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Hyper-Polluting Transport of the Super-Rich

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Subject Preference: GS Paper III (Environment – Climate Change, Carbon Inequality)

- **The Basics:** This refers to the extreme carbon intensity of private jets, super-yachts, and space tourism.
- **The Data (Oxfam 2024-25 Study):** * A single billionaire's private jet trip can equal an average person's annual emissions.
- The carbon footprint of the richest 1% is projected to be **30 times** higher than the limit required to keep global warming below 1.5°C
- **Why it matters for UPSC:** * **Climate Justice:** It highlights "Carbon Inequality," where the global poor suffer the most from climate disasters caused by the luxury emissions of the super-wealthy.
- **Policy Debate:** Calls for a "**Luxury Carbon Tax**" or "Frequent Flyer Levies" to fund global climate adaptation.

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