

CHRIS CHRISTIE VETTING REPORT

BACKGROUND (GENERAL/CAREER)

September 6, 1962: Christopher James Christie Born (“Chris Christie Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 8/28/14)

Education

1984: Graduates From University Of Delaware (“Chris Christie Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 8/28/14)

- **Christie Was Student Body President At Delaware.** “Christie went to the University of Delaware, where he became the student-body president, and where he met his future wife, Mary Pat Foster, who was also involved in student government.” (Ryan Lizza, “Crossing Christie,” [New Yorker](#), 4/14/14)

1987: Graduates From Seton Hall University Law School. (“Chris Christie Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 8/28/14)

Work Experience

1987: Joined Dughi & Hewit, A Union County Law Firm. “He went to law school at Seton Hall, and when he graduated, in 1987, he joined Dughi & Hewit, a small firm in Union County, which was another Democratic stronghold.” (Ryan Lizza, “Crossing Christie,” [New Yorker](#), 4/14/14)

1992: Volunteered For George H.W. Bush’s Presidential Campaign In New Jersey. “In 1992, Christie volunteered for the George H. W. Bush campaign, where he got to know Bill Palatucci, the executive director of both of Bush’s Presidential campaigns in New Jersey, which was then a more competitive state for Republicans.” (Ryan Lizza, “Crossing Christie,” [New Yorker](#), 4/14/14)

1993: Attempted To Unseat Republican State Senator John Dorsey, The Sitting Majority Leader. “In 1993, Christie tried to unseat the Republican state senator John Dorsey, who happened to be the majority leader, and therefore one of the most important Republicans in the state.” (Ryan Lizza, “Crossing Christie,” [New Yorker](#), 4/14/14)

- **“Dorsey, His Opponent, Challenged Christie’s Petition And Officials Found Dozens Of Invalid Signatures. His Name Wasn’t Allowed On The Ballot.”** (Ryan Lizza, “Crossing Christie,” [New Yorker](#), 4/14/14)

1993: Becomes A Partner At Dughi And Hewit (“Chris Christie Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 8/28/14)

1994: Wins Race For Freeholder In Morris County. “In Chris Christie’s first successful campaign for public office, he sat down next to his wife and baby, looked into a camera and told voters something that wasn’t true. It was 1994, and Christie was a 31-year-old lawyer running for the county board in suburban Morris County, N.J.” (David A. Fahrenthold, “Chris Christie’s 1994 Ad Was Too Tough (And Inaccurate) For Jersey,” [The Washington Post](#), 1/19/14)

1995: Christie Runs For State Assembly And Loses In The Republican Primary. “Within weeks of his swearing-in, Christie started planning a campaign for a state-assembly seat. In the open Republican primary in Morris County, the two candidates with the highest number of votes become the Party’s two nominees for the assembly, and candidates sometimes run together, as a pair. In 1995, Merkt teamed up with Christie. ... He came in fourth.” (Ryan Lizza, “Crossing Christie,” [New Yorker](#), 4/14/14)

1997: Christie Comes In Fifth Out Of Five Candidates During His Run For Reelection To His Freeholder Seat. “Two years later, he lost his freeholder seat. “The folks he had torpedoed with the phony charge came back and used it against him,” Merkt said. Christie came in fifth out of five candidates.” (Ryan Lizza, “Crossing Christie,” [New Yorker](#), 4/14/14)

1999 – 2001: Registered Lobbyist At Dughi & Hewit. “From 1999 to 2001, Christie was a registered lobbyist at a law firm that lobbied New Jersey government on behalf of Edison Schools, according to filings with the state Election Law Enforcement Commission. ... The firm, Dughi, Hewit and Palatucci, also

represented Mosaica Education, a for-profit charter school operator, and the University of Phoenix, a for-profit online university.” (Chris Megerian, “Gov. Christie To Unveil Public Private School Partnership Plan,” [Newark Star Ledger](#), 6/9/11)

2000: Christie Is George W. Bush’s “Campaign Lawyer” For New Jersey. “The group made three trips to Texas and locked up New Jersey, and Christie became Bush’s campaign lawyer for the state (New Jersey).” (Ryan Lizza, “Crossing Christie,” [New Yorker](#), 4/14/14)

- **Christie Qualified As A Bush “Pioneer” For The Amount Of Money He Was Able To Fundraise.** “Christie and Palatucci proceeded to pull in \$350,000, more than enough for Christie to qualify as a Bush ‘Pioneer’; he and Mary Pat also personally contributed \$29,000 to Bush and other Republicans between 1999 and 2001.” (Alec MacGillis, “Chris Christie’s Entire Career Reeks,” [The New Republic](#), 2/12/14)

December 2001: Nominated To Become New Jersey’s U.S. Attorney. “Chris Christie first entered the public consciousness in December 2001 when President George W. Bush nominated him to be New Jersey’s only U.S. attorney.” (Max Pizarro, “Big Boy At The Brink Chris Christie And The Discipline Of Fear,” [New York Observer](#), 1/14/14)

2002-2008: U.S. Attorney For New Jersey (“Chris Christie Fast Facts,” [CNN](#) 8/28/14)

November 3, 2009: Elected Governor Of New Jersey (“Chris Christie Fast Facts,” [CNN](#) 8/28/14)

November 21, 2013: Becomes 2014 Chairman Of The Republican Governors Association. (“Chris Christie Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 8/28/14)

QUESTIONS FOR CHRIS CHRISTIE

Political Vulnerabilities

“Bridgetate”

Background: In 2013, a staff member and political appointees of Governor Chris Christie colluded to create traffic jams in Fort Lee, New Jersey, by closing lanes for the upper level of the George Washington Bridge. In November 2016, a New Jersey jury found Christie deputy chief of staff Bridget Kelly guilty of conspiracy and fraud.

- **Is there anything additional surrounding this controversy that could come to light during the Trump administration?**
- **What is the level of truth to Bridget Kelly’s assertion that you had knowledge of the plan to manufacture traffic on the George Washington Bridge?**
- **Do you feel your potential presence in the administration could create a negative public perception, and if so would it risk damaging the image of President-elect?**

Investigation into Hurricane Sandy Relief

Background: In 2014, the DOJ launched a federal investigation into the Christie administration’s use of millions in money the administration received as part of a massive Hurricane Sandy recovery package. At issue was \$25 million used for the controversial ‘Stronger than the Storm’ advertising campaign, which starred Christie and his family right as the governor was running for a second term.

- **Is there anything that could generate further headline risk regarding the DOJ investigation into the use of funds for Hurricane Sandy relief?**
- **Will you be open to accountability measures for your departments spending should the President’s staff wish to create such measures?**

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Transition Team Lobbying Issues

Background: The Trump campaign's initial transition team was criticized for ties to lobbyists reportedly tapped by Christie.

