



Inside Track

NASA Sees Climate Cooling Trend Thanks to Low Sun Activity

NASA is reporting that the sun is entering one of the deepest solar minima of the Space Age, and Earth's atmosphere is responding in kind.

"We see a cooling trend," said Martin Mlynchak of NASA's Langley Research Center in the September 2018 issue of the *Journal of Atmospheric and Solar-Terrestrial Physics*. "High above Earth's surface, near the edge of space, our atmosphere is losing heat energy. If current trends continue, it could soon set a Space Age record for cold."

The new data is coming from NASA's Sounding of the Atmosphere using Broadband Emission Radiometry (SABER) instrument, which is on board the space agency's Thermosphere Ionosphere Mesosphere Energetics and Dynamics (TIMED) satellite. SABER monitors infrared radiation from carbon dioxide (CO₂) and nitric oxide (NO), two substances that play a vital role in the energy output of our thermosphere, the very top level of our atmosphere.

"The thermosphere always cools off during Solar Minimum. It's one of the most important ways the solar cycle affects our planet," said Mlynchak, who is the associate principal investigator for SABER.

Mlynchak and his colleagues have created the Thermosphere Climate Index (TCI), which measures how much NO is dumped from the thermosphere into outer space. During solar maximum the TCI number is very high. At times of solar minimum, TCI is low.

"Right now, (TCI) is very low indeed," said Mlynchak. "SABER is currently measuring 33 billion Watts of infrared power from NO. That's ten times smaller than we see during more active phases of the solar cycle." In fact, TCI numbers are now very close to setting record lows since measurements began.

The new NASA findings are in line with studies released last year by UC-San Diego and Northumbria University in Great Britain, both of which predicted a grand solar minimum in coming decades due to low sunspot activity, similar to the Maunder Minimum of the mid-17th and early 18th centuries, which coincided with a time known as the Little Ice Age during which temperatures were much lower than those of today.

Judge Says California Sanctuary Law Violates State Constitution

"This is a significant victory for the rule of law, the [California] Constitution, the city's charter authority and other charter cities," responded Huntington Beach City Attorney Michael Gates on September 28 to a ruling by Orange County Superior Court Judge James Crandall that California's law ordering cities not to cooperate with federal immigration officials is a violation of the California Constitution.

Huntington Beach was one of many cities in the Golden State to mount a legal challenge to the so-called California Values Act, authored by State Senator Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles). The California Values Act made California a "sanctuary state," telling cities that they and their law-enforcement agencies could not even notify federal immigration officials that they were releasing illegal aliens in their custody.



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Under the Constitution of California, a charter city maintains a great amount of authority to rule itself, including how it runs its police department. Judge Crandall agreed. He said that a state law cannot be enacted that violates the state constitution any more than Congress can pass laws in conflict with the U.S. Constitution. The ruling nullifies the California Values Act, and goes into effect immediately, because Judge Crandall refused to stay his ruling.

Since charter cities, under the judge's understanding of the California Constitution, have a right to cooperate as they wish with federal immigration authorities, the ruling has the potential to affect about two-thirds of the state, in all of California's 121 charter cities.

The state law making California a "sanctuary state," and attempting to force its cities and counties to refuse cooperation with federal immigration officials, effectively protects foreign criminals from arrest and deportation by ICE. It is expected that most cities will now return to their normal cooperation with ICE and the Border Patrol, so criminals will be arrested and deported.

Cities that are not presently "charter cities" can become charter cities through a popular referendum in the city. Gates urged non-charter cities to take this step so as to break free from the oppressive California state government.

Kids News? CBC Aims Political Propaganda at Children

The Canadian government is now targeting children with political propaganda through a news platform called CBC Kids News. Of course, though, while the reporters are child actors reading lines, the material is written by adults behind the scenes. As Ezra Levant at the online Rebel Media wrote September 20:

For example, there was a report from "Jasmine," who just happened to be at a rally in support of extreme sex-ed. She's eleven. There weren't any other children giving the opposite point of view — the view that perhaps an eleven-year-old is too young to be learning about transgenderism, and other extreme sex ed. Then there was the CBC child reporter who was excited about Justin Trudeau's marijuana legalization. He says weed is "just like wine" and it's "good for economic development."

The aforementioned Jasmine said about "transgenderism," "There's not only just two genders; there are people that, like, wanna' — they don't really feel like, um, who they really are, and they, they just wanna' be somebody else. And you hafta' respect that."

According to Levant, another theme relating to the above that the kids were discussing is "how 'mean' Ontario premier Doug Ford is for scrapping the child sex curriculum."

Paying homage to feminism and multiculturalism, the face of CBC Kids News is 14-year-old Saara Chaudry. She says of the news site's "launch that, 'Everyone deserves to know what's going on around the world and it shouldn't just be adults that know what's going on,'" reported the online Post Millennial September 21. Of course, the truth is that most adults really don't know what's going on.

As the Post Millennial also wrote, "In a promotional video for the new platform, Chaudry says, 'it's news for kids, from kids.' While actors like Chaudry may be the face of CBC Kids News, the content will be managed behind the scenes by adult employees of the state broadcaster."



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Value Voters Summit and John Birch Society Attacked by SPLC

The 2018 Value Voters Summit (VVS) was held in Washington, D.C., on September 21-23, and the left-wing hate group the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) used the event to spread its bigotry and hatred of Christianity and conservatism with a snarky list of what the group considered the “top-ten” moments of hatred on display at the VVS. The John Birch Society, the parent organization of The New American, made the list.

Hosted by the Family Research Council (FRC), a conservative Christian organization that advocates for traditional family values, the VVS has been held annually since 2006. Over the years, the event has come to be a bellwether of Christian and conservative thoughts on the current issues of the day. Among this year’s speakers were Vice President Mike Pence, former Trump strategist Sebastian Gorka, and conservative pundit Bill Bennett.

As for The John Birch Society, apparently the simple fact that the society was an exhibitor at the event was worthy of inclusion in SPLC’s list, which noted, “Another exhibitor was the John Birch Society, the conspiratorial extremist group, which also had a table in the red-and-blue exhibit room loaded with material opposing the Republican push for a constitutional convention and literature warning about antifa and the deep state.”

The mission of The John Birch Society, which was founded in 1958, is “to bring about less government, more responsibility, and — with God’s help — a better world by providing leadership, education, and organized volunteer action in accordance with moral and constitutional principles.”

The Southern Poverty Law Center was founded in 1971 as a law firm specializing in civil rights cases. The organization has devolved into a vicious left-wing hate group that specializes in harassing groups that oppose its far left-wing ideology. The SPLC has parlayed its innocuous-sounding name into becoming an arbiter of what is considered hate-speech by mass media. Google, Facebook, Amazon, and Twitter all defer to the SPLC’s opinion of what is considered hate-speech.



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