
Subject: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2005 01:32:54 GMT

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Everyone knows how horrible the hurricane has been here. Over 100 people are dead just in one county. I have a small question to ask you to give your input on.

We send all kinds of aide to countries after a disaster and don't ask for anything in return and we have a disaster and no one even offers to help. Why?

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [MrBob](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2005 01:56:56 GMT

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Also, remember that the world is evil and has been for a very long time. It's unfortunate, and many would try to tell you otherwise, but it's true. Jesus said people of God are the salt of the Earth (Matt. 5:13). We shouldn't yield any of legitimate aid to foreign nations because of any apparent lack of aid from them. The love from Americans, or anyone else, should not be conditional.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2005 01:57:41 GMT

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I can't speak about the government, but there are many relief funds being set up in Canada for America's benifit.

On a humerous note: perhaps you (Government) shouldn't get after countries for not participating in a war

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2005 03:13:56 GMT

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most donations from others countries are probably private donations, Just like when we send aid.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2005 18:31:43 GMT

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Martin is handling the hurricane pretty patheically. He called up Bush and said he would help "any

way [he could]". But, days afterward, I have yet to see any form of aid being sent down south.

I know we got the tail end of the hurricane, but the most anyone lost here, as far as I can see looking down the road, is my own house. A tree broke and fell into the area between the houses.

There really is no reason why this government shouldn't be sending aid by the millions. But they're not doing it in the public's eye and probably won't any time soon.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2005 08:13:52 GMT
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Speak the truth.

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Posted by [XeonTeam](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2005 11:50:57 GMT
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I also agree with this statement. Even though i live in the UK. I do feel that a country should not just give aid because it expects the same things back, it should give aid because it cares about the other countries.

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Posted by [exnyte](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2005 15:14:16 GMT
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We don't need their help. We are not a third-world country, we are the most powerful country in the world. We can handle it ourselves.

I'm not saying that any support wouldn't be appreciated, but we don't REQUIRE it to get through this like some countries would REQUIRE our help to get through something.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [_ToXiN_](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2005 16:01:27 GMT
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WikipediaInternational response

Main article: International response to the 2005 Hurricane Katrina

Initially, the United States had been reluctant to accept donations and aid from foreign countries, particularly from those countries much poorer than itself. However, this policy was reversed, and as the reports of damage grew more grim, the United States is now on the receiving end of foreign aid. Currently, countries offering to send aid include Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, other members in NATO, Norway, the OAS, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, the UAE, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela. Sweden has also been reported to offer help, and is awaiting a reply to which forms of requested help there is from their Washington embassy.

As of September 2, the Canadian Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team is operating in the Louisiana area, co-ordinating search and rescue efforts with the state police and the National Guard [40]. Three Singaporean CH-47 Chinook helicopters and thirty-eight RSAF personnel from a training detachment based in Grand Prairie, Texas are also assisting in relief operations, operating out of Fort Polk in cooperation with the Texas Army National Guard [41].

Just suck it up and admit it, you need it, no shame in needing help for once. Oh and no one responded with offers to help? Heh, I think Wikipedia, and if you need a dozen other sources including Fox, would like to disagree. Even if you don't need the help with rescuing people or delivering food and all such, the flooding in New Orleans and other things will make the cost of rebuilding and such ... well monumental if I know anything. And mind you that you've still got troops in Iraq and such, so the budget for rebuilding and relief and so on will become strained.

Well that's what I think at least, and I mean looking at footage and reading damage reports, it looks grim.

Personally I think politics should be totally forgotten at times like this, I mean political wrangling Internationally and especially nationally (CNN anyone? Every cheap shot possible was taken... still being taken, I mean for fucks sake even Clinton told CNN to pretty much 'STFU') where all it does is delay things.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2005 19:56:06 GMT
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I want us to accept aide. On most levels it is time for other countries to give back to the US. CNN needs to SHUT THE FUCK UP, Fox News has been very gracious about recieving aide from other countries. Liberal media needs to shove a cock up their ass and deal with it.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [_ToXiN_](#) on Sat, 03 Sep 2005 05:00:54 GMT
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More comprehensive list of countries offering help and what they're offering.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_response_to_the_2005_Hurricane_Katrina

And you lot thought the rest of the world hated you. =P

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [spazbeast](#) on Sat, 03 Sep 2005 06:13:09 GMT
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So far tons of other countries have offered their help. We are Americans We are Independant We can do it on our own is what I think.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Spoony_old](#) on Sat, 03 Sep 2005 07:33:53 GMT
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majikent wrote on Fri, 02 September 2005 11:14 We don't need their help. We are not a third-world country, we are the most powerful country in the world. We can handle it ourselves. Is a truck full of medical supplies being held up at gunpoint your definition of "handling it ourselves"?

