

SOTU, 2014: Obama will use wintry weather as example of global warming

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I predict that, despite the brutally cold weather in DC this Tuesday, Obama will preach on climate change in his State of the Union address. I predict he will even use the cold weather as evidence to support his case.

During his address it looks like there will be a wintry mix starting across the southern reaches of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, and the Florida panhandle. I wouldn't be surprised if he uses the event as evidence of human-caused climate change.



Precip and cloud forecast for around midnight, Tuesday night.

For those of us old enough to remember, similar events happened back in the epic cold winters of the 1970s. Many instances of [snow falling in Florida](#) in the 1800s surely weren't due to humans. Believe it or not, more snow tends to go with colder weather, not warmer. Go figure.



Snowball fight on the steps of the Florida capitol building, Feb. 10, 1899.

Has everyone forgotten that the global warming prophets predicted winters without snow? And there is no credible evidence that climate change (induced by global warming) can produce colder than normal temperatures. There has been no long-term change in mid-latitude storminess. One climate model out of a hundred might produce colder weather over less than 1% of the Earth with global warming....those are damn long odds to hang your hat on.

But you *know* that if this winter was 20 deg. above normal rather than below normal, *that* would be used as evidence of global warming. Some people want to have it both ways. That sounds to me more like political spin than science.

Still, I'm sure the President can find a few scientists who will support him. So he's covered.

Yes, we live in interesting times

(Editor's Note: Remember the U.S. is a small part of the globe. GHH)