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## Record Cold at Cancun Climate Confab

As the United Nations opened its latest conference on global warming, Mother Nature sent snowstorms and freezing temperatures that disrupted travel all across Europe and much of the Northern Hemisphere. Even Cancun, Mexico's sunny resort city that hosted the confab, was not spared the chill. The UN summit, known as COP16 (the 16th Conference of Parties on global warming), concluded Saturday morning after an all-night marathon session. Cancun may not have experienced blizzards and ice, but it did, nevertheless, get hammered with record low temps for the month of December.



Meteorologist Anthony Watts, who runs the global warming skeptic blog "Watts Up With That?," couldn't resist rubbing it in. In a December 10 posting, entitled ["Gore Effect" on Steroids: Six straight days of record low temperatures during COP16 in Cancun Mexico — more coming](#), Watts wrote:

The irony, it burns. Do you think maybe Gaia is trying to send the U.N. and the delegates a message? One record low was funny, three in a row was hilarious, a new record low for the month of December was ROFL [Rolling On Floor Laughing], but now six straight days of record lows during the U.N. COP16 Global Warming conference? That's galactically inconvenient. The whole month so far has averaged below normal...

How cold did it get? Temps were in the low 50s (Fahrenheit), for the most part, so no one got frostbite. Not bone-chilling, but also not the bikini temperatures and margaritas-on-the-beach experience most snowbirds are expecting when they ditch frigid Oslo, London, and Kalamazoo for Mexico's fabled sunny clime. Watts shows the official low temperatures for the past six days of the conference (December 5-10) and then matches them with the recorded historic lows for the same dates. The conference dates either tied the record lows or were lower by 4 to 5 degrees Fahrenheit.

Here's the temperatures (in Fahrenheit) for COP16 dates and the record lows:

December	COP16	Record Low
5th	51	51
6th	53	53
7th	53	57
8th	50	50
9th	59	64
10th	55	60

"It is likely we will see a full week, possibly 8 days of record lows, and another new all time record low for the month of December is possible also," says Anthony Watts.

This recent cold wave in Cancun has already added to the lore of the ["Gore Effect,"](#) which is defined in



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the Urban Dictionary as:

The phenomenon that leads to unseasonably cold temperatures, driving rain, hail, or snow whenever Al Gore visits an area to discuss global warming.

Poor Al Gore. He doesn't even have to show up at a global warming event anymore for record cold — often accompanied by paralyzing blizzards — to dampen, or even cancel, the event. The following are a few of the many links to stories from around the world about the Gore Effect provided by Marc Morano at the [Climate Depot](#) blog site:

[Melbourne temperatures plummet in anticipation of Al Gore's visit next week!](#)

[First October snow since 1922 blankets London as global warming bill debated - October 2008](#)

['Gore Effect': Driving snow froze the hopes of organizers of "the biggest global warming protest in history" in Washington](#)

[The Gore Effect brings snow to New York City](#)

Al "Mr. Global Warming" Gore didn't show up in Cancun. Perhaps that was by design, since his appearance at last year's Copenhagen summit coincided with the arrival of record cold temperatures and snow storms that forced U.S. House Speaker and her congressional delegation to leave Denmark early — to avoid being snowed in. Even many members of the huge press pool at the Copenhagen summit, almost all of whom were solidly in Al Gore's AGW (anthropogenic global warming) camp, couldn't resist joking about the phenomenon. As I watched the first snow flakes begin to fall last December at Copenhagen's Bella Center, a reporter for Britain's left-wing *Guardian* commented: "Here comes the snow; Gore's plane must have landed." Similar comments, though considered politically incorrect (if not outright heresy) among the green true believers, were not uncommon in the media center.

Our own video for *The New American* from the COP15 conference, [Gore Effect Impacts Copenhagen Climate](#) provides a glimpse of the deep freeze that Gore's visit was credited with bringing to the event.

As delegates and NGO activists at Cancun insisted that the planet is overheating, millions of people were being deluged with snow and shivering in some of the coldest weather in a century. An extended headline for the U.K.'s Daily Mail on December 9 read:

[Now the Army moves in to clear away snow in coldest December for 100 years as fuel runs out at petrol stations in Scotland and East Anglia](#)

British columnist/blogger [James Delingpole](#) at *The Telegraph* aimed this satirical barrage at the global warming alarmists in Cancun — and in the media:

As your boiler breaks down, your pipes freeze, your car won't start, your Ocado delivery fails to arrive, your train is cancelled, your neck is broken after slipping on black ice and you lie in an emergency ward waiting for a doctor to turn up only to learn that they're all off today because of the weather, you might be forgiven for thinking that all this has something to do with global cooling, changes in the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, and the decline in sunspot activity perhaps auguring a new Maunder minimum.

But, of course, you would be wrong, says Delingpole, in his acerbic parody; the "experts" will assure us that all this freezing mayhem is the result of global warming.



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