- **Do you think that the staffing decisions you made while managing the Trump transition team damaged the President-elect's image, given his campaign posture against lobbyists?**
- **Will you embrace and abide by the President's strict restrictions he will place on lobbyists involved in his administration?**

Personal Lobbying Issues

Background: Between 1999 and 2001 Christie was a lobbyist for a number of entities in New Jersey. Christie lobbied on behalf of the securities industry and Bernie Madoff to block stock fraud from being included in the state's Consumer Fraud Act.

- **Is there anything that President's team would need to know involving your time as a registered lobbyist in New Jersey?**
- **Does the specter of a former banking industry lobbyist working for an administration pledging to "drain the swamp" seem to be irreconcilable?**
- **Is there any unknown information about your tenure as a lobbyist for a securities trading association linked to Bernie Madoff that would spark controversy?**

Relationship With Jared Kushner

Background: Christie as U.S. attorney was involved in the prosecution of Jared Kushner's father, Charles Kushner, who was sentenced to prison in 2005 on 18 counts of tax evasion, witness tampering and making illegal campaign donations.

- **Do you believe your previous position as the U.S. attorney who prosecuted Charles Kushner has damaged your relationship with the Kushners to a point where you and Jared Kushner could not co-exist in the Trump administration?**
- **Do you believe that your removal as head of the Trump Transition team was orchestrated by Jared Kushner?**

Policy Questions

Conflicting Stance On Illegal Immigration

Background: For years, Christie had backed a pathway to citizenship and has generally been seen as sympathetic toward illegal immigrants. As Governor, Christie signed legislation granting illegal immigrants in state tuition.

- **Would you have an issue governing in an administration that actively worked to defend and tighten U.S. borders and end illegal immigration?**

Differences On Gun Control

Background: Christie has a record of supporting enhanced fire arms regulations and as a politician has campaigned on stricter gun control.

- **Will you have moral and ethical qualm being a member of an administration that will emphasize the Second Amendment and oppose further regulation of firearms?**
- **Should a major shooting occur and the debate in Washington turn partisan, will you be able to stand by the President?**

Conflicting Position On Education

Background: Christie supports 'Common Core' education standards and considers himself an "Obama Ally" on education.

- **In necessary would you be willing to support the President as he works to overturn 'Common Core' and return education powers to the states?**

NOTE: Foreign Policy Questions Below If Needed

Generic Lead Diplomat

- **As lead diplomat, which diplomatic tool would you utilize most in your interactions with other states on behalf of the United States?**
- **What do you view as the biggest issues the next Secretary of State should address on behalf of the President?**

Syria Policy

Background: The current conflict in Syria is considered to be the most dramatic convergence point of ongoing American military engagements and Russia's foreign policy. Mr. Trump's strategy and policy towards Syria, and the greater Middle East will be vital to the sustainability of several foreign states.

- **A major point of contention between the United States and Russia with regards to objectives in Syria has been the continued leadership of Bashar Al-Assad. Obama's red line policy heightened these tensions, but his failure to act made him look weak. Would you advocate to remove Assad from power as is consistent with current U.S. foreign policy or would you try to work with him to restore stability in Syria?**
- **Russia and the United States infamously were able to work together to dismantle Syria's chemical weapons. What other areas do you see such cooperation in Syria occurring between our two countries despite significant underlying issues?**
- **Do you believe that the ongoing civil war and instability in Syria is a compelling interest of United States foreign policy?**

ISIS

Background: Mr. Trump has been intentionally vague in his plan to address ISIS and as a result the SOS role may have an extremely important public facing role in the conflict.

- **As Secretary of State, what role do you see yourself having in facilitating international cooperation to combat ISIS globally?**

- **What do you see as the areas of highest risk of being a threat to ISIS, and how would you work with international partners to secure these areas?**

Russia Policy

- **The New START Treaty, which came into effect in 2011, is set to expire in 2021 which means that the groundwork for future negotiations should begin during this administration. What steps can be taken over the next four years to lay the best foundation for these talks, and what do you see as the overarching objective of these discussions?**
- **Russia has recently made aggressive moves against our NATO allies, prompting fears that the United States will not live up to its obligations under the treaty to treat an attack on any ally as an attack on itself. What diplomatic reassurances would you offer our partners, and how would you work with Russia to de-escalate tensions in Europe?**
- **Mr. Trump's relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin has been a source of intense criticism during the election cycle. How would you ensure that the diplomatic relationship between the United States and Russia improves without ceding ground to Russia or appearing weak?**

China Policy

Background: Mr. Trump has taken a harsh stance on China as a future economic partner with the U.S. and has indicated he may ignore Asian allies in the near term. The Secretary of State will be retooling the Clinton-Obama "Asia Pivot" policy which has been criticized as ineffective.

- **The United States recently announced that it will deploy THAAD anti-missile technology in South Korea to defend our Asian allies from North Korea. This declaration has angered China, which has threatened to take countermeasures should THAAD be actively deployed. How would you effectively balance the need to protect our Asian allies with the fear that China will react adversely?**
- **China has made aggressive land-grabbing moves in the South China Sea, even going so far as to create artificial islands to claim more contested waters. International rulings have gone against China's actions and claims, to no avail since they are not enforceable. What coalitions would you create, or negotiations would you hope to facilitate with China, to counter this threat?**
- **Mr. Trump's threat to slap large tariffs on Chinese imports could prompt China to shut off market access and raise tariffs on American imports. How do you foresee upholding Mr. Trump's pledge to renegotiate our trading patterns with China?**

Mexico Policy

Background: Mr. Trump has taken an aggressive stance on Mexico as both a trade partner and as a geographic neighbor with land borders. His commitment to building the wall and renegotiating NAFTA will likely involve any SOS in the administration.

- **In light of Mr. Trump's agenda of stopping American companies from moving to Mexico and his plan to build a wall, how would you ensure good relations with Mexico?**
- **Are you willing to help Mr. Trump uphold his pledge to renegotiate NAFTA?**

Lack of Experience

Background: Christie has only limited to no international affairs experience.

