



Some news reports on Mr. Oplas' talk,

“Global cooling and public education”

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Note: The paper was reported in at least 4 newspapers in Manila: Philippine Star, Manila Bulletin, Manila Times, and Malaya. Only the last 2 papers' links are shown here. Other web pages that covered the story are also cited below.

(1) <http://www.manilatimes.net/index.php/news/nation/5457-pinoy-college-grad-refutes-gore-on-climate-change>

Pinoy college grad refutes Gore on climate change

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A Filipino economics graduate challenged and contradicted the contention of former US Vice President Al Gore and the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (UN IPCC) that there is global warming, calling the statement “just a thesis without empirical support.”

Bienvenido Oplas Jr., the president of Minimal Government Thinkers Inc., on Friday said that contrary to the belief of many, recent signs clearly showed the reverse—

global cooling.

“The current climate is not warming but cooling, at least, starting 2002,” Oplas, a University of the Philippines economics graduate, told the 158th general assembly meeting of the Foundation for Upgrading the Standard of Education (FUSE).

According to him, the phenomenon goes on despite continued increase in carbon-dioxide concentration in the atmosphere.

Oplas said that past and current data on temperature and ocean level, among other variables “show that the UN IPCC and Al Gore projects are heavily exaggerated.”

He added that there was no major rise in ocean level and dramatic aberration in the weather, such as super hurricanes in the United States that are often predicted by Gore.

Oplas quoted a December 11, 2008 report of Wilco Hazelger Sr., a scientist of Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute: “In the past century, the sea level has risen 20 centimeters. There is no evidence for accelerated sea level rise.”

He also cited a study by the University of Colorado that concluded there is “no major rise in ocean level.”

Bigger snowstorms

So, Oplas asked, why did the United Nations predict a rise in ocean surface by 0.59 meters and Gore by 7 meters?

He noted that hurricane season in the United States is from June to November, but there have been “no hurricanes, at least none that made landfall,” during that period.

But, Oplas said, there have been massive snowstorms in Europe, with the biggest snowstorm in 25 years occurring on October 20.

In the United States, he added, winter appeared to have come very much earlier this year, with Californians, in the West Coast, already complaining of cold, and Chicagoans, in the East Coast, complaining of wintry skies, and of temperature going down at one time to an 82-year low of 7 degrees Celsius.

And in Asia, the Pakistan side of Ladakh, a region that the country disputed with India, reported the season's first snowfall on October 25, Oplas said.

"In Ladakh, snowfall starts mainly in November onward, but, this time, it started early," he added.

Oplas advised people to stay cool on the issue of climate change, saying, "Global warming—and cooling and climate cycle—is mainly a natural occurrence. Human activities have a contribution definitely, but not as huge as natural contributions: sun, cosmic rays, geological movement, ocean oscillation, etc."

He said that the warmest period in the past 2,000 years was during the medieval period when there was hardly substantial concentration of carbon dioxide, which, according to him, is being demonized for global warming without basis.

And seven years ago, Oplas said, global cooling, at about 0.2 degree Celsius, started "despite continued increase in carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere."

(2) <http://www.cynicsglobalwarming.com/commentary/college-grad-calls-gores-climate-theory/>

College Grad Calls Out Gore's Climate Theory

Look out, Al Gore. A college graduate with a degree in economics is calling you out. Bienvenido Oplas Jr., who is a Filipino economics graduate, recently challenged the status quo put forth by Al Gore and the International Panel on Climate Change, calling their assertions "just a thesis without empirical evidence." Oplas says the "current climate is not warming but cooling, at least, starting 2002" and that there was no major rise in ocean level and dramatic changed in the weather, such as monster hurricanes.

<http://www.manilatimes.net/index.php/news/nation/5457-pinoy-college-grad-refutes-gore-on-climate-change>

(3) http://www.silobreaker.com/pinoy-college-grad-refutes-gore-on-climate-change-5_2262721283085041696

(4) <http://www.klima.ph/news/oplas.htm>

(5) <http://www.malaya.com.ph/11042009/metro/metro5.html>

‘The globe is cooling, not warming’

AL Gore and UN were both talking through their hats.

This was the assertion of Bienvenido Oplas Jr., Minimal Government Thinkers Inc. president, who said climate change is real but global warming is not and the claim of the former US vice president and of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on global warming is "just a thesis without empirical support."

Oplas, a University of the Philippines economics graduate, told the 158th general assembly meeting of the Foundation for Upgrading the Standard of Education that the signs of the recent times clearly show the reverse—global cooling.

"The current climate is not warming but cooling, at least, starting 2002," he said, stressing that this phenomenon is despite the continued increase in carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere.

Oplas said the past and current data on temperature, ocean level, etc. "show that the UN IPCC and Al Gore projects are heavily exaggerated." He said there is no major rise in ocean level and dramatic aberrations in weather, like the super hurricanes in the United States predicted by Gore.

Oplas quoted the Dec. 11, 2008 report of Wilco Hazelger Sr., a scientist of Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute who said that "sea level has risen 20 centimeters in the past century and there is no evidence for accelerated sea level rise."

Oplas also cited a study by the University of Colorado that concluded there is "no major rise in ocean level."

So, he said, why did the UN predict a rise in ocean surface by 0.59 meters and Gore by seven meters?

He also noted that the hurricane season in the United States is from June to November, but there have been "no hurricanes, at least none that made landfall."

On the other hand, there have been massive snowstorms in Europe, with the biggest snowstorm in 25 years occurring last Oct. 20, Oplas said. In the US, he continued, winter appeared to arrive very much earlier this year, with Californians in the west coast already complaining of cold, and Chicagoans in the east coast complaining of wintry skies and low temperatures going down at one time to an 82-year low at 47 degrees Celsius.

In Asia, the Pakistan side of Ladakh has reported the season's first snowfall last Oct. 25, early by a month.

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have a contribution definitely, but not as huge as natural contributions: sun, cosmic rays, geological movement, ocean oscillation, etc."

He said that the warmest period in the past 2,000 years was in the medieval period when there was no substantial concentration of carbon dioxide that is now being demonized for global warming without basis.

And seven years ago, global cooling, at about 0.2C, started "despite continued increase in carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere."