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The President visited the Jersey shore yesterday – and some commentators couldn’t shake the idea that there WAS some politics involved, and that as a Republican Governor, Chris Christie – who just last week described Mr. Obama as “blindly walking around the White House looking for a clue” had no business complimenting the President so effusively on his hurricane response. But if they were expecting some kind of apology, guess what:



More after this from David Harris of AJC:

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The latest polls show that whether he expected it or not, the President may in fact get a bounce from his handling of the Superstorm -- the latest Washington Post-ABC tracking poll, showed close to 80% likely voters said his response  had been “excellent” or “good.”

But if Governor Christie was somehow concerned that being seen with the President might undermine the chances of fellow Republican Mitt Romney, he wasn’t showing it:



And that meant letting people know that the President was delivering on his promise to cut the red tape:



And the President for his part seemed to make at least a small concession to the Republican philosophy on disaster relief:



NOT just a federal responsibility:

So maybe in fact there was no intentional political agenda here. Because I have to think that what these two men saw from the air, and what they heard at the shelters reminded them that no matter how powerful you are, no matter how much money you’re offering:



Sometimes, there’s nothing you can do.. but listen.



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