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Chris Christie Soldiers On, Despite 59 Percent Approval Rating

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Good news is only a new poll away for some political leaders.

The polling news on Chris Christie a week ago:

While Gov. Chris Christie’s favorability ratings show little change since a February Rutgers-Eagleton Poll, New Jersey voters have become more likely to describe him as stubborn, arrogant and self-centered than they were six months ago, a new survey finds. At the same time, a majority thinks strong leader, independent and smart are also good descriptors of the governor.

The polling news today:

Gov. Chris Christie is more popular than ever, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released this morning.

The poll, conducted from April 3 to 9, found 59 percent of voters approve of the governor’s performance in office, while 36 percent disapprove.

"Whether Gov. Christopher Christie is traveling the nation, campaigning for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, or traveling to Israel to tout New Jersey business, his job-approval rating at home in Trenton continues to climb," said poll director Maurice Carroll.

Christie’s poll numbers are approaching the highest Quinnipiac has measured for an elected governor since it began polling on New Jersey governors in 1996.

Chris Christie: The stubborn, arrogant, self-centered strong leader who’s on your side!

By the way, the headline on Rachel Maddow’s blog yesterday: “Christie’s Problems Worsen in New Jersey.”