- **How would you respond to those who say you do not have any foreign policy or international relations experience?**

DEROGATORY COMMENTS ABOUT TRUMP/PENCE TICKET

N/A

GENERAL CONTROVERSIES

BRIDGEGATE

The Basics Of Bridgegate:

On September 6, 2013, The Director Of Interstate Capital Projects, David Wildstein, Orders Two Of The Three Lanes Connecting Fort Lee To The George Washington Bridge Closed. “Aug. 13 (2013): Bridget Anne Kelly, deputy chief of staff to Republican Gov. Christie, e-mails David Wildstein, director of interstate capital projects for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey: ‘Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee.’ Wildstein e-mails back: ‘Got it.’ Sept. 6: Wildstein orders the George Washington Bridge’s general manager, Robert Durando, to close two of the three access lanes connecting Fort Lee, N.J., to the bridge.” (Jessica Durando, “The Backstory Of Christie s Bridgegate Scandal,” [USA Today](#) 1/10/14)

The Lanes Were Closed Between September 9, 2013 And September 13, 2013. “Sept 9: The access lanes are closed, creating hours-long traffic jams on the first day of the school year. Matthew Bell, a special assistant to Port Authority Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni, e-mails his boss at 9:29 a.m. ... Sept 13: Patrick Foye, executive director of the Port Authority and an appointee of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, directs general manager Durando to end the lane closures.” (Jessica Durando, “The Backstory Of Christie s Bridgegate Scandal,” [USA Today](#) 1/10/14)

It Is Alleged The Lanes Were Closed Due To Fort Lee’s Mayor, A Democrat, Not Endorsing Christie. “Wisniewski said the panel would explore other potential motives for the lane closures apart from retaliation against Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich, a Democrat, for not endorsing Christie, because that explanation suggested a dramatically disproportionate response to a relatively minor act.” (Steve Strunsky, “New Subpoenas Could Go Out Today In GWB Lane Closure Probe,” [Newark Star Ledger](#) 1/13/14)

- **NOTE: “September 16, 2013: The Port Authority Says The Lanes Were Closed For A Traffic Study.”** (Jessica Durando, “The Backstory Of Christie s Bridgegate Scandal,” [USA Today](#) 1/10/14)

A Number Of Top Advisors To Christie Resigned, Including Christie’s Former Campaign Manager And His Deputy Chief Of Staff. “In Chris Christie’s circle of advisers, few were as close to the governor as Bill Stepien. He managed both of the New Jersey Republican’s winning campaigns for governor, helped shape Christie’s tough-guy-on-your-side image and was expected to take a top role in an eventual White House bid. But when Christie cut him loose Wednesday evening, the governor didn’t so much as speak to him. ... Christie said he fired his deputy chief of staff, Bridget Anne Kelly, 10 minutes after reading e-mails that show she set in motion days of traffic jams that paralyzed Fort Lee, N.J., last September.” (Matea Gold And Robert Costa, “Firing Of Stepien Deprives Christie Of A Key Counselor,” [The Washington Post](#) 1/9/14)

A Federal Investigation Into Christie’s Role In Bridgegate Is Still Ongoing. “NBC says a report by Brian Williams on the network’s Nightly News program that federal charges have been ruled out for Gov. Chris Christie in the George Washington Bridge scandal was incorrect. Federal prosecutors say the investigation is ongoing and haven’t made any announcement on Christie’s status.” (Bob Jordan, “NBC Says It Was Wrong On Chris Christie Report,” [Asbury Park Press](#) 9/19/14)

In December 2014 Christie Jointly Vetoed Legislation With Gov. Cuomo Aimed At Reforming The Port Authority:

In December 2014 Christie And Cuomo Said They Were Both Vetoing Legislation That Would Have Overhauled The Port Authority. “The governors of New York and New Jersey jointly vetoed legislation

Saturday aimed at overhauling the Port Authority and proposed instead a series of reforms they said would go further in bringing accountability to the agency. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie announced their vetoes of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey legislation in a joint statement.” (“Cuomo, Christie Veto Bill To Reform Port Authority,” [The Associated Press](#) 12/27/14)

The Legislation, Which Had Unanimous Bipartisan Support In Both States, Would Have Required Audits, An Inspector General’s Office, Restricted Lobbying And Instituted Other Ethics Reforms.

“The bill which had the unanimous support of the New York and New Jersey legislatures would have overhauled the troubled agency by requiring an independent annual audit, creating an inspector general’s office, restricting lobbying and creating a whistleblower protection program. It also would have required Port Authority board members to swear they’ll act in good faith.” (“Cuomo, Christie Veto Bill To Reform Port Authority,” [The Associated Press](#) 12/27/14)

Christie Has Spent Over \$7 Million In State Funds Defending Himself From Bridgegate Charges:

In August 2014 It Was Reported That The State Of New Jersey Had Paid \$7.3 Million Up To That Point To Outside Counsel, Gibson Dunn, To Defend Him In The Bridgegate Scandal. “The tab for the main law firm Gov. Chris Christie hired to deal with the George Washington Bridge scandal is \$7.3 million and counting. ... Christie retained Gibson Dunn in January to deal with the scandal unleashed by the disclosure that top aides had blocked access lanes to the George Washington Bridge in an apparent act of political retaliation against the town’s mayor.” (Matt Friedman, “Christie Lawyers Charged N.J. Taxpayers \$784K From May To July,” [Newark Star Ledger](#) 8/29/14)

- **In March 2014 A Gibson Dunn Attorney “Prepared A Voluminous Report... That Cleared Christie Of Any Wrongdoing Or Advance Knowledge Of The Lane Closures.”** “Gibson Dunn attorney Randy Mastro prepared a voluminous report, released in March, that cleared Christie of any wrongdoing or advance knowledge of the lane closures, laying the blame on his aides.” (Matt Friedman, “Christie Lawyers Charged N.J. Taxpayers \$784K From May To July,” [Newark Star Ledger](#), 8/29/14)

Gibson Dunn Is Charging The Christie Administration A “Discounted Hourly Rate Of \$350 An Hour.” “Late this afternoon, Acting Attorney General John Hoffman released the latest invoices for the firm, Gibson Dunn. The invoices show \$784,459 in charges to the state at the discounted hourly rate of \$350 an hour for May, June and July. That’s on top of the \$6.52 million the administration had spent on the legal bills through April.” (Matt Friedman, “Christie Lawyers Charged N.J. Taxpayers \$784K From May To July,” [Newark Star Ledger](#) 8/29/14)

New York Post Headline: “Christie’s Legal Tab For Bridgegate Cost Taxpayers \$7.3M” ([New York Post](#) 8/30/14)

NOTE: Another Law Firm Representing 17 Staffers, Riker Danzig, Had Billed \$272,654 As Of August 2014. “The firm’s work isn’t done as investigations continue. And other firms have been paid by the Christie administration as well. Riker Danzig, which represents 17 staffers, has billed \$272,654.” (Matt Friedman, “Christie Lawyers Charged N.J. Taxpayers \$784K From May To July,” [Newark Star Ledger](#) 8/29/14)

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LOBBYING ISSUES

Between 1999 And 2001 Christie Was A Lobbyist For A Number Of Entities In New Jersey:

Christie Was A Registered Lobbyist In New Jersey From 1999-2001, Working On Issues Such As Education, Banking, Health Care And Public Utilities. “In a brief interview at the same event, Christie scoffed at the suggestion he was not an outsider because of his stint as a lobbyist from 1999 to 2001. ... Public records from the 1999-2001 period illustrate Christie's advocacy on legislation affecting education, banking, health care, public utilities and other policy areas.” (Josh Margolin And Claire Heining, “Christie, Corzine Duel Over Outsider Label,” *Newark Star Ledger*, 8/26/09)

