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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, Mississippi has four resident deniers who have taken [\\$918,002](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [six climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011, including Hurricane Isaac, which damaged an estimated [6,000 homes](#) and caused more than [\\$30 million in damage](#) to coastal communities in the state. Below are quotes from Mississippi's two members of Congress who refuse to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS-03): "I don't believe that the science is at all settled ... on man-made global warming."
[\[Mississippi State University event, November 2, 2012\]](#)

Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS): "Science shows that there is an increase of carbon dioxide in Earth's atmosphere. But it has not been compellingly proven that mankind is responsible for the rise in atmospheric CO₂, nor is it clear what impact CO₂ has on Earth's temperatures." [\[Sen. Wicker's website, December 14, 2009\]](#)