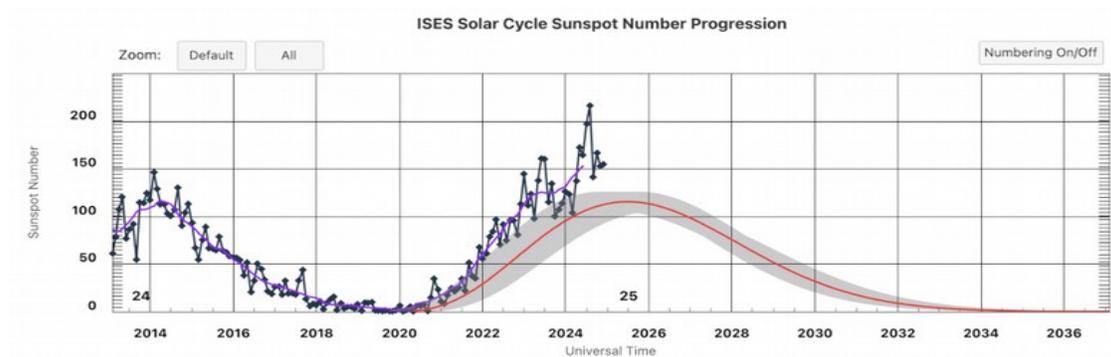


Why is Newsweek/MSN still lying about Sunspots?



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A reader alerted me to [an article](#) at *Newsweek* by Ian Randall republished today online by MSN. [Go ahead and memoryhole it, guys, I have already saved it as evidence.] In it he says this:

At present, however, the sun is actually nearing the "solar maximum," or its peak activity. According to the National Weather Service, this is expected to arrive in July this year, with a peak of around 115 sunspots.

That's not even close to being true, even disregarding my theory and going by mainstream reported numbers. Is the National Weather Service actually reporting that? He provides no link. If it is, it is ignoring NASA, NOAA, SWPC, the Air Force, and everyone else. The mainstream has been devastatingly wrong about this cycle from the beginning, so they update their prediction about every three months to follow current data, but even so [the real numbers](#) already hit a peak of 202 (monthly average) last August, falling steeply since then. The 27-day Wolf number hit 245 a few weeks earlier. The daily number hit 382 in early August and about a week ago hit 275. Those August numbers were **the highest dailies ever recorded**. Even if you smooth the monthly, we already hit 160 many months ago, and the first part of this cycle was running almost 60% above mainstream prediction—at times running 100% over mainstream expectation.

I just did a search, and what they are still reporting to the public is the mainstream's prediction of December 2019, which was a maximum of 115 in July 2025. In fact, if you do a general search on "Solar Cycle 25" *today*, it takes you to [this page at SpaceWeatherPredictionCenter](#) (SWPC.noaa.gov) as the first result, where we find they still have that 2019 prediction as "Solar Cycle 25 Forecast Update". But it hasn't been updated in five years, despite being spectacularly wrong? Have they now decided to just pretend the past five years didn't happen? You will say it is an old page. No, the page is dated today. It is current except for the prediction. Very VERY weird. There should at least be a link out to an updated prediction, since they have made many since then. I have published some of those updated charts from SWPC in previous papers, you know.

Finally, by switching to Google, [I found a recent page at SWPC](#) with the diagram under my title above. The purple line is the smoothed monthly, and as you can see it is still way above the prediction, being currently about 40% above. We are currently in a temporary trough, as you see, which helps mask the degree of their miss somewhat right now, but as I pointed out last week that doesn't help them since I even predicted the trough and they didn't.

But I am still mystified, since, as I say, I remember them updating their prediction for maximum many times, moving it up and forward, but now it looks like it is back to what it was five years ago, since that new prediction looks like 115 and July 2025, same as the prediction of 2019. So I don't know what's going on over there. Maybe they all went postal and shot each other. Maybe Trump fired everyone and the site is being continued by AI, who set the clocks back to 2019.

Or maybe they backdated this newest prediction, claiming it hasn't changed since 2019? I don't know, but that makes no sense either. Why would they still be predicting a maximum of 115 when we already hit 160? I guess they really are signaling us they are going to use a freakishly long smooth, of something like three years, to push the maximum down to 115. I suggest they use a ten-year backsmooth, which would push it down to 80. That would really blow our minds!