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Somewhere I've Heard That Song Before

GLOBAL COOLING: 1890s-1920s

New York Times, February 24, 1895

"Geologists Think the World May Be Frozen Up Again"
Fears of a "second glacial period" brought on by increases in northern glaciers and the severity of Scandinavia's climate.

Los Angeles Times, October 7, 1912

"Fifth ice age is on the way. Human race will have to fight for its existence against cold."

New York Times, October 7, 1912

"Prof. Schmidt Warns Us of an Encroaching Ice Age"

Los Angeles Times, June 28, 1923

"The possibility of another Ice Age already having started ... is admitted by men of first rank in the scientific world, men specially qualified to speak."

Chicago Tribune, August 9, 1923

"Scientist says Arctic ice will wipe out Canada."

Time Magazine, September 10, 1923

"The discoveries of changes in the sun's heat and the southward advance of glaciers in recent years have given rise to conjectures of the possible advent of a new ice age."

New York Times, September 18, 1924

"MacMillan Reports Signs of New Ice Age"

GLOBAL WARMING: 1930s-1950s

New York Times, March 27, 1933

"America in Longest Warm Spell Since 1776; Temperature Line Records a 25-Year Rise"

Time Magazine, January 2, 1939

"Gaffers who claim that winters were harder when they were boys are quite right.... weather men have no doubt that the world at least for the time being is growing warmer."

Chicago Daily Tribune, November 6, 1939

"Chicago is in the front rank of thousands of cities [throughout] the world which have been affected by a mysterious trend toward warmer climate in the last two decades."

Time Magazine, 1951

Noted that permafrost in Russia was receding northward at 100 yards per year.

New York Times, 1952

Reported global warming studies citing the "trump card" as melting glaciers. All the great ice sheets stated to be in retreat.

U.S. News and World Report, January 18, 1954

"[W]inters are getting milder, summers drier. Glaciers are receding, deserts growing."

New York Times, February 15, 1959

"Arctic Findings in Particular Support Theory of Rising Global Temperatures."

GLOBAL COOLING: 1970s

Washington Post, January 11, 1970

"Colder Winters Herald Dawn of New Ice Age."

Time Magazine, June 24, 1974

"Climatological Cassandras are becoming increasingly apprehensive, for the weather aberrations they are studying may be the harbinger of another ice age."

Christian Science Monitor, August 27, 1974

"Warning: Earth's Climate is Changing Faster than Even Experts Expect"

Reported that "glaciers have begun to advance"; "growing seasons in England and Scandinavia are getting shorter"; and "the North Atlantic is cooling down about as fast as an ocean can cool".

New York Times, December 29, 1974

"[P]resent climate change [will result in] mas deaths by starvation and probably in anarchy and violence."

Science News, March 1, 1975

"The cooling since 1940 has been large enough and consistent enough that it will not soon be reversed, and we are unlikely to quickly regain the 'very extraordinary period of warmth' that preceded it."

Newsweek, April 28, 1975

"The Cooling World"

"There are ominous signs that the Earth's weather patterns have begun to change dramatically and that these changes may portend a drastic decline in food production – with serious political implications for just about every nation on Earth. The drop in food output could begin quite soon, perhaps only 10 years from now."

International Wildlife, July-August, 1975

"But the sense of the discoveries is that there is no reason why the ice age should not start in earnest in our lifetime."

New York Times, May 21, 1975

"Scientists Ponder Why World's Climate is Changing; A Major Cooling Widely Considered to Be Inevitable"

GLOBAL WARMING: 1990s-?

Earth in the Balance, Al Gore, 1992

"About 10 million residents of Bangladesh will lose their homes and means of sustenance because of the rising sea level due to global warming, in the next few decades."

Time Magazine, April 19, 2001

"[S]cientists no longer doubt that global warming is happening, and almost nobody questions the fact that humans are at least partly responsible."

New York Times, December 27, 2005

"Past Hot Times Hold Few Reasons to Relax About New Warming"

The Daily Telegraph, February 2, 2006

"Billions will die, says Lovelock, who tells us that he is not usually a gloomy type. Human civilization will be reduced to a 'broken rabble ruled by brutal warlords,' and the plague-ridden remainder of the species will flee the cracked and broken earth to the Arctic, the last temperate spot where a few breeding couples will survive."

Time, March 26, 2006

"Polar Ice Caps Are Melting Faster Than Ever . . . More and More Land is Being Devastated by Drought . . . Rising Waters Are Drowning Low-Lying communities . . . By Any Measure, Earth Is at the Tipping Point: The climate is crashing, and global warming is to blame."

2020s?

RIA Novisty(Russian News & Information Agency), February 8, 2007

"Instead of professed global warming, the Earth will be facing a slow decrease in temperatures in 2012-2015. The gradually falling amounts of solar energy, expected to reach their bottom level by 2040, will inevitably lead to a deep freeze around 2055-2060," he said, adding that this period of global freeze will last some 50 years, after which the temperatures will go up again."

Quoting Habibullo Abdusamatov, head of the space research laboratory at the St. Petersburg-based Pulkovo Observatory. Full article at <http://en.rian.ru/russia/20070115/59078992.html>

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"Multi-scale analysis of global temperature changes and trend of a drop in temperature in the next 20 years"

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