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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, Montana has a resident denier who took [\\$130,670](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [eight climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011, including the 19 Mile Fire, which scorched more than [4,000 acres](#) and [destroyed 14 homes](#) and numerous other buildings in the state. Below is a quote from Montana's member of Congress who refuses to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Steve Daines (R-MT-At Large): In a radio interview with Montana Public Radio, Rep. Daines admits the climate is changing but questions the impacts by man, stating that there is “significant debate” and that the “jury is still out,” and brings up the debate of sun/solar cycles versus greenhouse gases. [[Montana Public Radio, December 2, 2012](#)]