- **“In 1999, Christie Registered As A Lobbyist For Dughi And Hewit...”** “In 1999, Christie registered as a lobbyist for Dughi and Hewit, the Cranford law firm where he was a partner alongside Bill Palatucci, a longtime ally now helping to run Christie's campaign.” (Josh Margolin And Claire Heining, “Christie, Corzine Duel Over Outsider Label,” *Newark Star Ledger*, 8/26/09)

Christie's Clients Included “Hackensack University Medical Center, The Securities Industry Association, GPU Energy, The University Of Phoenix And Other Education And Economic Development Groups.” “Quarterly and annual reports filed by Palatucci and Christie with the state Election Law Enforcement Commission list the clients represented by the firm, as well as the legislation it focused on in the Senate and Assembly. The clients included Hackensack University Medical Center, the Securities Industry Association, GPU Energy, the University of Phoenix and other education and economic development groups.” (Josh Margolin And Claire Heining, “Christie, Corzine Duel Over Outsider Label,” *Newark Star Ledger*, 8/26/09)

Christie Lobbied On Behalf Of The Securities Industry To Block Stock Fraud From Being Included In The State's Consumer Fraud Act While Bernie Madoff Was Leading The Group:

Christie Lobbied “On Behalf Of The Securities Industry Association To Block Securities Fraud From Being Included Under [New Jersey's] Consumer Fraud Act.” “Quarterly and annual reports filed by Palatucci and Christie with the state Election Law Enforcement Commission list the clients represented by the firm, as well as the legislation it focused on in the Senate and Assembly. The clients included Hackensack University Medical Center, the Securities Industry Association, GPU Energy, the University of Phoenix and other education and economic development groups. ... The firm also lobbied on behalf of GPU to try to deregulate New Jersey's electric and gas industry, and on behalf of the Securities Industry Association to block securities fraud from being included under the state's Consumer Fraud Act.” (Josh Margolin And Claire Heining, “Christie, Corzine Duel Over Outsider Label,” *Newark Star Ledger*, 8/26/09)

Bernie Madoff Was The Head Of The Securities Industry Association While Christie Was Lobbying “To Win An Exemption For Securities Fraud From New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act.” “In fact, one of Christie's primary lobbying projects on behalf of Wall Street was to win an exemption for securities fraud from New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act. ... In a detail that practically writes its own commercial script, the Wall Street client on whose behalf Christie lobbied was the Securities Industry Association. Which, at that time, was led by one Mr. Bernard Madoff.” (Abe Sauer, “The Chris Christie Madoff Attack Ad That Writes Itself,” [The Awl](#), 9/27/11)

“As A Lobbyist, Chris Christie Worked To Remove Securities Fraud From A Consumer Fraud Act On Behalf Of An Organization Run By Bernie Madoff.” “The bottom line for Obama's communication team:

As a lobbyist, Chris Christie worked to remove securities fraud from a consumer fraud act on behalf of an organization run by Bernie Madoff.” (Abe Sauer, “The Chris Christie Madoff Attack Ad That Writes Itself,” [The Awl](#), 9/27/11)

LIVING LARGE ON THE TAXPAYER DIME

Christie Has Refused To Disclose How Much His Out-Of-State Trips Have Cost Taxpayers:

Christie And His Lawyers Are Attempting To Block The Release Of Records That Identify The Hotels And The Lodging Expenses For Christie’s In-State Travel As Governor. “Chris Christie slept here’ is not a historical marker. It’s a state secret in New Jersey, according to the governor’s lawyers. The state attorney general’s office is trying to block the release of records that identify which hotels the New Jersey governor stayed in while traveling on state business at taxpayers’ expense. The lodging receipts are among the documents sought by a New Jersey Watchdog reporter in a public records lawsuit against the governor’s office filed in Mercer County Superior Court.” (Mark Lagerkvist, “Citing Security, N.J. Refuses To Release Records On Christie s Hotel Expenses,” [New Jersey Watchdog](#), 8/26/14)

Christie And His Lawyers Are Trying To Block Public Records Requests About The Taxpayer Cost Of His Out-Of-State Travel Because His Office And His Security Do Not Have Records Of The Taxpayer Cost. “Back in New Jersey, his administration is quietly stonewalling public records requests in roughly two dozen cases filed by numerous plaintiffs in Mercer County Superior Court. Those requests include records of out-of-state-trips Christie uses to raise his political profile as he eyes a run for the White House in 2016. In court, the state’s lawyers argue: ... Christie’s office does not have records of what each trip cost taxpayers. The same holds for the New Jersey State Police, which provides security for the governor as he travels across the country.” (Mark Lagerkvist, “State Secrets Why Won t Gov. Christie Disclose His Travel Expenses?,” [New Jersey Watchdog](#), 11/30/14)

- **Christie’s Lawyers Also Argue That He And His Staff Are Exempt From Travel Rules That Govern State Employees.** “In court, the state’s lawyers argue: Christie and his staff are exempt from all New Jersey travel rules that govern state employees.” (Mark Lagerkvist, “State Secrets Why Won t Gov. Christie Disclose His Travel Expenses?,” [New Jersey Watchdog](#) 11/30/14)

NOTE: “[Christie] Has Been Away For Some Part Of More Than 100 Days In 2014, Often To Raise Money For Republican Candidates.” (Laura R. Walker, “The Secrets Of New Jersey,” [The New York Times](#) 10/26/14)

The State Of New Jersey Has Spent Almost \$1 Million Protecting Christie. Not Including Overtime Costs:

Christie Has Run Up A \$959,856 Tab With The State Executive Protection In New Jersey For His Protection During His First Four Years And Nine Months In Office. “New Jersey spent nearly \$1 million on travel expenses for its state police Executive Protection Unit during Christie’s four years and nine months as governor, according to documents obtained under the Open Public Records Act. ... Overall, EPU travel expenses have totaled \$959,856 under Christie, not including unreleased expense information for the fourth quarter of last year.” (Mark Lagerkvist, “Big Ticket Cost To Protect Gov. Christie Rises 1,800 Percent,” [New Jersey Watchdog](#), 1/11/15)

The EPU Travel Does Not Include Overtime Costs Due To A 2011 Regulation Adopted By Christie’s Attorney General. “The EPU travel expenses do not include the troopers’ overtime pay, data kept secret under a rule adopted by the Christie administration. Nor does it count the cost of state police vehicles and helicopters used to transport the governor and his entourage. Records of the amount of overtime paid became state secrets through a 2011 regulation adopted by Paula T. Dow, Christie’s first attorney general.” (Mark Lagerkvist, “Big Ticket Cost To Protect Gov. Christie Rises 1,800 Percent,” [New Jersey Watchdog](#) 1/11/15)

“The Travel Costs Of State Police Troopers Assigned To Protect The Governor Are 18 Times Higher Than When Christie Took Office, A New Jersey Watchdog Investigation Found.” (Mark Lagerkvist, “Big Ticket Cost To Protect Gov. Christie Rises 1,800 Percent,” [New Jersey Watchdog](#) 1/11/15)

