

Is Earth Entering Another Cooling Cycle?

With all the talk about global warming, it's surprising to hear about some of the coldest, harshest winter weather ever observed. Now the talk is shifting from "global warming" to "climate change", with some people believing that even cold weather is caused by humans. *"We're not hearing nearly as much about catastrophic man-made global warming this month."* ([Global warming or climate change?](#) – World Net Daily, 1/16/08)

Record low temperatures were set all over the world in 2007 ([Year of global cooling](#) – Washington Times 12/19/07). *"South America experienced one of the coldest winters in decades. Johannesburg, South Africa had the first significant snowfall in 26 years."* Snow fell in Buenos Aires for the first time since 1918; the Peruvian government declared a state of emergency as 200 people died from the cold. Last January, \$1.42 billion of California produce was lost to a 5-day freeze, followed by huge agricultural losses in North and South Carolina.

Closer to home, Denver set a record low temperature of 31 degrees on June 8, 2007, and this winter Colorado is seeing record snowpack levels. In Durango snow plows have used an entire 17 acres of land for snow removal. By early February, Wolf Creek ski area already had 434 inches of snow! ([Snow buries southern Colo.](#) – Rocky Mountain News, 2/9/08) So much for the forecast of a dry winter!

Extremely cold weather is occurring around the globe. On Dec 4, in Seoul, Korea, the temperature of -5 degrees Celsius was a new record. An ice storm over Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri left a million people without power. In Afghanistan, the harshest weather ever recorded (they began keeping records ten years ago) has been blamed for 650 deaths. ([Extreme cold taking its toll on Afghans](#) - Associated Press 2/11/08). On Feb 18, ["Heavy snow brings Greece to a standstill"](#) (Athens News Agency, Greece, 2/18/08), while shutting down the Athens airport. And, of course, China is experiencing its [coldest winter in 100 years](#) as millions of people were stranded during their biggest holiday of the year (*China battles coldest winter in 100 years*, Reuters, 2/4/08). Some Chinese cities were without power for more than a week.

The cold weather is causing reasonable people, including many scientists, to question the threat of man-made global warming ([Scientists doubt climate change](#), Washington Times – 12/21/07). *"I find the Doomsday picture Al Gore is painting — a six-meter sea level rise, 15 times the IPCC number — entirely without merit,"* said Dutch atmospheric scientist Hendrik Tennekes. *"The endless claims of a 'consensus' about man-made global warming grow less and less credible every day,"* said Sen. James M. Inhofe of Oklahoma, ranking Republican on the Environment and Public Works Committee. In fact, a new Senate minority report states that more than 400 scientists challenge claims made by former Vice President Al Gore and the United Nations about the threat of man-made global warming.