

At this point, the GOP Presidential field looks like Jeb Bush versus Everyone Else. (Of course, there's a big fight over who gets to play Everyone Else when this particular play opens in Iowa and New Hampshire.) It's an open question whether Jeb will turn out to be too green for the average GOP primary voter.

Jeb has already been attacked by the Club for Growth on this basis. The Club's communication director [complains](#) that "we did see hundreds of millions in state spending on Everglades restoration and environmental land purchases, and we will definitely raise that as a point of concern with his record."

And there are other potential issues. Jeb supported efforts to keep offshore drilling away from Florida's coasts, supporting a compromise with a 125-mile buffer zone. He has [touted](#) fracking as a way to reduce carbon emissions — like carbon emissions are a *bad* thing! [Politico](#) reports speculation that he "could help bring Republicans back to a debate the party has not wanted to engage in because of Obama." From the point of view of at least some Republicans, he's definitely getting praise from some of the wrong places. Another story from [Politico](#) has a telling quote:

*"He was a green," said Eric Draper, the executive director of the National Audubon Society's Florida chapter, which had both worked with Bush on his Everglades restoration efforts but clashed with him on his handling of the Everglades' pollution limits. "I actually miss him. He was one of Florida's most effective governors, and I'm telling you that as a Democrat."*

You really don't want the Audubon Society calling you a green if you're running for the GOP nomination. I guess it could be worse — it might have been the Sierra Club, which is probably better known to GOP voters. But it's still got to be awkward at this point in the process. Jeb seems to be doing his best to stress his support for fracking plus expanded drilling, while fudging questions about climate change. But it's not clear whether the party base will forgive him for his past support for the Everglades and his generally pragmatic positions on environmental issues.