

PolitiFact: Jindal's claim he reduced size of government examined

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Republican presidential hopeful and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal has been trying to break out from the bottom of the GOP pack. Recently he said, "I'm the only candidate that has actually reduced the size of government."

PolitiFact Florida heard that and decided to check it out. Reporter Joshua Gillian says it rated half-true.

"One study (from the Cato Institute) says that he did reduce spending more than any of the other governor candidates in the GOP presidential field," Gillin says.

But if you measure it a different way, you could get a different result.

"A Fox News one, for example, said he was fourth on that list behind Jeb Bush and Scott Walker and Rick Perry, who are both (Walker and Perry) out of the race now" Gillin said.

Gillin went on to say a big reason why government shrank during his administration is because much of the help Louisiana received in response to Hurricane Katrina expired.