

The Bridgegate scandal and its exposure of corrupt abuse of power along with the inexplicable decision by Christie to lounge on the beach with his family in the midst of a state government shutdown will be forever associated with the administration.

While Christie's public approval stagnated in the mid-teens, it was the poll finding that an astonishing 84 percent of respondents believed he had accomplished nothing in his eight years in office that was all the more damning. There was no clearer indication that Bridgegate and the day at the beach overwhelmed any other perception people held.

The NJEA not only shot itself in the foot with its initial effort to defeat Sweeney in a primary election, but also persisted in plinking its toes off one after another, first by recruiting a hapless Republican opponent, second by pouring more than \$5 million into what everyone knew was a hopeless cause, and third by drawing unnecessary attention to the well above average salaries



