

CAN BLOCKCHAIN EVER BE GREEN? UNPACKING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PARADOX

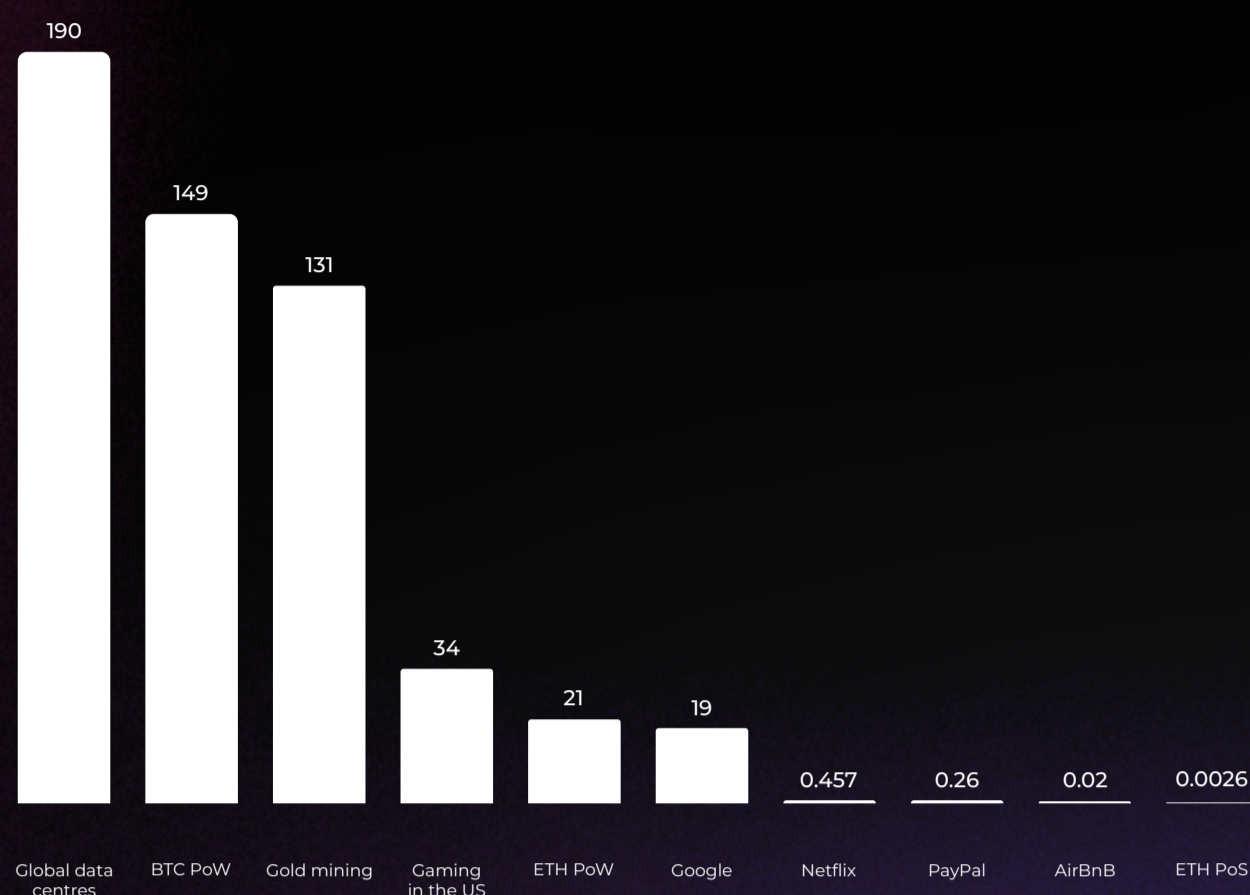
Blockchain technology continues to revolutionise industry but its environmental impact raises concerns. However, at the same time, blockchain offers innovative solutions that address sustainability & social good by promoting transparency, efficiency & decentralised collaboration.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF BLOCKCHAIN

- **Energy Use:** Bitcoin uses about 110 terawatt-hours of electricity annually, comparable to some small countries like the Netherlands.
- **Greener Models:** Shifting to energy-efficient systems like Proof-of-Stake can cut energy consumption significantly.

Comparisons -

- **Proof-of-Work (PoW):** High energy consumption due to mining.
- **Proof-of-Stake (PoS):** Energy-efficient, reducing environmental impact significantly.



ENVIRONMENTAL USE CASES FOR BLOCKCHAIN

- Blockchain technology can facilitate the tokenisation & trading of **carbon credits** to make carbon offsetting more accessible & transparent.
- Blockchain enables **peer-to-peer solar energy trading**, letting households share surplus energy & boost clean energy adoption.
- Blockchain technology enhances **supply chain transparency**, enabling businesses to track & verify sustainable practices & reduce waste.
- Digital tools track & fund forest preservation, while blockchain incentivises & monitors **regenerative agriculture** practices.



WEB3 FOR SOCIAL GOOD

- DAOs empower community-led green projects & offer eco-conscious investment options.
- Blockchain's DeFi revolution brings financial inclusion to 1.4 billion unbanked individuals.
- Tokenising natural resources empowers local communities, fosters sustainability, and rewards eco-conscious actions.

TECHNICAL SELLING POINTS FOR BUILDERS

- Secure, decentralised mechanisms verify transactions & data, removing the need for intermediaries & enhancing trust.
- Immutable ledgers provide real-time visibility, ensuring accountability & building stakeholder confidence.
- PoS & other low-energy consensus mechanisms help developers create applications significantly reducing carbon footprint.

CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS

- Energy consumption and scalability Issues
- Scepticism about green-washing without measurable impact.
- Regulatory and adoption barriers, especially in emerging markets.

MOVING FORWARD – THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE BLOCKCHAIN

- Technologies like Layer 2 solutions & ZK-rollups are scaling blockchain networks while drastically reducing energy usage.
- Projects like Celo have partnered with NGOs such as Mercy Corps to explore blockchain applications for environmental & social good.
- Increasing awareness of blockchain's potential for sustainability is critical to driving adoption.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

- Build blockchain solutions with sustainability at the core, leveraging energy-efficient models like PoS.
- Partner with green blockchain projects to align with ESG goals & build consumer trust.
- Support eco-friendly blockchain initiatives & advocate for the widespread adoption of sustainable Web3 practices.

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