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Tragedy of the Commons Vocabulary

What Shall We Maximize?

1. **exponential** (in the context of growth) – become more and more rapid; increase by an accelerated rate
2. **incommensurable** – having no common standard of measurement
3. **synergistic** – an interaction that produces a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects
4. **fecundity** – the ability to produce abundant healthy growth or offspring; fertility

Tragedy of Freedom in a Commons

5. **platitude** – a remark or statement, especially one with a moral content, that has been used too often to be interesting
6. **shibboleth** – custom, principle, or belief distinguishing a particular class or group of people, especially a long-standing one regarded as outmoded or no longer important

How to Legislate Temperance?

7. **temperance** – moderation or self-restraint

Freedom to Breed is Intolerable

8. **aggrandizement** – the act of enlarging or expanding something's power or status; increase in size
9. **improvident** – not having or showing foresight; thoughtless; neglecting to provide for future needs

Conscience is Self-Eliminating

10. **exosomatic** – external to the body; influenced by external, experiential, or environmental means, not by genetics

Mutual Coercion Mutually Agreed Upon

11. **coercion** –persuading someone to do something by using force or threats