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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, Arkansas has three resident deniers who have taken [\\$440,408](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [three climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011, including severe storms in the spring of 2013 that brought “[torrential rain, golf-ball-size hail and damaging winds](#)” and reports of seven tornadoes. Below are quotes from Arkansas’s three members of Congress who refuse to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-01): “[Rep. Crawford] also fielded a question regarding climate change and President Obama’s environmental agenda. ‘There’s not sound science to support some of the initiatives that the President, I think, is committed to. We know that some of the research was faulty and it drove a lot of the agenda for a long time. and then it turned out there were some questions about the validity of that research,’ said Crawford. ‘I don’t see a lot of the green initiatives that are being talked about being supported by scientific data, but more supported by political agendas.’” [\[Talk Business Arkansas, January 27, 2013\]](#)

Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR-02): “I am not convinced that the problem of global warming is what the scientists say it is. Particularly in light of the recent research, that demonstrates that there are a lot of shenanigans going on with the data.” [\[THV 11, April 12, 2010\]](#)

Sen. John Boozman (R-AR): “Well I think that we’ve got perhaps climate change going on. The question is what’s causing it. Is man causing it, or, you know, is this a cycle that happens throughout the years, throughout the ages. And you can look back some of the previous times when there was no industrialization, you had these different ages, ice ages, and things warming and things. That’s the question.” [\[ThinkProgress, September 13, 2010\]](#)