



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.

SOUTH CAROLINA

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, South Carolina has four resident deniers who have taken [\\$179,700](#) in dirty energy contributions. The impacts of climate change are already being felt in South Carolina, with [rising sea levels](#) becoming more evident along the shore. Below are quotes from South Carolina's four members of Congress who refuse to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC-03): "The problem with the agency's finding is that it relies on questionable science and ignores vigorous dissent among the scientific community. Even if we set aside the abundance of scientific dissent when it comes to the EPA's endangerment findings or the supposed effects of CO2 on climate, the EPA's regulations will not reduce CO2 enough to have any meaningful effect." [[Rep. Duncan's website, 2012](#)]

Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC-04): "Global warming has not been proven to the satisfaction of the constituents I seek to serve." [[Go Upstate, May 23, 2010](#)]

Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-SC-05): "Energy independence, green technology, and innovation is something we should pursue as a nation. However, we shouldn't seek to accomplish that by taxing people based on questionable science. Neither should we ignore domestic energy resources — coal, natural gas, oil — because of baseless claims regarding global warming." [[Rep. Mulvaney's website](#)]

Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC-02): When asked if he believes that human activity is contributing to climate change, Rep. Wilson answered "no." [[Project Vote Smart Political Courage Survey](#)]