

Essays on Climate Alarmism

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1. El Nino and climate alarmism

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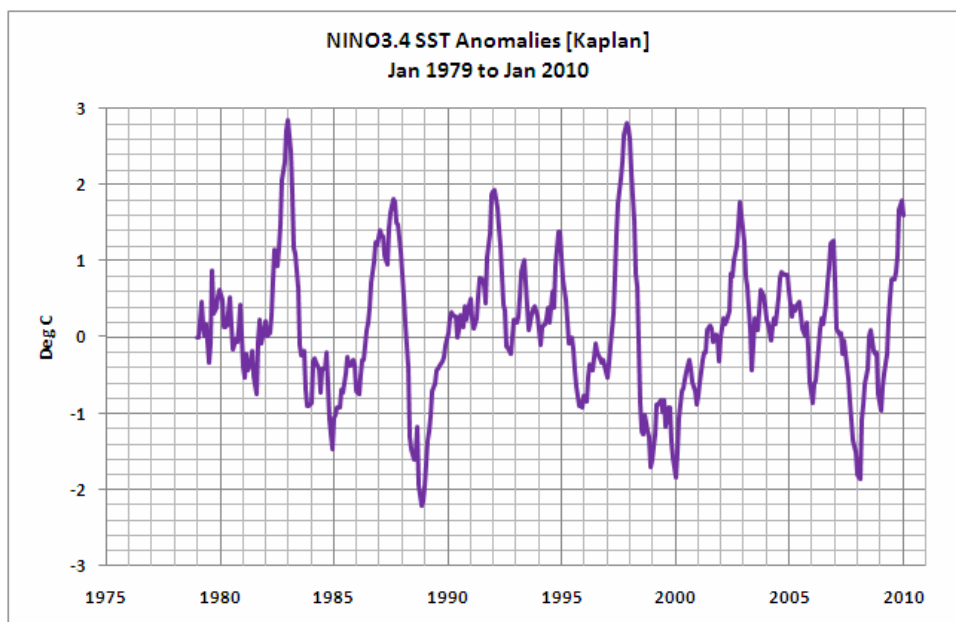
El Nino and La Nina or the warming and cooling respectively of the tropical Pacific Ocean, are cyclical events that occur every 3 to 5 years on average. They happened in the past, El Nino is occurring now, La Nina will appear next, and so on. But current El Nino is being pictured in a number of circles in the country, in media especially, as "clear proof" of man-made global warming and man-caused climate change. This is wrong.

El Nino are events where the ocean releases heat from the tropical Pacific, and through ocean currents and changes in atmospheric circulation, they raise surface temperatures outside of the tropical Pacific.

The current El Nino officially started in July 2009 (http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2009/20090709_elnino.html) and is projected to end by June this year. After which, La Nina cycle is set to start.

In a paper, "La Nina – the underappreciated portion of ENSO", Bob Tisdale showed this and many other charts. ENSO means El Nino Southern Oscillation.

Chart 1. Sea Surface Temperature (SST) and El Nino – La Nina cycles, 1979 to 2010



source: <http://bobtisdale.blogspot.com/2010/02/la-nina-underappreciated-portion-of.html>

El Nino are positive SST while La Nina are negative SST. Big El Nino events occurred in 1982-83 and 1997-98, where SST anomaly reached almost 2.8 C, whereas big La Nina events of 1988-89, 1999-2000, and 2008 to early 2009 were only up to - 2C.

The author of the article, Bob Tisdale, made this concluding comment:

”The La Nina event of 1973/74/75/76 provided the tropical Pacific Ocean Heat Content necessary for the increase in strength and frequency of El Nino events from 1976 to 1995. The 1995/96 La Nina furnished the Ocean Heat Content that served as fuel for the 1997/98 El Nino. And the 1998/99/00/01 La Nina recharged the tropical Pacific Ocean Heat Content after the 1997/98 El Nino, returning it to the new higher level established by the La Nina of 1995/96.. It would appear that La Nina events do all of the work, while El Nino events get all the glory—and the research.

The current El Nino is a mild one. But climate alarmism makes it appear so bad – in media, in government agriculture and weather agencies, and in other public discussions. Take note that the heavy rains brought by typhoons “Ondoy” last September and “Pepeng” last October happened in an El Nino period. So if such extreme flooding occurred in an El Nino period, it is scary to think when such extreme flooding will re-occur in a La Nina period.

There are plenty of natural factors that affect the planet’s climate, warming or cooling. Among these are the Sun and the strength or weakness of its geomagnetic field, the volume of galactic cosmic rays (GCRs) from exploding stars from the outer space that enter the Earth’s atmosphere, the oceans and Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO), volcanoes and earthquakes and their release of geological gases like volcanic aerosols, organic biosols from plants and trees, and so on.

It is wrong, therefore, to continue blaming human carbon emission and other GHGs as the “main cause” of global warming. Such emissions do contribute but at a very small amount compared to natural factors and contributors. Such climate alarmism is driven by a deep political agenda by certain groups and governments with the ultimate goal of more environmental regulations and instituting global ecological central planning.

Today it rained. Not strong, just light showers, but it rained, for at least one hour. Today is also the 3rd day straight of dark and cloudy sky above Metro Manila and surrounding provinces. There is a “cold front affecting Luzon” according to PAGASA website today. If this cold front will linger, then El Nino might end soon. And the rains that people have been praying for, like today’s rain, will become a regular.