Christie Spent Over \$15,000 In Taxpayer Money To Take His Wife And Aides To The 2013 Super Bowl In New Orleans:

In 2013 Christie Billed Taxpayers \$8,146 To Fly Him, His Wife And Two Aides To The 2013 Super Bowl In New Orleans, Plus An Additional \$7,583 For Three Hotel Rooms. “As governor, Christie’s penchant for expensive travel at taxpayers’ expense has continued. For example, it cost New Jersey taxpayers \$8,146 to fly Christie, his wife, and two aides to the 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans, plus another \$7,583 for three hotel rooms.” (Mark Lagerkvist, “State Secrets Why Won t Gov. Christie Disclose His Travel Expenses?,” [New Jersey Watchdog](#), 11/30/14)

Christie’s Hotel Room In New Orleans Cost \$3,372. “The governor’s room at the unidentified (New Orleans) hotel cost \$3,372, according to documents released in response to a lawsuit by The Record.” (Mark Lagerkvist, “State Secrets Why Won t Gov. Christie Disclose His Travel Expenses?,” [New Jersey Watchdog](#) 11/30/14)

Flight Records Show Christie And His LG Have Spent Almost \$400,000 On Flights On The State Plane And Helicopter:

Christie And His Lieutenant Governor Have Spent At Least \$390,200 On Flights In State-Owned Planes And Helicopters Between January 2010 And February 2013. “New Jersey Governor Chris Christie is relying on the state-owned helicopter fleet more than ever, with 106 trips last year at a cost of \$2,500 an hour. ... The governor flew to Williamsport Regional Airport aboard a \$12.5 million State Police-owned AgustaWestland AW139. ... From the time Christie took office in January 2010 through February 2013, the most recent period Bloomberg examined prior to yesterday’s records release, the flights for the governor and his lieutenant, Kim Guadagno, cost at least \$390,200.” (Elise Young, “N.J. s Christie Used Chopper Almost Every Three Days,” [Bloomberg](#), 4/30/14)

- **This Included A Trip For “An Announcement That WrestleMania, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Inc.’s Biggest Annual Event, Would Take Place In East Rutherford.”** “The itineraries included media interviews and news briefings, the funeral of Democratic congressman Donald Payne, and an announcement that WrestleMania, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Inc.’s biggest annual event, would take place in East Rutherford.” (Elise Young, “N.J. s Christie Used Chopper Almost Every Three Days,” [Bloomberg](#), 4/30/14)

Christie Has Used State-Owned Helicopters 23 Times In 2010, 70 Times In 2011, 66 Times In 2012 And 106 Times In 2013 At A Cost Of \$2,500 Per Hour Of Use. “New Jersey Governor Chris Christie is relying on the state-owned helicopter fleet more than ever, with 106 trips last year at a cost of \$2,500 an hour. ... The flights last year compare with 23 in 2010, his first year in office; 66 in 2012; and 70 in 2011, records show.” (Elise Young, “N.J. s Christie Used Chopper Almost Every Three Days,” [Bloomberg](#), 4/30/14)

- **Bloomberg Headline: “N.J.’s Christie Used Chopper Almost Every Three Days”** ([Bloomberg](#), 4/30/14)

As A U.S. Attorney Christie Routinely Overbilled The Federal Government For Expenses Due To His Need To Stay In Luxury Accommodations:

Christie “Regularly Spent Beyond Federal Guidelines On Business Travel While U.S. Attorney.” “The Republican candidate for New Jersey governor (Christie), who has campaigned on a platform of ethical integrity and cutting government waste, regularly spent beyond federal guidelines on business travel while U.S. attorney, records show.” (“Chris Christie Exceeded Federal Travel Spending Limits As U.S. Attorney, Records Show,” [The Associated Press](#), 10/13/09)

Christie “Exceeded The Government Lodging Allowance On 23 Of 30 Business Trips Taken Between 2004 And 2008,” With Him “Exceeding The Government’s Hotel Allowance On 14 Of 16 Business Trips He Took In 2008.” “The newly released travel records show that Chris Christie occasionally billed taxpayers more than \$400 a night for stays in luxury hotels and exceeded the government’s hotel allowance on 14 of 16 business trips he took in 2008. ... Records turned over so far show Christie exceeded the government lodging allowance on 23 of 30 business trips taken between 2004 and 2008.” (“Chris Christie Exceeded Federal Travel Spending Limits As U.S. Attorney, Records Show,” [The Associated Press](#) 10/13/09)

“Christie Occasionally Billed Taxpayers More Than \$400 A Night For Stays In Luxury Hotels.” “The newly released travel records show that Chris Christie occasionally billed taxpayers more than \$400 a night for stays in luxury hotels and exceeded the government's hotel allowance on 14 of 16 business trips he took in 2008.” (Chris Christie Exceeded Federal Travel Spending Limits As U.S. Attorney, Records Show, [The Associated Press](#), 10/13/09)

- **In 2007 Christie And A Deputy “Each Billed Taxpayers \$449 Plus Taxes And Fees For Their Rooms” At The NineZero Hotel In Boston, “More Than Double The Government Allowance For A Boston Hotel Room At The Time.”** “The vouchers show Christie and Brown stayed at the NineZero Hotel in Boston on Oct. 16, 2007 and each billed taxpayers \$449 plus taxes and fees for their rooms, more than double the government allowance for a Boston hotel room at the time, according to a General Services Administration travel reimbursement table.” (Chris Christie Exceeded Federal Travel Spending Limits As U.S. Attorney, Records Show, [The Associated Press](#), 10/13/09)
- **“A Night At The Four Seasons In Washington In October 2008 Cost Taxpayers \$475...”** “A night at the Four Seasons in Washington in October 2008 cost taxpayers \$475; five nights in London were \$401 each for Christie and Brown, the records show.” (Chris Christie Exceeded Federal Travel Spending Limits As U.S. Attorney, Records Show, [The Associated Press](#), 10/13/09)
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- **“December 2004: The Willard, Washington, \$449”** (Chris Christie Exceeded Federal Travel Spending Limits As U.S. Attorney, Records Show, [The Associated Press](#), 10/13/09)
- **“January 2008: Ritz-Carlton, Orlando, Fla., \$287”** (Chris Christie Exceeded Federal Travel Spending Limits As U.S. Attorney, Records Show, [The Associated Press](#), 10/13/09)

Christie Billed More Than \$20,000 In Mileage Reimbursements During His Tenure, Including “Many Trips That His Public Schedules Indicate Were Made For Personal Or Political Reasons.” “Mr. Christie’s in-state travel has also been questioned. He put in for more than \$20,000 in mileage reimbursements during his seven-year tenure, including many trips that his public schedules indicate were made for personal or political reasons.” (David M. Halbfinger, “Christie May Have Gotten Improper Aid,” [The New York Times](#) 10/19/09)