The US may be the most powerful and most economically driven country, but that doesn't apply to each and every one of its citizens. Not everyone is the head of a massive corporation with millions in the bank. Thousands have lost their homes and everything in them.

As I understand it, flood insurance only covers your actual property (meaning the structure), not your possessions.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sat, 03 Sep 2005 14:05:55 GMT

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Nice list Toxin

Cuba? Who would have thought that?

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 01:58:24 GMT

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But seriously, no one has done anything about this disaster for 5 days. FINALLY relief is coming, but it's 5 days too late. The whole point of emergency response is people need help within 24 hours or they start dying, not 5 days.

And guess where Bush was when hurricanes hit Florida? Not taking vacation.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 04:45:54 GMT

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Paypal makes me angry.

Paypal takes your money. I chose not to believe those Paypal horror stories until now when I donated to this. People get locked out of their money and Paypal refuses to refund? FFS!

Edit: I did donate directly to the Red Cross, too. But now half of what I donated will not seem to be going to where it should be. Ugh.

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Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 05:35:56 GMT

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Have you even been in a hurricane before, you sheltered little idiot?

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [M1Garand8](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 05:54:59 GMT
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Hurricane Katrina hit Miami, Florida as a Category 1 Hurricane, SuperFlyingEngi.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 07:22:55 GMT
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SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Sat, 03 September 2005 21:58It sure was nice of George Bush to be on vacation the first four days of this hurricane hit. That's why no aid's coming in - the administration is so out of whack that they haven't been accepting it.

"GEORGE BUSH DOESN'T CARE ABOUT BLACK PEOPLE."

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Posted by [Sniper_De7](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 12:50:53 GMT
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Do you ever feel sad for blaming the government for everything?

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Ooh, you got washed out and had power outages!

That's no national emergency, especially compared to the largest Category 5 hurricane ever record hitting New Orleans, of all places. Florida is generally above sea level, and New Orleans isn't. While Florida will probably be back to normal within a week, New Orleans likely won't be habitable for 6 months.

The fact is that New Orleans is water world, and Florida isn't.

And yes, I have been through hurricanes before.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 17:55:23 GMT
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gbull wrote on Sat, 03 September 2005 10:05Cuba? Who would have thought that? Venezuela, too.
It's all just a ploy by those countries' dictators to try to get on the United States's good side, though. Except for the doctors and other people actually coming over to help, it's hardly sincere.

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Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 18:34:44 GMT
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No response? Yeah, I thought so.

It would be a fair bit of work to justify President Bush's actions in this case.

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Posted by [MrBob](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 19:26:20 GMT
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Now pray, give a dollar if you are able, be thankful, stop blaming people, and pray.

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And yes, of course I will be donating to this cause, and more than a dollar, too.

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This is all on: Killer Hurricane - The Anatomy of Katrina on the Discovery Channel.

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Here is an idea... Stop blaming Bush for every goddamn thing that happens that you feel is wrong. The 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.

You want to blame someone? Blame that person, or group of individuals. This problem started LONG before Bush was even mentioned in a Presidential nature.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 05 Sep 2005 13:17:56 GMT
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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.

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

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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.

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

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 05 Sep 2005 14:25:40 GMT
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The President, for the most part, doesn't meddle in state business. The funding for the levees is not controlled by the President, but rather the local and state government. Were the officials nieve to think that the current levees were enough to protect the city? Yes, but that doesn't mean that the President was going to step in and order more funding for the levees. He left it up to the state and local officials to make the decision on their own, which ultimately was the wrong one. It was a stupid decision, but they're human just like you. This problem just has happened to be magnified because this was a hurricane spreading over 3 states, hit a large and popular city of the US, and has left millions homeless. It's a horrible event, but now is NOT the time to be pointing fingers.

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I know, I know, I'm such a hypocrite.

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Uh, superfluous<insert-witty-object-here>, you do realize that "60%" funding cut is not at all correct if you're talking about the Army Engineers Corps who build and maintain the levees in places like that. The cuts made by Bush were 7% and 13% in budget for the Corp, plus you have to remember that it's practically tradition for presidents to fuck around with the Corps budgets, Reagan did it, Clinton did it, Bush did it. Hell, blame all of them rather than picking on the one currently in charge.

I suggest you go read up on your arguments before you make them. It helps when you don't look like a blubbing idiot.

Oh and could I just say, that even Clinton pretty much said that at times like this the one thing to do is put politics aside till it's all sorted out? You do realize that it's people like you who slow the process down, eventually you'll turn in to that person if you were in government that wants everything checked three times and everything would have to go the longest route possible just to satisfy your petty little political needs.