Meanwhile, the Fourth International Conference on Climate Change (4th ICC, <http://www.heartland.org/events/2010Chicago/index.html>) is scheduled this coming May 16-18, 2010 in Chicago. The event is mainly sponsored by the Heartland Institute and co-sponsored by a number of independent think tanks around the world, including Minimal Government Thinkers. MG Thinkers is the only Philippine-based think tank that has co-sponsored this big scientific and economic conference over the past 2 years.

2. Politics and climate

15 May 2010

Politics is very divisive. Philippine elections are always a testament to that. The only good thing after elections are when they are finished and the results are generally credible and acceptable to most parties and voters.

So when politics enter into any sector, expect that sector to suffer confusion and division among the players and actors. Like climate research.

Ever since the United Nations (UN), through the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), dipped its political fingers into climate research and debates, things have become politicized. Note that the IPCC is a political and inter-governmental body, not a scientific body. And being a political body, the IPCC does not conduct any scientific research of its own, and it is headed by a non-scientist. Its chairman, Rajendra Pachauri, is an economist from India.

What the IPCC does is to use tons of UN money and other government money (like the US and EU governments) to fund climate research, with the implicit understanding that the result of such climate researches would point to (a) warming of the planet, and that (b) human emission of CO₂ is the main cause of it. Once these two results are shown, then the UN and the various governments have convenient reason (or excuse) to propose and rush more environmental regulation and taxation, to conduct lots of big global climate meetings.

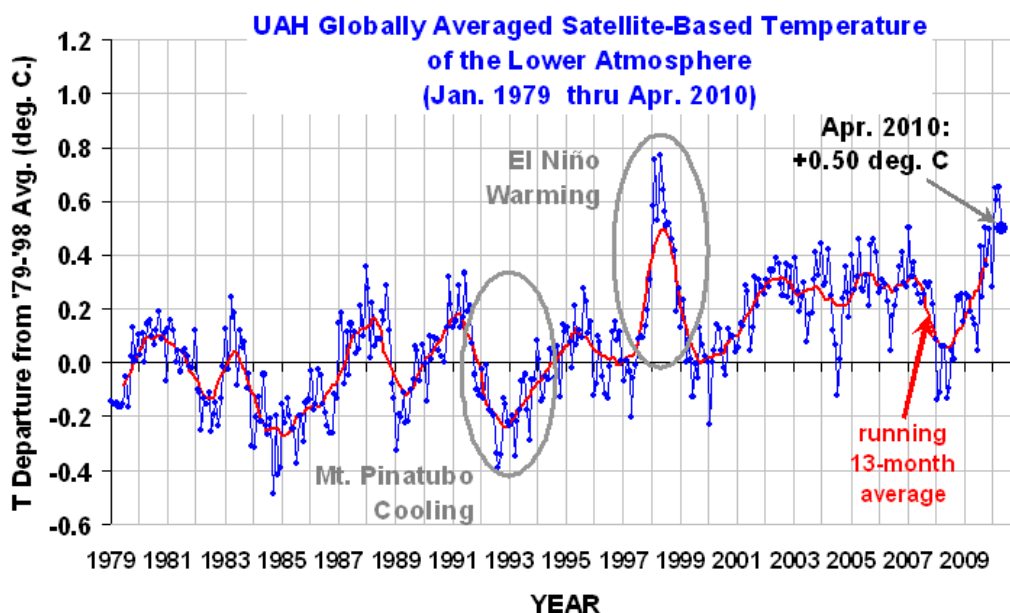
The last IPCC report, the 4th Assessment Report (AR4) was released in November 2007 and it asserted its dire predictions: continued warming of the planet, up to more than 4 C, even a “worst case” scenario of 6.4 C warming, by the end of this century or just 90 years from now. And continued melting of polar ice, resulting in the rise in ocean level around the world.

Almost 3 years from that scary UN report that was broadcasted around the world, has the planet become warmer? And are polar ice melting big that they hardly recover the lost ice?

Below are two charts that will help answer the above two questions. The first will show the global temperature of the lower troposphere, about 8 kilometers high from the earth's surface, satellite data as interpreted by the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), as of April 2010.

The chart shows a 0.5 C warming in April 2010 compared to the average temperature in 1979 to 1998. Credit goes mainly to the on-going El Nino event which started in July 2009 and is expected to end by next month or the next.

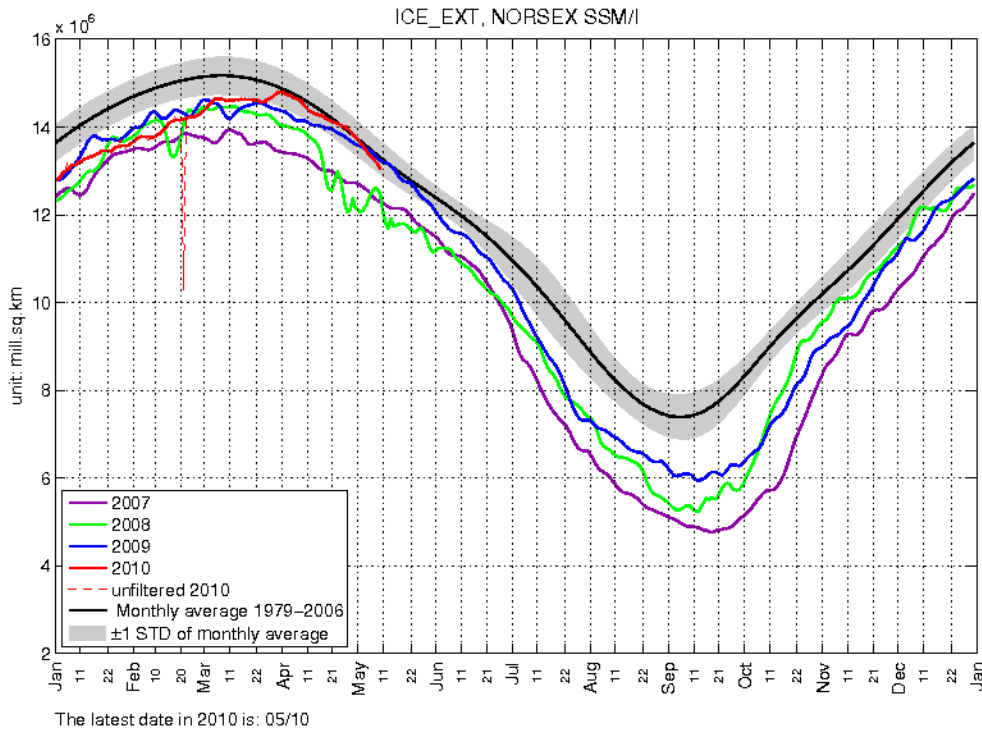
Take note, however, that after the release of the IPCC AR4 in 2007, global temperature has plummeted in 2008-2009, a global cooling phenomenon. The warming picked up starting late 2009 up to early 2010. Once the current El Nino is gone in the next month or two, another round of global cooling is to be expected.