- **“A Die-Hard Mets Fan, Mr. Christie Put In For \$73 In Mileage Costs For A Drive To Philadelphia On A Night His Schedule Noted An Away Game Against The Phillies.”** (David M. Halbfinger, “Christie May Have Gotten Improper Aid,” [The New York Times](#), 10/19/09)

The Large Overcharging Of The Expense Rate Led To Christie Being Investigated By The Department Of Justice:

Christie’s Expenditures As A U.S. Attorney Led To Him Being Investigated By The U.S. Department Of Justice. “Those concerns included a Justice Department investigation of Christie's expenditures while he was a U.S. Attorney in New Jersey.” (Leigh Ann Caldwell, “Report Ethics Troubles Complicated Christie s Chances For 2012 Ticket,” [CNN](#) 11/1/13)

A 2010 Report By The DOJ’s Inspector General Found Christie Was “The U.S. Attorney Who Most Often Exceeded The Government (Travel Expense) Rate Without Adequate Justification.” “A 2010 report by the [Department of Justice’s] Inspector General concluded Christie among five top prosecutors investigated -- was the ‘the U.S. attorney who most often exceeded the government (travel expense) rate without adequate justification.’” (Leigh Ann Caldwell, “Report Ethics Troubles Complicated Christie s Chances For 2012 Ticket,” [CNN](#) 11/1/13)

The DOJ’s Inspector General Said Christie Offered “Insufficient, Inaccurate Or No Justification” For Most Of The Costs And Refused To Personally Meet With Investigators. “A 2010 report by the department's Inspector General concluded Christie among five top prosecutors investigated -- was the

'the U.S. attorney who most often exceeded the government (travel expense) rate without adequate justification.' He also offered 'insufficient, inaccurate or no justification' for most of those costs, and refused to meet personally with investigators about the discrepancies." (Leigh Ann Caldwell, "Report Ethics Troubles Complicated Christie's Chances For 2012 Ticket," [CNN](#), 11/1/13)

"Christie Was Not Identified By Name In The Government Report, But Government Sources Have Said He Was 'U.S. Attorney C,' CNN Confirmed." (Leigh Ann Caldwell, "Report Ethics Troubles Complicated Christie's Chances For 2012 Ticket," [CNN](#), 11/1/13)

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ABUSE OF POWER/DRIVING WOES

Christie Has A History Of Getting In Traffic Accidents And Speeding Violations:



State Documents Show Christie Had Racked Up 25 Violation Points Between 1985 And 2009. "State motor vehicle documents show that since 1985, Christie, 46, has racked up 25 violation points (not all at one time), has been in six accidents and was cited 13 times for moving violations, including five without points." (Katherine Santiago, "GOP Gov. Candidate Chris Christie Not Issued Traffic Ticket After Accident That Injured Motorcyclist In 2002," [Newark Star Ledger](#) 9/4/09)

In 2002 Christie Avoided A Ticket After Hitting A Motorcyclist While Driving The Wrong Way After Mentioning He Was A U.S. Attorney:

In July 2002 Christie Hit A Motorcyclist Elizabeth, New Jersey, In A Rented BMW After He Turned The Wrong Way Onto A One-Way Street. "Adding to Chris Christie's campaign trail headaches over his driving record, officials in Elizabeth confirmed tonight the Republican gubernatorial candidate was in a traffic accident that injured a motorcyclist in the city in 2002. Christie, then the U.S. attorney, was on his way to the swearing-in of the Union County prosecutor and was not issued a ticket for the July 26, 2002 incident, Police Director James Cosgrove said. ... Christie was driving a rented BMW sedan and apparently had lost his way when he attempted to turn right onto a street that was one-way in the other direction, according to the police report." (Katherine Santiago, "GOP Gov. Candidate Chris Christie Not Issued Traffic Ticket After Accident That Injured Motorcyclist In 2002," [Newark Star Ledger](#) 9/4/09)

The Motorcyclist, Andre Mendonca, Was Taken By Ambulance To University Hospital In Newark After The Accident. "A motorcyclist, Andre Mendonca of Elizabeth, was riding towards Christie, and both men saw one another and put on the brakes, police said. Christie's vehicle came to a stop, and the motorcycle then 'fell on its side and slid into his vehicle,' according to the police report. Mendonca was taken by ambulance to University Hospital in Newark, Cosgrove said." (Katherine Santiago, "GOP Gov. Candidate Chris Christie Not Issued Traffic Ticket After Accident That Injured Motorcyclist In 2002," [Newark Star Ledger](#), 9/4/09)

When An Officer Arrived On Scene Christie Identified Himself As A U.S. Attorney. "When an officer arrived at the scene, Christie explained what happened and said he was on his way to the swearing-in ceremony of Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow, Cosgrove said. 'He did identify himself as U.S. attorney,' Cosgrove said." (Katherine Santiago, "GOP Gov. Candidate Chris Christie Not Issued Traffic Ticket After Accident That Injured Motorcyclist In 2002," [Newark Star Ledger](#) 9/4/09)

"The Officer, Who Did Not Witness The Accident, Opted Not To Issue A Ticket, Cosgrove Said." (Katherine Santiago, "GOP Gov. Candidate Chris Christie Not Issued Traffic Ticket After Accident That Injured Motorcyclist In 2002," [Newark Star Ledger](#), 9/4/09)

In 2004 Mendonca Filed Suit Against Christie And The Case Was Settled Out Of Court. “According to the Superior Court Record Center in Trenton, Mendonca filed suit (against Christie) in 2004. The complaint filed in Essex County was later dismissed, indicating (according to the Clerk) an out of court settlement.” (Zachary Fink, “Chris Christie Accident,” [New Jersey Public Television And Radio](#) 9/4/09)

- **Christie Originally Said There Was No Lawsuit.** “We asked Christie about the accident in Atlantic City Friday and he was very curt with his answers. NJN South Jersey Bureau Chief Kent St. John asked if there was a lawsuit. Christie said ‘no’ then ‘nope.’” (Zachary Fink, “Chris Christie Accident,” [New Jersey Public Television And Radio](#), 9/4/09)

In 2005 Christie Tried To Pull Rank And Intimidate A Police Officer After Being Pulled Over For Speeding:

In September 2005 Christie Was Pulled Over In Lambertville, New Jersey For Going 58 Miles Per Hour In A 40 Miles Per Hour Zone. “Fast forward now to September 2005. He was driving through Lambertville, a historic, touristy Delaware River town. His wife and four young children were in the car, as was his assistant, Michele Brown. He was going 58 miles an hour. The speed limit was 40. An officer pulled him over.” (James Ahearn, “Ahearn Driving Record As Election Issue,” [Bergen Record](#) 9/7/09)

“Christie Was Ticketed For Speeding And For Driving A Vehicle That Lacked Insurance And Current Registration.” (James Ahearn, “Ahearn Driving Record As Election Issue,” [Bergen Record](#) 9/7/09)

