

Main points:

- President Bush was criticized for appointing Michael D. Brown as FEMA head. Prior to joining FEMA, Brown had no experience in disaster relief and had even been fired from his previous job as a supervisor of judging at the International Arabian Horse Association. After closer scrutiny prompted by FEMA's coordination efforts with local officials before Hurricane Katrina, it was found that Brown had "mis-represented" several of his credentials which lower staffers had not discovered when vetting him for Presidential appointment to his position.
- After the 1996 flood that killed 5 or 6 people in New Orleans, a generous budget was approved by President George W. Bush to help engineer and build structures (Levees) to protect New Orleans and the surrounding areas, later on, he took away 90 % of the budget to add it to the War budget in Iraq.
- Due to large migration of displaced people, electoral district changes will be necessary (e.g. reducing Louisiana's electoral college votes, and how many congressmen they may contribute to the House of Representatives), those same displaced people, of which 300,000 are in Houston, Texas, will certainly influence the electoral processes there as their majority do not intend to return back
- While many existing organizations have worked to help those displaced, and some new groups and special efforts have been initiated, the survivors of Hurricane Katrina are still largely unorganized; this fracture in community structure was caused by the displacement of a lot of people from their residences, among those were many senior citizens or well connected adults and older members of families. Another reason was many priests and church reverents, existing and acknowledged community figures.
- looting, violence, and other criminal activity became serious problems in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; caused by intentionally "evil" people, but also by normal citizens who were in search for urgent, essential good for survival; peace was disturbed in the wake of Katrina.
- The entire metro system was disabled and flooded in the greater New Orleans area
- Interesting Flash link about how the order of the actual flooding happened
<http://www.nola.com/katrina/graphics/flashflood.swf>