source: www.drroyspencer.com

The second chart is the Arctic sea ice extent, official data from the Arctic Regional Ocean Observing System (Arctic ROOS) based in Norway. Data as of May 10, 2010. Note that the red line, year 2010, has touched the average sea ice extent from 1979 to 2006. The lowest levels were those in 2007, also an El Nino year.

The implication here is that Arctic sea ice this year is higher than the 2007 to 2009 level, and is recovering to the 1979 - 2006 average level. It is not true, it is a big lie, therefore, to say that the "arctic ice is melting fast... that we will have an ice-free Arctic ocean very soon."



source: http://arctic-roos.org/observations/satellite-data/sea-ice/observation_images/ssm1_ice_ext.png

These and related topics will be discussed in the 4th International Conference on Climate Change (4th ICCC) to be held this coming May 16-18 in Chicago, <http://www.heartland.org/events/2010Chicago/program.html>. Heartland Institute is the main sponsor of the event. Like in previous ICCCs, Minimal Government Thinkers is the only Philippine-based think tank that is among the international co-sponsors of this big scientific and public policy conference, attended by hundreds of participants from many countries.

I will be attending this conference and I am leaving this Saturday. A brief summary of the conference will be my topic next week in this column.

3. Sea level, the Sun and climate

18 May 2010

http://www.thelobbyist.biz/perspectives/columns/back_to_personal_responsibility/853.html

CHICAGO, USA – Sea levels are not rising, polar ice are melting and growing in annual cycles, the Sun is the main driver of the Earth’s climate, and people should get ready for the coming global cooling in this decade.

These are among the main messages of the scientific papers presented in Day 2 yesterday of the 4th International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC) held here at Marriott Magnificent Mile Hotel Chicago. There are plenty of participants, more than 700 people have registered and come. So after the breakfast and lunch speakers at the ballroom, participants can choose from any of the 4 simultaneous tracks or panel discussions happening in 4 different big rooms: two on science, one on economics, and one on public policy.

In yesterday’s morning sessions, I attended two science tracks. Track 1 had 4 speakers: Dr. Nils-Axel Morner of Paleophysics and Geodynamics department, Stockholm U.; Dr. Fred Goldberg of the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm; Bob Carter, FRSNZ, of James Cook U., Australia, and Dr. Don Easterbrook, emeritus prof. of Geology at Western Washington U.

Dr. Morner’s paper was straightforward, “No alarming sea level rise: nature against the IPCC, observation vs. models”. In his studies in Bangladesh, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Venice, north-west Europe and other areas, sea level rise was 0 over the past 40-50 years. While satellite altimetry and “personal calibrations” showed rise in ocean level of 3 mm/year, while global loading models showed rise of 2 mm/year, eustatic component showed rise of 1 mm/year, observational facts (geology, morphology, coastal dynamics) showed no increase, 0 mm/year.

Dr. Easterbrook’s paper was also clear and direct, “The looming threat of global cooling – geological evidence for prolonged cooling ahead and its impacts”. He presented cycles in the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) like warm PDO and cold PDO, solar cycles, historical and geological climate and global temperatures hundreds of thousand years ago, among others. His projection is clear: global cooling that could be similar to the last little ice age (LIA) in the 16th and 17th centuries will begin in 2014, to peak sometime in 2040.

Readers, take note of this: while they projected only last year that global cooling will set in for the next two decades, this year they are projecting that cooling will last for 3 or more decades. This is not impossible, based on the Earth’s geological records. The “Maunder minimum” in the 16th century lasted for about 7 decades of cooling. The Norwegian Vikings for instance, that occupied Iceland and Greenland during the medieval warm period (MWP) more than 1,000 years ago, either died or left those islands during the LIA. Severe cooling is more deadly than severe warming. For instance, people in the tropics (like the Philippines) can endure one or two month/s of

really hot weather, but many people die with just one day of heavy rains and severe flooding. Remember typhoon “Ondoy” September last year.