Christie Informed The Officer He Was The U.S. Attorney When He Handed His License And Identification Over. “His campaign acknowledged Aug. 26 that Christie's job as U.S. Attorney came up at the stop as Christie handed over his license and identification to the police officer.” (Michael Symons, “Chris Christie Ticketed In 2005 For Speeding, Driving Unregistered, Uninsured Vehicle,” [Home News Tribune](#), 8/26/09)

“The Lambertville Police Director Said That Christie Got ‘Loud’ During The Stop.” (James Ahearn, “Ahearn Driving Record As Election Issue,” [Bergen Record](#), 9/7/09)

- **“Lambertville Police Director Bruce Cocuzza Told PolitickerNJ That Christie Had Become ‘Agitated’ About The Possibility Of His Car Getting Towed.”** (Eric Kleefeld, “Christie Cited In 2005 Traffic Incident Michele Brown Involved,” [Talking Points Memo](#) 8/26/09)

Christie’s Tickets “Were Marked ‘No Deal,’ A Disclaimer Reportedly Used By Police When They Feel That A Driver’s Behavior Merits Not Going Easy On Them.” “The tickets (Christie’s) were marked ‘NO DEAL,’ a disclaimer reportedly used by police when they feel that a driver's behavior merits not going easy on them.” (Eric Kleefeld, “Christie Cited In 2005 Traffic Incident Michele Brown Involved,” [Talking Points Memo](#) 8/26/09)

- [Click Here To See The Tickets](#)

Christie Was Able To Drive Away From The Scene And Not Have His Car Towed. “Lambertville police director Bruce Cocuzza told PolitickerNJ that Christie had become ‘agitated’ about the possibility of his car getting towed. He was ultimately allowed to drive away: ‘He was a little loud at the prospect of being towed and then calmed down.’” (Eric Kleefeld, “Christie Cited In 2005 Traffic Incident Michele Brown Involved,” [Talking Points Memo](#) 8/26/09)

POSSIBLE POLICY ISSUES

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Christie Supports A Pathway To Citizenship And Has Said There Needs To Be A “Clear” Pathway To Legalization:

In 2010 Christie Said There Had To Be A “Clear” Path To Legalize Illegal Immigrants For There To Be A True Border Security Fix. “‘This is a federal problem, it’s gotta have a federal fix,’ he said. ‘I’m not really comfortable with state law enforcement having a big role.’ He said that without border security, enforcement of existing laws and a ‘clear’ path to legalization for immigrants, there would never be a fix.” (Maggie Haberman And Ben Smith, “Gov. Chris Christie Calls For Republican Party Rebranding,” [Politico](#), 6/30/10)

In 2010 Christie Said President Obama Should Show “Leadership” By Combining A Way For Illegal Immigrants To “Gain Citizenship” With Other Border Security Measures. “So here’s a bit more detail on his view, on an issue on which he said President Obama must ‘show the leadership.’ ‘What I support is making sure that the federal government [plays] each and every one of its roles: Securing the border, enforcing immigration laws, and having an orderly process -- whatever that process is -- for people to gain citizenship.’” (Ben Smith, “Christie On Immigration,” [Politico](#), 6/30/10)

In 2013 Christie Signed Legislation Giving In-State Tuition To Illegal Immigrants In New Jersey:

In December 2013 Christie Signed Legislation That “Will Extend In-State Tuition To Illegal Immigrants Brought Into The United States As Children Who Graduate From New Jersey High Schools.” “New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (R) signed a bill Friday that would allow in-state tuition rates for students brought to the country illegally a day after Democrats bowed to his demand that the legislation be tightened. ... The law will extend in-state tuition to illegal immigrants brought into the United States as children who graduate from New Jersey high schools.” (Sean Sullivan, “Christie Signs Immigrant Tuition Bill,” [The Washington Post](#), 12/20/13)

- **“The Tuition Bill Applies To Students Who Have Attended At Least Three Years Of High School In New Jersey.”** (“New Jersey Governor To Approve In State Tuition For Illegal Immigrants,” [Reuters](#) 12/19/13)

NOTE: In-State Tuition Rates Are About \$14,000 Less Than Out-Of-State Rates At Rutgers. “The difference is significant. At Rutgers, the state’s flagship public university, the in-state tuition is \$10,700 annually \$14,000 less than the out-of-state cost.” (“Chris Christie Signs Bill Giving In State Tuition To Undocumented Immigrants,” [The Associated Press](#) 12/20/13)

In 2009 Christie Said He Opposed A Program Allowing Local Law Enforcement To Ask Individuals About Their Immigration Status:

In 2009 Christie Said He Had “Misgivings” About 287(g). “Christie treaded carefully. ‘My position remains the same,’ said the gubernatorial candidate, who repeated his view that he believes Cresitello was ‘grandstanding’ and ‘demagoging’ the issue. ‘I have misgivings about 287 (g) and I don’t want it applied in a discriminatory way,’ Christie said.” (Max Pizarro, “Christie Stands With Guadagno On First Stop Of LG Tour,” [PolitickerNJ](#) 7/20/09)

“The 287(g) Immigration Enforcement Program Authorizes Local Police To Question Individuals About Immigration Status And Make Related Arrests.” (Ted Hesson, “As One Immigration Enforcement Program Fades Away, Another Rises,” [ABC News](#), 12/27/12)

In 2008 Christie Said Being An Illegal Immigrant Was Not A Crime:

In 2008 Christie Said Being An Illegal Immigrant Isn’t A Crime, But “An Administrative Matter.” “New Jersey’s top federal prosecutor told a Latino group it’s a civil offense - not a crime - for immigrants to live in the country without proper documentation, a comment that a spokesman later said was aimed at a narrowly worded question. U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie, widely considered to be a leading GOP contender for governor next year, spoke Sunday in response to a question on illegal immigration at an open forum that grew heated. He said living in the U.S. without immigration paperwork is ‘an administrative matter’ that federal immigration officials are supposed to address through deportation.” (“Christie Being Undocumented Not A Crime For All Immigrants,” [The Associated Press](#) 4/28/08)

SECOND AMENDMENT

Christie Explicitly Ran On A Gun Control Platform In First Two Runs For Office In The Early 1990s:

In 1993 Christie Said The “Issue Which Has Motivated Me To Get Into This (State Senate) Race Is The Recent Attempt ... To Repeal New Jersey’s Ban On Assault Weapons.” “In April 1993, the future governor (then just a lawyer) announced he would run for the State Senate. He told the Star-Ledger, “The

issue which has motivated me to get into this race is the recent attempt by certain Republican legislators to repeal New Jersey's ban on assault weapons." (Olivia Nuzzi, "Chris Christie s Faking It On Gun Rights," [The Daily Beast](#), 7/10/14)

- **Christie In 1993: "In Today's Society No One Needs A Semiautomatic Assault Weapon...We Already Have Too Many Firearms In Our Communities."** (Olivia Nuzzi, "Chris Christie s Faking It On Gun Rights," [The Daily Beast](#), 7/10/14)

In 1995 Christie Ran For State Assembly And Attacked His Opponents For Attempting To Repeal A State Ban On Automatic Weapons And Said Such A Repeal Would Be "Dangerous," "Crazy" And Radical. "In 1995, Christie, while serving as a county Freeholder, mounted a campaign for the State Assembly. He teamed up with Richard Merkt, then a legislative aide, to give running on assault weapons another go. ... The process including distributing mailers attacking the duo's two main opponents, the vulnerable incumbent, Anthony Bucco, and a prominent conservative voice in the district, Michael Patrick Carroll. The mailers deemed repealing the ban on automatic assault weapons 'dangerous,' 'crazy,' and 'radical.'" (Olivia Nuzzi, "Chris Christie s Faking It On Gun Rights," [The Daily Beast](#), 7/10/14)

Chris Christie and Rick Merkt support the ban on assault weapons.

