

Did Gov. Christie Just Blow His Chances at a 2016 Presidential Run?

Conservatives are more than a little disappointed that New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie backed down on **gay marriage** in his state.

Christie on Monday withdrew his state's appeal of a New Jersey court order to redefine marriage. His decision came after the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision to deny a stay pending appeal of the lower court's decision. That means it's officially legal.

"Family Research Council is disappointed by Gov. Christie's decision to withdraw the state's appeal of a lower court order redefining **marriage**," says Family Research Council senior fellow for policy studies Peter Sprigg. "The fact that the Supreme Court refused to stay the lower court's order is no reason not to litigate this important issue to a final conclusion on the merits."

"We are glad that Gov. Christie vetoed the legislature's attempt to redefine **marriage** and that he was initially willing to defend the state's marriage law in court. However, conservatives are looking for leaders who will sustain their commitment to unchanging principles. Combined with his signing of a radical bill to outlaw even voluntary sexual orientation change efforts with minors, today's action has given conservatives serious pause about Gov. Christie's reliability."