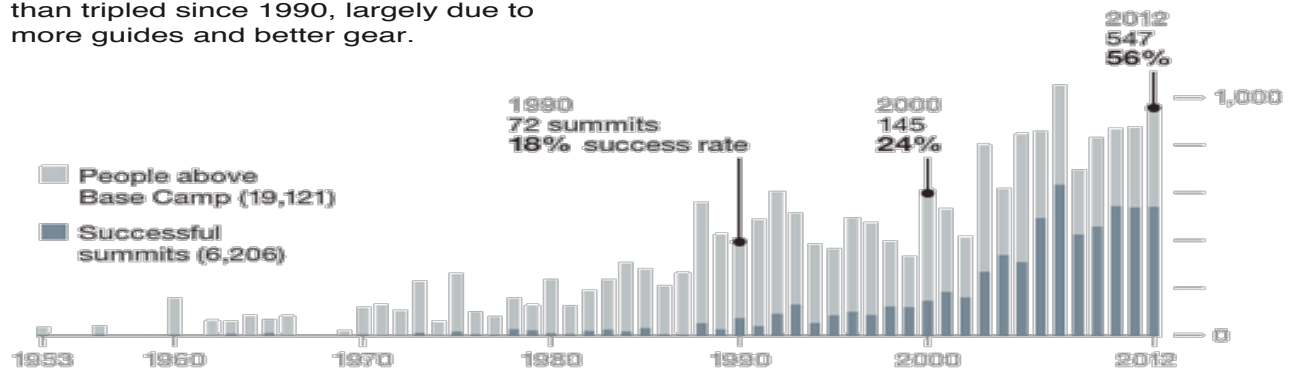




## Everest: Maxed Out?

### TAMING THE MOUNTAIN

The success rate of climbers has more than tripled since 1990, largely due to more guides and better gear.



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# Six ways to repair Everest

**Fewer permits** To limit the total number of climbers and Sherpas on the mountain

**Smaller teams** To reduce dangerous traffic jams on the standard Southeast Ridge route

**Certify outfitters** To make sure that they meet acceptable standards of safety and mountain knowledge

**Require experience** To ensure that climbers and Sherpas are prepared for high-altitude challenges

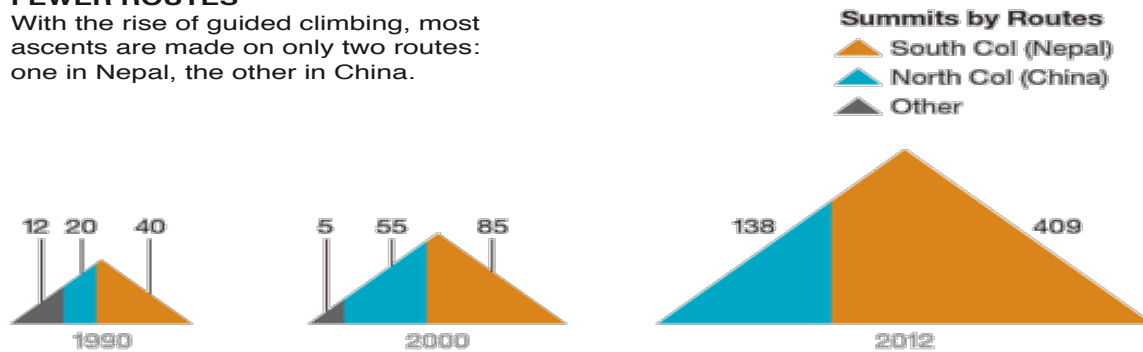
**Leave no trace** To remove human waste and garbage from the mountain, with penalties for noncompliance

**Remove bodies** To show respect not only for the dead but also for the living, who encounter corpses on main routes

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## FEWER ROUTES

With the rise of guided climbing, most ascents are made on only two routes: one in Nepal, the other in China.



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