

Chris Christie's love of The Boss helps him at the office, poll says

Asbury Park vet to Chris Christie: 'Destroy your Bruce Springsteen CDs'

A member of VFW Post 1333 in Asbury Park tells New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie - a huge Bruce Springsteen fan - to destroy his Springsteen CD's. The request came during a town hall meeting in Port Monmouth, NJ five weeks after Springsteen appeared on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and lampooned the scandal surrounding Christie's administration closure of George Washington Bridge local lanes in September, 2013. (Video by Brian Donohue / The Star-Ledger)

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TRENTON — On the eve of Bruce Springsteen's 65th birthday, New Jersey Democrats and Republicans can agree on little, yet both sides think Gov. Chris Christie's love of The Boss is just fine.

A new Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll finds that Christie, who claims to have attended some 130 Springsteen shows since 1975, does not suffer in the polls for his rabid super-fandom, and may actually benefit from it.

Nearly half of those polled (48 percent) find it "kind of cool" that Christie is such a Springsteen fan, twice as likely (46 percent) to be fans of the blue-collar

ndents (42 percent) or Republicans (just 36 percent) in the state.

are equally likely (33 percent) to own a Springsteen record, CD or

ry different views of the governor's job performance, but one area partisan support is his idolization of Bruce Springsteen," said University Polling Institute.

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By comparison, nearly half (47 percent) of Garden Stat