



ANTI-SCIENCE CLIMATE DENIER CAUCUS

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.

NEW MEXICO

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, New Mexico has a resident denier who took [\\$1,508,051](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [16 climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011, including the Tres Lagunas wildfire, which [burned 6,300 acres of land](#) and, due to the resulting damage, left [potential flooding issues](#) for the next two to three years. Below is a quote from New Mexico's member of Congress who refuses to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Steve Pearce (R-NM-02): "I think we ought to take a look at whatever the group is that measures all this, the IPCC, they don't even believe the crap. ... why should the rest of be penalized in our standard of living for something that can't be validated?" [[Politico, August 18, 2010](#)]