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Climate change is happening, and humans are the cause. But a shocking number of congressional Republicans—more than [55 percent](#)—refuse to accept it.

One hundred and fifty-seven elected representatives from the 113th Congress have taken more than [\\$51 million](#) from the fossil-fuel industry, which is the driving force behind the carbon emissions that cause climate change. These representatives deny what more than [97 percent](#) of climate scientists say is happening: Current human activity creates the greenhouse gas emissions that trap heat within the atmosphere and cause climate change.

And their constituents are paying the price, with Americans across the nation suffering 368 climate-related national [disaster declarations](#) since 2011. There were [25 extreme weather events](#) that each caused at least \$1 billion in damage since 2011, including Superstorm Sandy and overwhelming drought that has covered almost the entire western half of the United States. Combined, these extreme weather events were responsible for 1,107 fatalities and up to [\\$188 billion](#) in economic damages.

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We have a moral obligation to act on climate change to protect our future generations. Despite the overwhelming scientific consensus and high costs to taxpayers, Alabama has four resident deniers who have taken [\\$1,546,135](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [four climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011, which included Hurricane Isaac, severe storms, and flooding. Below are quotes from Alabama's four members of Congress who refuse to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL-04): "I fall into the second group of people who believe, as do many very credible scientists, that the earth is currently in a natural warming cycle rather than a man-made climate change. Many scientists believe that natural cycles of warming and cooling have existed since the beginning of Earth. If we take the current models of climate prediction and apply those same models to what actually happened in the last thirty years, the models are shown to be very flawed. In addition, what knowledge we do have of a warming period in the Middle Ages cannot be explained by current models which are focused on greenhouse gas reductions." [*Daily Mountain Eagle* op-ed, December 13, 2010]

Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL-06): Rep. Bachus co-sponsored H.Res.954, a resolution that stated: "Whereas recent events have uncovered extensive evidence from the Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in England (in this resolution referred to as the 'CRU') which involved many researchers across the globe discussing the destruction, altering, and hiding of data that did not support global warming claims." [[H.Res.954, GovTrack, December 8, 2009](#)]

Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL-05): "I'm also old enough to remember when the same left-wing part of our society was creating a global cooling scare in order to generate funds for their pet projects. So 30-some years ago the big scare was global cooling, and once they drained that [topic], they shifted to global warming. So I'm approaching the issue with a healthy degree of skepticism. If the evidence is there to prove it, then so be it." [[ScienceInsider, February 9, 2011](#)]

Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL): "Senator Jeff Sessions ... was more than surprised when informed by Senator Barbara Boxer that roughly 98 percent of climate scientists ... accepted that anthropogenic warming was real and serious — he was outraged: SESSIONS: Madam Chairman, I am offended by that, I'm offended by that — I didn't say anything about the scientists. I said the data shows [sic] it is not warming to the degree that a lot of people predicted, not close to that much." [[ThinkProgress, August 1, 2012](#)]