The other science track that I attended yesterday had 3 speakers: Dr. Willie Soon, an astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian center for Astrophysics, Dr. Habibullo Abdussamatov, head of the Space Research Laboratory at the Pulkovo Observatory in Russia, and Dr. Craig Loehle of the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI). Dr. Soon’s paper, “The Sun, the Milky Way and the carbon dioxide monster” argued that solar forcing, not CO₂ and other greenhouse gases (GHGs) forcing, has the most influence on the Earth’s climate, and CO₂ is a useful gas as it is an important food plant, it is not a pollutant and evil gas. The Russian scientist’s paper is also straightforward, “The Sun dictates the climate” and also predicted global cooling in the coming decades. While Dr. Loehle’s paper is also very clear, “Natural climate cycles explain most of twentieth century warming”. Junk “man-made warming” claim by Al Gore and the IPCC.

I attended the track on Public Policy in the afternoon session with 4 speakers: Hans Labohm, an economist and former Dutch diplomat; Myron Ebell of the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI), Dr. Laurence Gould, a physicist at the Univ. of Hartford, and Dr. Garth Paltridge of the Australian National Univ. They talked about the coming global climate bureaucracies, the new environmental regulations and taxation, the “scientific-bureaucratic complex”, and the myth of “settled” climate science.

Today will be 3rd and last day of the conference. My exhausted mind is saved from further fatigue by the networking with old and new friends, and by cold beer during the dessert receptions the past two nights.

4. Governments and climate research

(Article for “People’s Brigada News”, May 20, 2010)

Detroit, Michigan – Resting here at a Filipino friend’s house after the conference that I attended in Chicago ended two days ago. It was the 4th International Conference on Climate Change (4th ICC) sponsored by the Heartland Institute, <http://www.heartland.org/events/2010Chicago/program.html>. Our think tank, Minimal Government Thinkers, Inc. (www.minimalgovernment.net) is the only Philippine-based institute that was one of many co-sponsors of the event. I was given a travel scholarship by Heartland to attend the 3-days conference, and out of the 700+ people who registered and attended that big conference, I was the only one from the Philippines and from south-east Asia.

Most of the participants there were scientists – physicists, geologists, meteorologists, climatologists, biologists, geophysicists, even former astronauts. Breakfast and lunch have two speakers each, then there were four simultaneous tracks or panel discussions to choose, two on science and one each on economics and public policy.

Being a non-scientist and very much interested in the scientific debate about “man-made warming”, I attended mostly the science tracks. My brief article discussing briefly the tracks or panels that I attended on day 2 of the conference, entitled “Sea level, the Sun and climate”, can be found at my blog, <http://funwithgovernment.blogspot.com> or at http://www.thelobbyist.biz/perspectives/columns/back_to_personal_responsibility/853.html.

On the third and last day of the conference, I attended the last 2 science tracks. On the first track, the four speakers were: Tom Segalstad of the University of Oslo, Norway; George Kukla of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University, USA; Madhav Khandekar of Environment Canada; and Leighton Steward of the Institute for the Study of Earth and Man at Southern Methodist University, USA.

Dr. Sevalstad had an interesting paper, “Geochemistry of Carbon Dioxide: The whereabouts of carbon dioxide (CO₂) on Earth”, and he explained that CO₂ follows certain cycles, like day-night, wet-dry, El Nino-La Nina cycles, and stay just a few days or months or few years, depending on where they are deposited (upper atmosphere, lower troposphere, land surface, ocean, plants and trees, etc.) and not “several hundred years” as propagated by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Dr. Kukla’s paper was entitled “Interglacials start with global cooling and end with global warming.” He looked at the “obliquity” or the angle of the earth on the Sun’s equator. He said that based on the angular position of the Earth through the recent years, global warming, especially in the tropics, will continue, and that humanity’s carbon mission has nothing to do with this climate cycle of cooling-warming.

Dr. Steward's paper was on "Empirical evidence (Paleoclimates) and the disconnect of climate change" and he showed that CO₂ is a useful gas and food plant, that without CO₂ there will be no plants, crops and trees on the planet and life will not be possible. And that based on plenty of scientific studies, more CO₂ actually results in more and faster plant growth, bigger harvest of crops.

The other science track that I attended had three speakers: William Kininmonth of the Australasian Climate Research Institute in Australia; Victor Velasco Herrera of the Institute of Geophysics at the National Autonomous University of Mexico; and Ian Palmer of the University of Adelaide, Australia. Prof. Kininmonth presented a paper on "Natural responses limiting anthropogenic climate forcing" and argued that man-made carbon emission cannot be a big factor in affecting the Earth's climate.

Dr. Herrera, a young physicist in Mexico, presented an interesting paper, "The new solar minimum and the mini-ice age of the twenty-first century". He showed solar activity and inactivity via solar cycles and geomagnetic field index, and predicted a prolonged global cooling from 2010 to 2070. In the previous day's presentation, a geologist from the Western Washington University, USA, was also observing the Sun and the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) and predicted that global cooling will start in 2014 and will last for the next 30 years or more.

While it was mentally tiring for a non-scientist to follow the presentations of those scientists who have been doing climate research work for years and decades, it was also very rewarding to realize that there are plenty of other factors, natural factors (the Sun, the ocean, volcanoes, geologic degassing, galactic cosmic rays, etc.) that affect the Earth's climate, whether it is global cooling or global warming.

That is why I never believe Mr. Al Gore, a politician and not a scientist, and the IPCC, a political and intergovernmental body, not a scientific body, in their "man-made global warming" claims.

