



# Why Do Republicans Hate Farmers?

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As we come up on the 2022 elections, there is a question America's farmers and rural residents must answer, Why do Republicans hate us? 2022 has shown with stark clarity the disdain Republicans have for rural America. From climate change to infrastructure, Republicans have opposed any help for America's underserved. Not to mention their support for economic policies by Fed Chair to increase unemployment and drive down wages. (A topic for another article).

First, let us talk about the climate crisis, droughts, and farmers. The whole western US is in a drought crisis, and states such as Colorado, California, Nevada, and Arizona must reduce their water usage by 5-21%. Farms lay fallow as outdoor farming has become almost impossible in these states. Yet, every Republican member of Congress, even the ones from states facing the drought emergency, voted against the Inflation Reduction Act, which contained \$8 billion for drought relief. How can farmers and residents in those states vote to support Republicans who would deny them help in their time of need?

The problem is even worse in Utah, where the drying up of the Great Salt Lake can potentially cause toxic chemicals to enter the air around it. Still, the entire Congressional delegation, including Mitt Romney, voted against the bill.

Secondly, there is the complaint from farmers that they don't have enough workers, yet they support a Republican party that denies them the immigrant workforce they utilized heavily for years. This inconsistency between words and deeds makes it hard to develop policies that help rural America. Continue supporting those whose policies hurt you, and you will eventually find yourselves in the worst possible position—the position of needing help but having no one to help you.