Tony Bucco and Mike Carroll want to repeal the ban on automatic assault weapons.

The Daily Record calls it "Guns for Votes."

BUCCO CARROLL

It's dangerous. It's crazy. It's radical. They must be stopped.

In the June 6 Republican Primary, vote for safer streets.
Chris Christie & Rick Merkt
FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

Say **NO** to Bucco and Carroll's radical plan to legalize assault weapons.

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(Source: [The Daily Beast](#))

Christie Refused To Fill Out An NRA Questionnaire While Running For Governor In 2009:

In 2009 Christie Did Not Fill Out An NRA Questionnaire. "But the National Rifle Association, more influential than any conservative website, has not yet weighed in on the proposal and did not respond to a request for comment Monday. Because he did not fill out the pro-gun lobby's questionnaire during his first gubernatorial campaign, Christie has not yet received an NRA grade or score." (Ruby Cramer, "Chris Christie Gets A Taste Of The Tough Politics Of Gun Control," [BuzzFeed](#), 4/22/13)

As Governor Christie Vowed To "Strictly Enforce" New Jersey's Gun Laws, Some Of The Toughest In The Nation:

“Once Governor, Christie Vowed To ‘Strictly Enforce’ New Jersey’s Existing Gun Laws, Which Are ‘Some Of The Most Aggressive In The Country.’” (Olivia Nuzzi, “Chris Christie’s Faking It On Gun Rights,” [The Daily Beast](#) 7/10/14)

New Jersey Currently Bans Assault Weapons And Has A 15-Round Magazine Limit In Place. “But State House aides cite Christie’s point, made at the announcement Friday, that New Jersey’s gun control laws, which he called ‘stringent,’ are already some of the toughest in the country. With an assault-weapons ban in place and an existing 15-round magazine limit, the Garden State gets high marks from national gun control groups like the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.” (Ruby Cramer, “Chris Christie Gets A Taste Of The Tough Politics Of Gun Control,” [BuzzFeed](#) 4/22/13)

Christie In 2009: “Listen, I Favor Some Of The Gun-Control Measures We Have In New Jersey.” (Fox News “Hannity,” 10/26/09)

In The Wake Of Sandy Hook, Christie Proposed A Broad Set Of New Gun Regulations:

In 2013 Christie Proposed Strengthening New Jersey’s Gun Background Check Requirement And Banning Purchases Of Barrett .50 Caliber Rifles And Identical Weapons. “The proposal, modeled after the recommendations of a violence task force Christie convened the month after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, includes measures that would strengthen the state’s existing background check requirement; ban future purchases of the Barrett .50 caliber rifle and identical weapons; require parental consent for minors seeking to buy violent video games; and make it easier to mandate mental health treatment.” (Ruby Cramer, “Chris Christie Gets A Taste Of The Tough Politics Of Gun Control,” [BuzzFeed](#) 4/22/13)

Christie Opposes Concealed Carry Laws:

In 2009 Christie Said He “Opposes Attempts To Permit Conceal And Carry Laws In New Jersey.” “[Christie] has consistently opposed concealed-carry laws that are now the norm in all 50 states, writing in 2009 that he ‘opposes attempts to permit conceal and carry laws in New Jersey,’ and he recently expressed unqualified support for New Jersey’s one-gun-per-month law and called for all pending lawsuits against the rule to be ‘dismissed.’” (Charles C. W. Cooke, “Christie’s Belated Backtrack On Guns,” [National Review](#), 8/20/13)

In 2012 Christie Opposed Having Armed Guards At Schools:

In 2012 Christie Said He Opposed Having Armed Guards At Schools Because He Thought It Wouldn’t Be Effective. “Governor Chris Christie said he doesn’t agree that placing armed guards at every school in the state would help prevent tragedies like the Newtown, Conn. school shooting last week. ‘In general I don’t think that the solution to safety in schools is putting an armed guard because for it to be really effective in my view, from a law enforcement perspective, you have to have an armed guard at every classroom,’ he said during an event in Newark Friday morning.” (Melissa Hayes, “Christie: Armed Guards Won’t Make Schools Safer,” [Bergen Record](#), 12/21/12)

EDUCATION

Christie Supports Common Core Standards:

Christie Supports Common Core Education Standards. “Mr. Bush has called out some Republicans who have switched positions, drawing what will be a dividing line in the campaign if he or other defenders of the Common Core choose to run. He is joined by Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, but theirs is becoming a small club.” (Jonathan Martin, “Republicans See Political Wedge In Common Core,” [The New York Times](#), 4/19/14)

In 2013 Christie Said Republicans Who Opposed Common Core Were Having A “Knee-Jerk” Reaction To Something The President Supports. “Mr. Christie, speaking at a charter-school conference, said Republicans who opposed education issues such as the Common Core State Standards were having a ‘knee-jerk’ reaction to something the president supports.” (Lisa Fleisher, “Christie Spars With GOP Again, This Time Over Education Standards,” [Wall Street Journal](#) 8/4/13)

Talking Points Memo **Headline: “Bush And Christie Stand Alone Amid GOP's Slow-Motion Revolt On Common Core”** ([Talking Points Memo](#) 4/23/14)

In 2011 Christie Called Himself An “Obama Ally” On Education:

In 2011 Christie Said He And The Obama Administration “Have A Lot In Common” On Education.

“New Jersey Republican Governor Chris Christie on Wednesday declared himself an ally of President Obama and his administration on education issues. Speaking at the governor's mansion, known as Drumthwacket, after private talks with U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Christie said he and Duncan ‘have a lot in common ... in the education reform agenda.’” (Dave Warner, “New Jersey s Christie Says He Is Obama Ally On Education,” [Reuters](#) 4/20/11)

- **Reuters Headline: “New Jersey's Christie Says He Is Obama Ally On Education”** ([Reuters](#), 4/20/11)

Christie On President Obama And His Education Agenda: “I Consider Myself An Ally Of His.” (Dave Warner, “New Jersey s Christie Says He Is Obama Ally On Education,” [Reuters](#), 4/20/11)

BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

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