B. Essays in <http://funwithgovernment.blogspot.com/>

1. Earth hour success in N. Korea

March 28, 2010

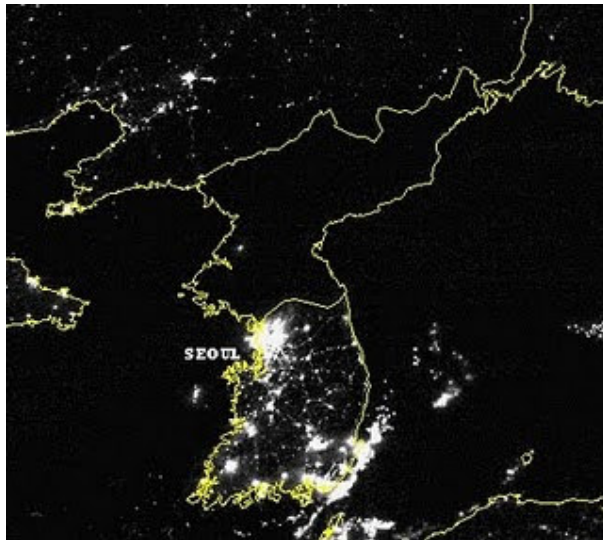
Our friends from Malaysia, the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS, www.ideas.org.my), got published in a newspaper in Kuala Lumpur regarding the "Earth Hour", <http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/index.php/opinion/kwek-kon-yao/57582-turning-out-the-lights-on-civilisation>

They started receiving hate-mails!

I congratulated our friends there, especially IDEAS head, Wan Saiful Wan Jan.

If the rabid greens send you hate mails, that means you made a very clear message to them and the public.

Meanwhile, WWF made the most successful campaign of shutting out lights in... North Korea! A picture that our friend from Seoul, Chung-ho Kim of CFE, shares often, is that of a satellite picture in the evening of the 2 Koreas. Here's another shot of that picture.



source: <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2010/03/27/earth-hour-in-north-korea-a-stunning-success/>

I bet the rabid greens would consider migrating to N. Korea. Many people there shut out lights not only 1 hour/day. They do so 365 nights a year.

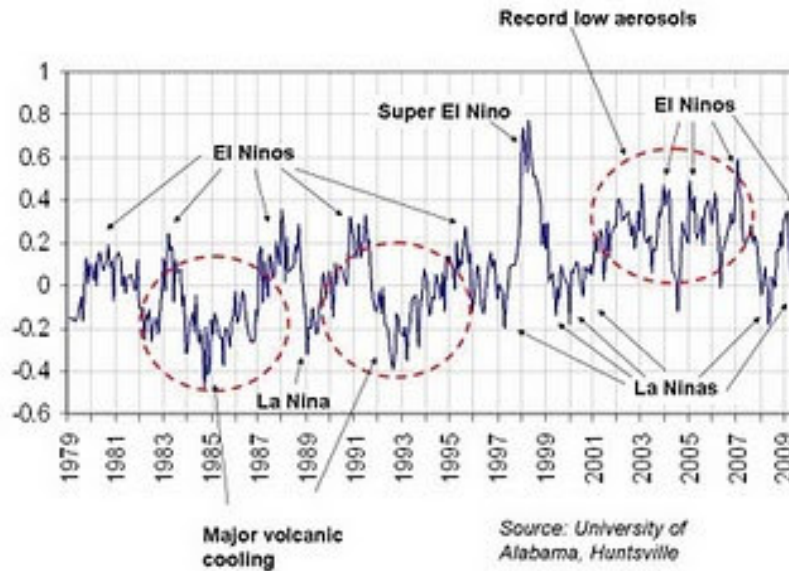
2. Dalton or Maunder minimum cooling?

April 7, 2010

Here's a short discussion about the effects of ocean decadal oscillations (pacific, atlantic) and cycles, and the Sun, on the world's climate. And some projections of what type of global cooling we are entering -- Dalton minimum type (2-3 decades cooling) or Maunder Minimum type (7 decades cooling).

<http://icecap.us/images/uploads/winter.pdf>

About El Nino and La Nina cycles, here's a good chart, from 1979 to 2009.



The problem with the alarmists is that they will insist that persistent cooling in the coming years is a result of "man-made climate change" and hence, all forms of environmental regulations such as carbon emission trading system (ETS) and other variants of carbon cap and trade, should be pursued at the global level.

3. Chicago, 4th IPCC, Day 1

May 17, 2010

Day 1, May 16, of the 4th International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC, www.heartland.org) held here in Chicago, USA, was more of networking and meeting new friends. Registration started at 3pm, cocktails at 5pm, opening dinner with speakers at 6pm. It ended past 9pm. Then another round of networking outside with open bar until 10pm.

Among those I have met yesterday were leaders of think tanks which are members of the Civil Society Coalition on Climate Change (www.csecc.info), among those which do not believe in "man-made warming" and more government environmental

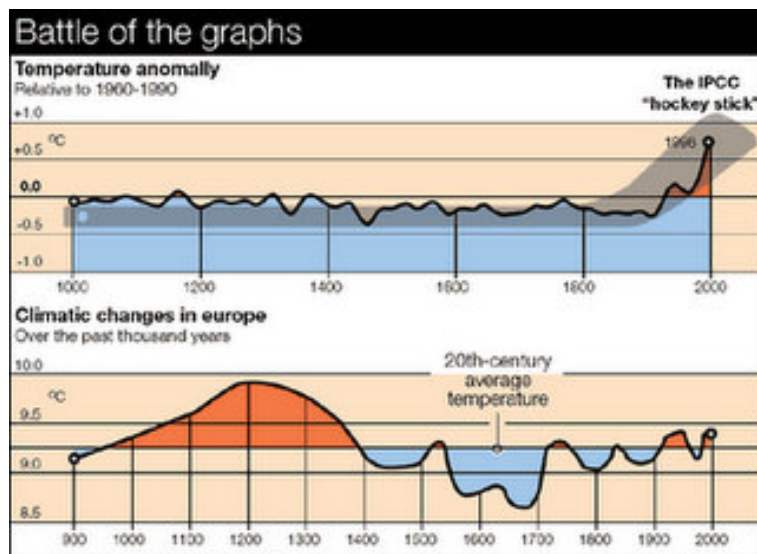
regulations and taxation. Like Julian Morris of the International Policy Network (IPN), Barun Mitra of Liberty Institute (India), Xingyuan Feng of CIPA (China), Martin Krause of CIIMA (Argentina), Jose Luis Tapia of ILE (Peru), Margaret Tse of IL (Brazil), Tim Wilson of IPA (Australia), Peter Holle of FCCP (Canada), Barbara Kolm of Hayek Institute (Austria), Wolfgang Mueller of IUF (Germany). Our group picture was at Jose's camera, hope he can post or send it to us tomorrow so I can post the pics here.

