Communism in its various forms did not collapse through contradiction and contortion of its own concrete doctrine, more that the free markets are just taking longer to implode and disintegrate.

Of course the irony of Globalisation is through its limited ideological drive, it has created a form of international fluidity, where countries no longer exist except some origin of geographical ownership for historical romantic company biographies. These global corporations have now become almost borderless, moving between state and ideology, moving on when fresh expansion can be achieved quicker and cheaper.

The illusion of eternal growth as a sustainable strategy is one that can only be perpetrated whilst the room for expansion still exists, with the average lifespan of the individual allowing the mythology to continue from each generation before major problems are encountered. The very notion of competition is that there has to be losers, and most competitive models suggest that the losers generally have to outnumber the winners to create gradients of success and failure not aligned to personal vision – inevitably many winners do not know when to stop, thus attaining the prize of the loser.

The only other organism that follows such a free market model is bacteria, consuming its host and making its own continued growth unsustainable, resulting in inevitable extinction.