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# Gov. Christie: The Federal Government Has Had Nothing To Do With Our Success In New Jersey

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### Transcript:

**Governor Christie:** I think it's wonderful for the President to come to New Jersey and acknowledge the work that's been done in New Jersey, by leaders of New Jersey. This is really has what's happening here and what he is celebrating today has nothing to do with anything that the federal government has had anything to do with. And frankly given the really negative nature of what's been going on with law enforcement across the country on the President's watch, I thought it was very important for us to acknowledge law enforcement. So before his idea of coming here, I was going to move forward after the election was over with having a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and so it was always going to be Thursday because that's the Blue Mass, which is the day I wanted to do it. And so now with the President also coming, that's good too.

I think it's pretty evident Michael, the President always takes the opportunity to think the worst of the men and women in uniform. Always first assumes the worst and his rhetoric has not been supportive of all the men and women in uniform around this country. And it's his own FBI Director, who has said that this type of conduct has been a chill wind go through law enforcement across this country. This is his FBI Director, the President then came out later and denied that - disagreed with the FBI Director. I have to tell you the truth, I've known Jim Comey for a long time, as you know Michael, we served together as U.S. Attorneys when he was the U.S. Attorney in Manhattan and he was later my boss as the Deputy Attorney General of the United States. And Jim Comey is not a guy who speaks lightly, he believes that there's a problem with law enforcement in this country right now and it's lack of support and I think that begins at the top.

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