Other important guys that I have met today are Dr. Willie Soon, a Malaysian-American astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Boston. And Dr. Henrik Svensmark, a physicist at a Danish climate research office.

I also have a photo with Steve Goreham, author of the new book "Climatism" and Dr. Steve McIntyre of Climate Audit in Canada (www.climateaudit.com?).

Today's dinner speakers were Dr. Harrison "Jack" Schmitt, a geologist, former astronaut/moonwalker and former Senator, and Dr. Steve McIntyre. Jack talked about climate and environment policy and the US constitution. His conclusion is that while most energy and environmental policies may be legal, they may not be exactly constitutional as the US constitution specified certain limits on how and where the US Congress, the legislature. And Steve McIntyre talked about "climategate" and the "hide the decline" in historical climate records, and other climate data manipulations done by some scientists at the University of East Anglia's Climate Research Unit (CRU).

The UN IPCC and the UK government got a lot of climate "data" from the CRU, along with Prof. Michael Mann of Pennsylvania State U, which authored the "hockey stick" climate graph of the 20th century. What's this graph?



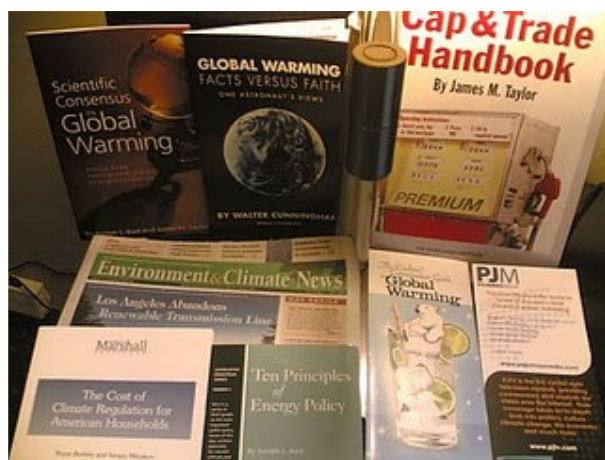
Above are 2 graphs. The first is the "hockey stick" shape of data reconstruction by Prof. Michael Mann and was adopted by the UN IPCC: No warm period in the past

1,000 years, that's why they call the current warming as "unprecedented" in history. Second graph below it is climate historical record accepted by many climate scientists showing the medieval warm period (MWP) that peaked in 1200 to 1300, a period much warmer than the warming of the past century, and the little ice age (LIA) of the "Maunder minimum" and "Dalton minimum" of the 1600 to 1800..

The "hockey stick" graph has gained notoriety for its notorious distortion of global historical climate records. Some people and groups made fun of it. Below is a sample of the graph, entitled "Mann-made global warming", referring to a graph made by Prof. Mann. And beside the stick are the (a) program of the 4th IPCC, (b) my name badge, and (c) the book "Climatism" by Steve Goreham.



Among other materials that are distributed free in the conference are shown below. Materials from the Heartland Institute, Marhsall Institute, Pajamas Media, etc.

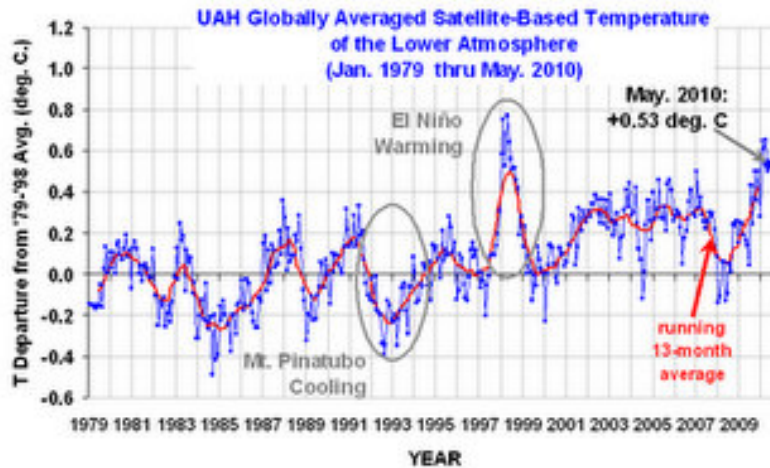


Other speakers that I have met tonight were Lord Christopher Moncton of the Science and Public Policy Institute (SPPI) and former UK environmental secretary under former PM Margaret Thatcher and meteorologist Anthony Watts of www.wattsupwiththat.com.

