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Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney said the White House's 2018 budget proposal reduces spending on climate change science to correct for too much "crazy stuff" under the Obama administration.

"What I think you saw happen during the previous administration is the pendulum went too far to one side, where we were spending too much of your money on climate change and not very efficiently," Mulvaney told reporters at a budget briefing.

Asked about climate science spending, Mulvaney specifically pointed to a controversial 2010 National Science Foundation grant of \$700,000 for a climate change musical.

"Do you think that's a waste of your money?" he asked.

Mulvaney went on to say the budget doesn't completely toss all climate science activities.

"Do we target it? Sure. Do a lot of the EPA reductions aim at reducing the focus on climate science? Yes. Does it mean that we are anti-science? Absolutely not," he said. "We're simply trying to get things back in order to where we can look at the folks who pay taxes and say, 'Look, we want to do some climate science, but we're not going to do the crazy stuff the previous administration did.'"

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