You realize I'm a person who usually belittles the US every chance I get? Ask Hydra, I have liberal and conservative extremes implanted in to me pretty deep, I'm the poster boy of sarcastic jabs at any politician. To top it off I'm a hypocrite and I've found myself being somewhat of a racist at times. Yet even I can see past my loathing, hate and such long enough to actually donate to the red-cross and to feel sympathy for the people who've had to go through this bull without bursting out about FEMA, about Bush or anything else (Actually I've grown rather fond of that Geraldo chap on Fox news and also that general who says "Over" after he's done speaking in an interview and ready for another question.). You on the other hand? You probably see this as one huge stepping stone for your current political agenda. You'll use this as a way to make Bush look like he was the one who was asleep at the wheel, oh I bet if you looked back far enough you could probably blame this on the first conservative to ever walk this earth. How nice for you. Oh, I feel obliged to remind you, that twenty years from now when the world has gone to hell in a hand basket and all your liberalistic ideals have been passed as law... you'll be a conservative, you'll have found your comfort zone with the world and suddenly you'll become the person arguing the conservative view. I'm not particularly fond of conservatives, but at least they have more common sense and a better moral core than most of you liberal types do.

Anyway, did anyone see the civilian helicopter that crashed over the weekend apparently? Bad looking stuff that. Sadly I figure it won't be the last one to go down.

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"_ToXiN_" Actually I've grown rather fond of that Geraldo chap on Fox news

ewww...

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Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 00:52:11 GMT

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ToXiN wrote on Mon, 05 September 2005 13:24Uh, superflying<insert-witty-object-here>, you do realize that "60%" funding cut is not at all correct if you're talking about the Army Engineers Corps who build and maintain the levees in places like that. The cuts made by Bush were 7% and 13% in budget for the Corp, plus you have to remember that it's practically tradition for presidents to fuck around with the Corps budgets, Reagan did it, Clinton did it, Bush did it. Hell, blame all of them rather than picking on the one currently in charge.

"Natural and man-made defences have long been neglected. A 10-year plan to strengthen levees after a 1965 hurricane was never completed. But the skimping has worsened since President Bush's election, particularly after 11 September. Federal spending on flood control in south-east Louisiana has been cut by almost half since 2001, from \$69m (£34.5m) per year to \$36.5m. Funds for work at Lake Pontchartrain, the source of the flooding, have fallen by nearly two-thirds over three years, from \$14.25m to \$5.7m. As a result, work on New Orleans' east bank hurricane levees stopped last summer for the first time in 37 years.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, which maintains the levees, requested \$27m this year for hurricane protection around the lake. President Bush tried to cut this to \$3.9m, although Congress allowed \$5.7m. The President also tried to cut \$78m to improve drainage and prevent flooding in the city to \$30m, though Congress passed \$36.5m. A \$14bn longer-term project to restore marshes was cut to \$570m."

<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/americas/article310195.e ce>

60% was a rough number, the multiple real ones are above and below that.

Additionally, are you suggesting Clinton, Reagan, and Bush Sr. cut big numbers out of the Corps of Engineers?

ToxinI suggest you go read up on your arguments before you make them. It helps when you don't look like a blubbering idiot.

You too.

ToxinOh and could I just say, that even Clinton pretty much said that at times like this the one thing to do is put politics aside till it's all sorted out? You do realize that it's people like you who slow the process down, eventually you'll turn in to that person if you were in government that wants everything checked three times and everything would have to go the longest route possible just to satisfy your petty little political needs.

What do you suggest should be done in times like this when people make incredible mistakes, like the Director of FEMA and George Bush? Should we just forget about it because people are suffering for it? I can donate to the Red Cross and, get this, criticise George Bush's negligent actions at the same time.

ToxinOh, I feel obliged to remind you, that twenty years from now when the world has gone to hell

in a hand basket and all your liberalistic ideals have been passed as law... you'll be a conservative, you'll have found your comfort zone with the world and suddenly you'll become the person arguing the conservative view.

...wtf?

Need I remind you that the core liberal ideals are basically everyone gets health care and every worker gets a living wage? I suppose you wouldn't get to go take advantage of poverty-stricken U.S. and overseas workers by buying from Wal-Mart. Too bad.

ToxinAnyway, did anyone see the civilian helicopter that crashed over the weekend apparently? Bad looking stuff that. Sadly I figure it won't be the last one to go down.

Yeah, but I think I heard everyone got out safe. Those Seakings are built tough.

