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# Christie faces new polls, sings 'Thunder Road' on national television

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Two new polls are bringing discouraging news for Gov. Christie this morning.

In one, **63 percent of registered voters say Christie is "overstating things"** when he talks about the "Jersey Comeback." Only 29 percent of the respondents in the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll agree that the comeback is actually happening, Juliet Fletcher reports.

The other poll shows Christie's approval ratings have remained steady this summer, despite a series of "Jersey Comeback" beach events and his invitation to speak at the Republican National Convention. The Quinnipiac poll, which surveyed voters in the days before and after the keynote speech, found that 53 percent gave Christie a favorable job approval rating, compared with 42 percent who did not. That's down one point from July, Melissa Hayes reports in this morning's Record.

Gov. Christie appeared on Jimmy Fallon's television show last night, about a week after he delivered his keynote speech at the Republican National Convention — a speech that received a significant amount of negative press. Christie and Fallon talked about Clint Eastwood's convention speech and belted out Bruce Springsteen's "Thunder Road."

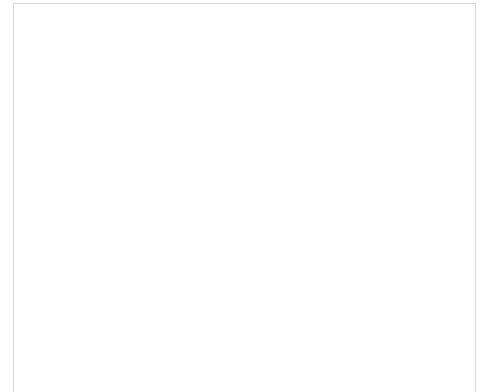
The governor is also scheduled to hold a press conference this afternoon, but his official schedule does not identify the conference's purpose.

Melissa Hayes draws **parallels between Christie's late-night TV appearance and a similar move by Bill Clinton** after he delivered a speech at the 1988 Democratic National Convention — a speech many regarded as a flop. Clinton played his saxophone on Johnny Carson's show to divert attention from his convention performance.

Unlike Clinton's speech, though, which was widely criticized, Christie's keynote also received praise — including from Mitt Romney, Christie has said.

At the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte yesterday, Newark Mayor Cory Booker — the only New Jersey official scheduled to speak — delivered a speech detailing the party's platform. The Record's Herb Jackson reports that **Booker's speech was scheduled to last for 5 to 7 minutes**, but the mayor stopped so many times for applause, it took more than 10 minutes. The speech ended with some delegates chanting "Cory, Cory, Cory!"

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