4. Tropospheric temperature, May 2010

June 6, 2010

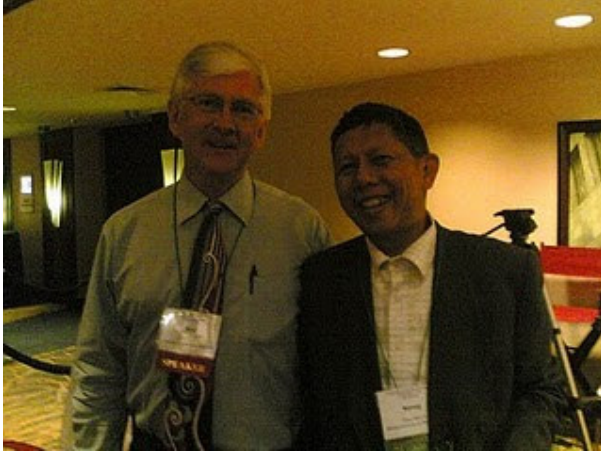
The temperature anomaly or "divergence from average temp." (1979-98 base years) last month was 0.53 C. See chart from www.drroyspencer.com.



This is still "high" due to the lingering El Nino, which officially ended at the latter part of last month. A fall in sea surface temperature (SST) does not immediately translate to a fall in both surface temperature and tropospheric temperature, there is a lag of a few months. Thus, the June-July 2010 tropospheric temp is expected to fall.

Satellite measurement of the lower troposphere, about 8 kms. above sea level, is seen to be more objective than surface station temperature measurements. The latter is often affected by bad siting -- like temp. measurement tool that are just 1 or 2 meters away from an office air-con exhaust, or beside an asphalted parking lot, or beside a building that directly reflects sunlight. All of such bad siting produce temperature readings that are warmer than usual. Satellite measurement of tropospheric temperature does not suffer from this kind of bad siting and hence, "urban heat island" (UHI) warming bias.

I watch this monthly update from Dr. Roy Spencer's blog. This known climatologist from the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) is doing that kind of analysis, among his other work. In the past, I really wished to meet the man himself.



Surprise!

And I did meet him, 3 weeks ago in Chicago, during the Heartland's 4th International conference on climate change (ICCC). He was one of the keynote speakers in the 3-days event. One of his major arguments is that clouds greatly affect the world's climate, and he is interested if initial warming by CO₂ will result in "positive feedback" (more warming) or "negative feedback" (less warming, if not cooling, due to the presence of more clouds).

For those following the global warming-cooling debate, visiting his site, at least once a month, is a rewarding and mentally-challenging thing to do.

5. Al Gore politics in Manila

June 10, 2010

Former US Vice-President Al Gore spoke in a big forum in Manila the other day, June 8, dubbed "Al Gore Live in Manila". I did not attend of course, knowing that this politician will peddle political science masqueraded as climate science.

Since I did not attend, I checked some newspapers in Manila yesterday about the event. Here are some of them, along with some quotes on those reports. I did not catch the other papers though.

(1) Climate crusader gets warm welcome

By Volt Contreras
Philippine Daily Inquirer
First Posted 02:37:00 06/09/2010

"...images and charts hammering down apocalyptic warnings: ancient glaciers receding if not totally vanishing in a matter of decades, lakes and rivers drying up, stronger storms, droughts in areas where there used to be none, and flooding in

towns... global warming and resulting “shifts in the seasons” have led to the resurgence of diseases that were once declared under control, and the emergence of new viruses, as in the case of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome).”

<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/inquirerheadlines/nation/view/20100609-274647/Climate-crusader-gets-warm-welcome>

(2) Gore to Pinoys: Take a stand on climate change

By Rhodina Villanueva (The Philippine Star) Updated June 09, 2010 12:00 AM

“A clear manifestation of global warming, he said, the occurrence of storms worldwide.

“It has been increasing the odds of experiencing or having more of these giant storms in our respective countries as what scientists say,” Gore said.”

<http://www.philstar.com/Article.aspx?articleId=582642&publicationSubCategoryId=63>

Some comments:

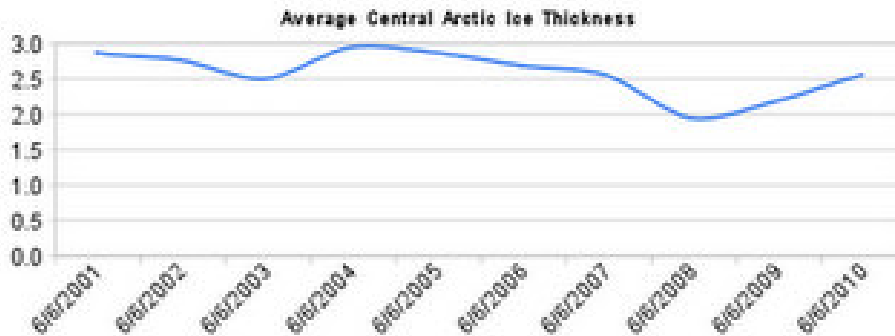
It is terrible to hear or read about “glaciers receding or totally vanishing due to global warming”, then “stronger storms and flooding in towns due to global warming.” Haaa? Even severe winter, severe rains, flooding and cooling are due to global warming?

Much of news reports and literatures of the warmers are narrative, not quantitative. One can take a picture of one side of the north pole or the south pole as having “less ice than usual” and make a 3 pages or more “special report” about it. But if one is to report about the ice area of the whole north pole or south pole, you need to produce a chart with numbers for the whole area.

Al Gore and the UN IPCC are fooling us with their climate political science. There is no “catastrophic man-made global warming” happening like vanishing ice and glaciers, continuously-rising global temperature, and so on.

