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Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

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DarkDemin wrote on Sun, 04 September 2005 20:34:1) You're stupid because people can volunteer to go and help with the Red Cross for supply distribution. I know a couple of people that are heading there right now.

Good for them. But before FEMA got itself organized, people like those wouldn't be able to do anything. There were actually people who sailed in to New Orleans after the storm and got turned around because FEMA didn't want them in the city.

Darkdemin2) I am glad people have enlightened me on the situation of countries providing aid.

That's one of the more artificial responses I've heard in a while.

Darkdemin3) The government has been attempting to have those levees upgraded for years but corrupt city counsels kept pocketing the money or redirecting it to self interest items. Stop blaming George Bush for the problems they had in the first few days, the governors should have declared a state of emergency as soon as they realized the magnitude. There is very little a president can do in this situation, if anyone should be blamed it should be the director of FEMA or the local and state officials. Bill Clinton as stated before basically told CNN to "STFU" on this situation with the president. The black caucus leader should be ashamed of himself, along with the mayor of New Orleans for saying "The president doesn't care about black people."

Do you have something more definite on corrupt city officials blocking levee upgrades? Because the government really did cut levee funding by 60%. And even if there was a lot of corruption going on, why didn't Bush just send a federal prosecutor down to New Orleans?

So, are you saying there's nothing wrong with George Bush taking the first 4 days of the hurricane aftermath on vacation?

And there's a long tradition of Presidents not criticising each other's policy that's basically never been broken. I'm not saying Clinton necessarily is disgusted at Bush too, but if he were he wouldn't show it.

And yes, the FEMA director should definitely be fired. Who, coincidentally, was the college roommate of the previous FEMA director, with no other real qualifications other than being a bar examiner in Oklahoma.

majikentActually... Katrina weakened to a Category 4 hurricane before making landfall, and it didn't hit New Orleans head on, it went to the east.

True, but that's one of the weaknesses of the current hurricane rating system we use, the Saffir-Simpson system

<http://gulf-coast-info.com/hurricane/hurricane-rating-system.html>

One of the things it fails to take into effect is the size of the storm. As far as diameter goes, Hurricane Katrina was an INCREDIBLE storm. It was 210 miles wide as far as hurricane force winds were concerned. That's pretty big. Plus, it was a slow storm. So New Orleans didn't just get a big hurricane, it got a big one for a long time. That combined with breaking levees made for a bit of a problem.

majikentThe levees were built in 1965. That's LONG before Bush took office. If there was a substantial need for the levees to be upgraded, it would have taken place long before either Bush took office.

If you want to blame someone for them breaking, maybe you should blame those who thought to only engineer them to withstand a Category 3 hurricane (as they were built after the city flooded in 1965 after Hurricane Besty (a Cat. 3 hurricane). The reason the levees were not upgraded was because they were hit with lesser hurricanes and withstood them. This must have given those in power false hope that they didn't require it.

60% FUNDING CUT! Not a lack upgrades, but a 60% FUNDING CUT!!!

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