Floyd of GOP money wasted on ads

Top spender Jeb Bush cut in Rubio's retooling in the polls in Iowa. A few factors

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WASHINGTON — It's a drumbeat that grows more intense as the early primary season has
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candidate, courtesy of outside

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What's less clear: How much of that is getting through to voters?

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