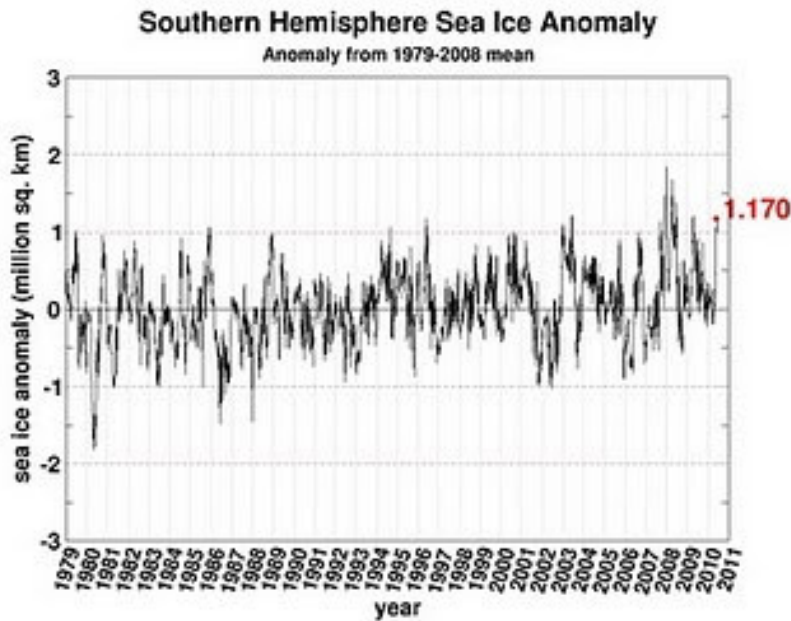
Will just show charts here – ice thickness in the Arctic (north pole) and Antarctica (south pole).

(1) Arctic ice thickness: No “catastrophic” loss of ice.



Source: <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2010/06/06/wuwt-arctic-sea-ice-news-8/#more-20240>

(2) Antarctica: No “catastrophic” loss of ice.



Source: <http://icecap.us/images/uploads/AntarcticaIce.2010060510.JPG>

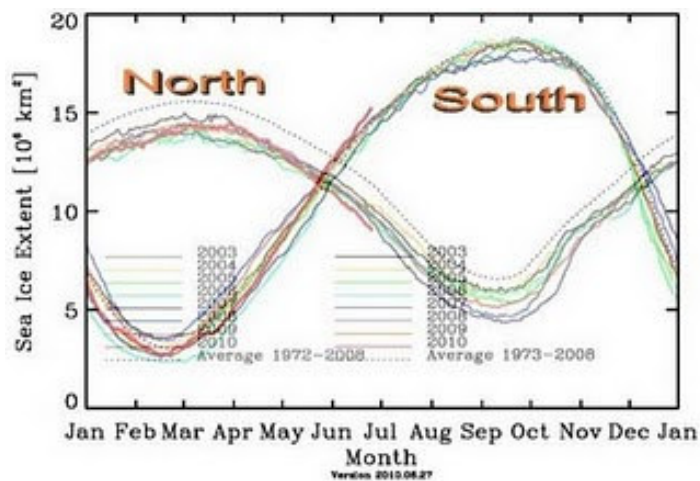
Conclusion: The Earth is not in danger. There is no need for more environmental regulations, more energy taxation, more global and national climate bureaucracies, more global climate meetings, more global ecological central planning.

6. Arctic and Antarctica ice and ozone hole

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The "rapidly declining ice in the Arctic (and Antarctica)" is one of the alarmist statements peddled by the warmers. What they usually do is to get a satellite picture of the Arctic during September-October, or Antarctica during February-March. On those months, the volume of ice on those polar areas are at their lowest. Naturally, because those are the peak of summer months on those polar regions.

There is a beautiful graph for the 12 months period per year, from 2003-2010, for both the Arctic and Antarctica at WUWT, here.

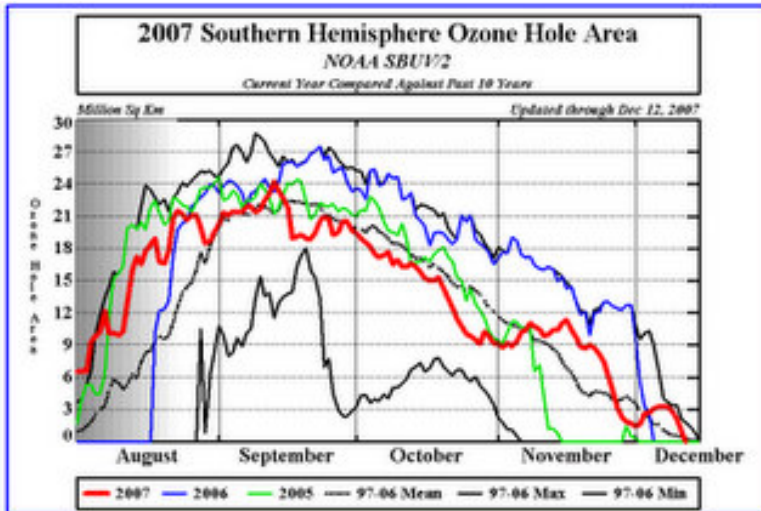


source: <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2010/06/28/sea-ice-news-11/>

(Check that article, lots of good data and graphs)

See, the ice melts... then recovers... then melts... then recovers... in an annual cycle, year in and year out.

Another alarmist statement that we often hear is that the ozone hole depletion in the southern hemisphere is permanent. Plain wrong. The ozone hole appears during August, and disappears by December. And re-appear again the next August, and disappears again by December. Cycle, year in and year out.



source: same above

The ratio of political science to climate science in the warming literature could be something like 10:1, or 50:1, or higher?