



## 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.

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Despite the overwhelming scientific consensus and high costs to taxpayers, Georgia has seven resident deniers who have taken [\\$783,233](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [five climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011. Georgia suffered from “[weather whiplash](#)” this past May: excessive flooding where “exceptional drought,” the worst category of drought, had existed just a few months earlier. Below are quotes from five of Georgia’s resident deniers who refuse to believe there is a problem to address:

**Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA-10):** “Scientists all over this world say that the idea of human induced global climate change is one of the greatest hoaxes perpetrated out of the scientific community. It is a hoax. There is no scientific consensus.” [[ThinkProgress, June 26, 2009](#)]

**Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA-09):** When asked if he believes human activity is contributing to climate change, Rep. Collins answered no. [[Project Vote Smart Political Courage Test, 2012](#)]

**Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA-01):** “We have a moral duty to be good stewards of the environment but growing the government’s coffers and killing jobs based on questionable science is a bridge too far.” [[Rep. Kingston's website, June 30, 2010](#)]

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA-06):** “This decision goes against all common sense, especially considering the many recent revelations of errors and obfuscation in the allegedly ‘settled science’ of global warming.” [[Republican Study Committee](#)]

**Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA):** “Science has shown us that there has been a gradual warming of the earth over the last 50 years. What is not as clear is whether the cause for this warming is man-made emissions, a cyclical warming of the planet, or a combination of both. Given the uncertainty in the science behind climate change, I believe that we should take proactive steps, both personally and as a nation, to reduce our emissions footprint.” [[Project Vote Smart Issue Position, January 1, 2011](#)]