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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, Missouri has four resident deniers who have taken [\\$1,221,100](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [five climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011, including the 2011 [Missouri River flood](#), which was triggered by record snowfall and near-record-setting spring rainfall and flooded the Missouri River for months. Below are quotes from Missouri's four members of Congress who refuse to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-03): "Luetkemeyer's legislation would prohibit U.S. contributions to the IPCC, which is nothing more than a group of U.N. bureaucrats that supports man-made claims on global warming that many scientists disagree with. ... Meanwhile, our very own Environmental Protection Agency recently reported that we are undergoing a period of worldwide cooling." [[Rep. Luetkemeyer's website](#)]

Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO-04): "Enjoying another beautiful global warming day in Missouri! Rep. Skelton and the UN Summit need to quit their dist. of wealth for a hoax." [[Twitter, December 15, 2009](#)]

Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO-02): "The field of climate science is in its relative infancy and it appears that some within the public policy world have made dubious assessments of scientific information in order to further their own political agenda. Our policy response to this dilemma should not be based on inconsistent and unsound science or driven by the fear of a supposed catastrophe." [[The Riverfront Times, May 29, 2013](#)]

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO): "There isn't any real science to say we are altering the climate path of the earth." [[Human Events, April 29, 2009](#)]