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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, Louisiana has five resident deniers who have taken [\\$2,317,002](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [six climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011, including Hurricane Isaac, which cut off power to more than 900,000 residents and damaged at least [13,000 homes in the state](#). Below are quotes from Louisiana's five members of Congress who refuse to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Rodney Alexander (R-LA-05): Rep. Alexander introduced 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. William Cassidy (R-LA-06): "Rep. Bill Cassidy ... suggested that the cause of climate change 'could just be a shift on the axis,' rather the increase in carbon dioxide pollution linked to climate change." [[ThinkProgress, December 16, 2011](#)]

Rep. John Fleming (R-LA-04): "Quietly released scientific report without fanfare. Global warming, to the ... extent that it ever existed, halted 16 years ago. So, what is Washington controlled by the radical environmental agenda?" [[Facebook post, October 14, 2012](#)]

Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA-01): "Asked whether he worries that he could be wrong, Scalise cited an 'increasing number of scientists who are raising major questions about the global warming theories.' Those doubts, he said, were only accelerated by the release of leaked e-mail messages last month from a leading climate scientist who suggested theories running counter to the view that human pollutants are causing global warming be eliminated or downplayed." [[Times-Picayune, December 15, 2009](#)]

Sen. David Vitter (R-LA): "I do not think the science clearly supports global warming theory." [[Think Progress, October 28, 2010](#)]