

Frederick Anderson, a [leading Washington lawyer](#) who works on energy and environment issues, has written a [novel](#) about the current primary campaign. It features a candidate who starts thinking for himself, with predictably negative political effects. Gary Hart, who knows a thing or two about how a primary campaign can go wrong, calls it a “highly plausible narrative fashioned around believable characters and realistic political intrigue.”

Although it's not explicitly about environmental issues, some passages seem quite on point. One character muses:

sometimes people don't seem to know what a fact is, or what cause and effect are. They lack tools to link them. The form of a cause and effect is enough, and sometimes that is achieved by simple innuendo. Repeat with conviction that a false state of affairs exists, and by sheer repetition it accretes heft, acquires influence and moves the affairs of the nation.

I think we can all bring to mind some relevant, environmental examples.