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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.

NEBRASKA

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, Nebraska has four resident deniers who have taken [\\$578,525](#) in dirty energy contributions. The state has suffered [five climate-related disaster declarations](#) since 2011, including flooding, severe storms, and wildfires. Below are quotes from Nebraska's four members of Congress who refuse to believe there is a problem to address:

Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE-02): "There's an argument here on the true impact of man. ... Is it really 97 to 3? I don't think so." [\[Esquire, August 7, 2012\]](#)

Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE): "Asked about man-made climate change, Fischer immediately said, 'I certainly don't support cap-and-trade.' She said she believes in weather change, but she said she does not believe man has a huge impact on the climate." [\[The Independent, August 25, 2012\]](#)

Sen. Mike Johanns (R-NE): "There is a significant debate as to what role man plays in warming of the climate." [\[Nebraska Senate debate, August 23, 2008\]](#)

Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE-03): In an interview with Nebraska Citizen, Rep. Smith was asked if he believes in global warming, to which he responded "No!" The reporter said that Rep. Smith believes many of the "facts" about global warming are in dispute. [\[Nebraska Citizen, November 22, 2005\]](#)