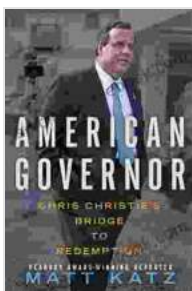


# Chris Christie's Bridge to Redemption: A Path Through Scandal and Controversy



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Chris Christie, the former governor of New Jersey, is a complex and controversial figure in American politics. His career has been marked by both triumphs and scandals, and his time as governor was no exception. One of the most infamous episodes of Christie's governorship was the "Bridgegate" scandal, in which he was accused of ordering the closure of lanes on the George Washington Bridge in order to punish a political rival. The scandal led to Christie's indictment on federal charges, and although he was ultimately acquitted, it cast a long shadow over his tenure as governor.

In the years since the Bridgegate scandal, Christie has attempted to rebuild his reputation and return to the national stage. He has written a book about his experience, and he has been a vocal critic of President Donald Trump. However, the Bridgegate scandal continues to follow him, and it is unclear whether he will ever be able to fully escape its shadow.

## **The Bridgegate Scandal**

The Bridgegate scandal began in September 2013, when Christie's appointees to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ordered the closure of two lanes on the George Washington Bridge. The closures caused massive traffic jams in Fort Lee, New Jersey, where the mayor had refused to endorse Christie for re-election. The scandal quickly became a national story, and it led to calls for Christie's resignation.

Christie initially denied any involvement in the lane closures, but he later admitted that he had known about them and had not stopped them. In

January 2015, he was indicted on federal charges of conspiracy, wire fraud, and civil rights violations. The trial began in September 2016, and Christie was acquitted on all charges in November 2016.

The Bridgegate scandal was a major blow to Christie's reputation. It led to his approval ratings plummeting, and it made it difficult for him to govern effectively. The scandal also damaged his national ambitions, and he was forced to withdraw from the 2016 presidential race.

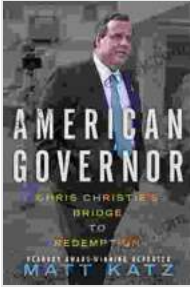
## **The Aftermath of the Bridgegate Scandal**

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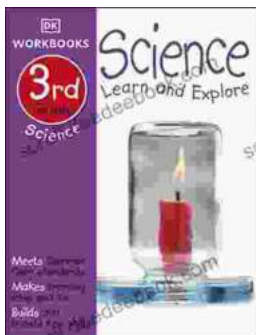
In 2017, Christie was appointed by President Trump to the President's Commission on School Safety. He also served as a commentator for ABC News. In 2019, he announced that he would not run for president in 2020.

Chris Christie is a complex and controversial figure in American politics. His career has been marked by both triumphs and scandals, and his time as governor was no exception. The Bridgegate scandal was a major blow to his reputation, and it is unclear whether he will ever be able to fully escape its shadow. However, Christie has shown resilience in the face of adversity, and he remains a prominent figure in the Republican Party.

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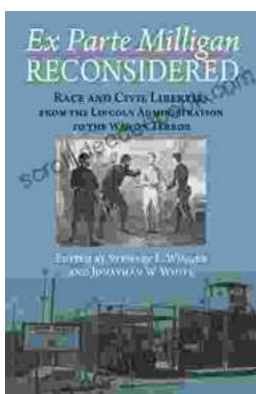


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