"And so many of the people in the arena here, you know, were underprivileged anyway, so this (she chuckled slightly)--this is working very well for them."

-Former First Lady Barbara Bush, after visiting refugees at the Houston Astrodome.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 12:38:32 GMT
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Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Jaspah](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 15:04:45 GMT
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<http://www.illwillpress.com/kat.html>

Go Foamy!

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 22:48:15 GMT
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SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Mon, 05 September 2005 07:13So, are you saying there's nothing wrong with George Bush taking the first 4 days of the hurricane aftermath on vacation?

Um, just for the record, Bush didn't stay on vacation for 4 days after the storm:

<http://www.cnn.com/2005/POLITICS/08/31/bush.katrina/>

^ In this article on Wednesday, Bush flew over the region on his way back to DC (this is about 48 hours after the storm which was on Monday)

He didn't visit the region until Friday but considering he's not doing any search-and-rescue, I don't see what that changes. This is a classic example of you exaggerating and stretching the truth to make things sound worse than they are.

Speaking of which, it was reported in several places that Bill Frist, the Senate Majority Leader, was lending his skills as a doctor to give medical attention to people at the airport. I don't care which party he aligns with, just the fact that a politician got down and dirty is just awesome. If there are any others that I don't know about, I'd love to hear it.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 22:51:19 GMT

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I take it you're withholding the "why"?

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You got me, I should've looked the whole day thing up a bit more closely. Notwithstanding, he still was on vacation for the first 2 days of this storm, which is pretty much the maximum amount of time before everyone starts dying. So is 2 days ok with you?

CrimsonHe didn't visit the region until Friday but considering he's not doing any search-and-rescue, I don't see what that changes. This is a classic example of you exaggerating and stretching the truth to make things sound worse than they are.

Everyone visits disaster areas, at least for photo ops, to talk with the people, and make sure the supply chain is working. Whatever Bush's reason, coming 4-5 days late is way past the deadline.

CrimsonSpeaking of which, it was reported in several places that Bill Frist, the Senate Majority Leader, was lending his skills as a doctor to give medical attention to people at the airport. I don't care which party he aligns with, just the fact that a politician got down and dirty is just awesome. If there are any others that I don't know about, I'd love to hear it.

Good for him. And Al Gore chartered a private jet to fly 140 people or something out of Louisiana.

I'll see if I can find the article I read that in for you.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 23:02:22 GMT
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I imagine he didn't pay much attention to the news while the storm was raging. I would say the storm got his attention when the levees broke, meaning, some staffer probably briefed him on the state of affairs in New Orleans shortly after the major news outlets reported it. Wasn't that on Tuesday morning? Hindsight is 20/20, I guess, but I wouldn't say 2 days is acceptable either. I was correcting your doubling of the delay, not trying to justify his actions.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 23:06:33 GMT
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google cache

I found an article on a password-protected site, but it shows up in Google's cache. Apparently Gore chartered a plane and brought some people back. That's awesome.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 23:19:17 GMT
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You beat me to it. I just spent 20 minutes trying to get into that site from some blog. Someday I'll learn about Google Cache.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 00:10:01 GMT
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SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Tue, 06 September 2005 18:51gbull wrote on Tue, 06 September 2005 08:38ah, the political rantings of someone who needs little reason nor logic to complain about our president. I was starting to miss that SFE.

I take it you're withholding the "why"?

Your right, weather catastrophes are definitely the president's fault. He obviously didn't put enough money into Hurricane-proofing the Gulf of Mexico. Seriously, if you build a city that's elevation is below sea level to begin with, don't expect it to be flood proof.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 20:59:11 GMT

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Especially if you slash funding the levees that protect the city.

And I'm not saying the hurricane was his fault [although to be fair, it is partially because of global warming. You know we're already up to the "O" names in tropical storms? And the season isn't done yet? And this was the largest Category 5 hurricane ever recorded.] The evacuation failure was partially his fault. For being on vacation days before the hurricane hit when everyone was saying it would be an incredible disaster, and then staying 2 days more or whatever it was this thread established without making sure that rescue operations were running at maximum capacity. That's what the President of the United States is supposed to do in times like these.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 21:29:00 GMT

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You know what? I bet you were one of those liberals who completely agreed with the New York Times about how much Bush was WASTING on funding for the levees. You were, weren't you? Don't be afraid to admit it, we already know that you're low enough to do that.

Oh, and don't blame Bush for the poor evacuation. It was the governor's fault. Bush wanted to know the game plan and such, but the governor told Bush to wait 24 hours. Yes, the GOVERNOR put Bush off, so don't you dare go blaming him for that. You sicken me.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Sniper_De7](#) on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 21:30:56 GMT

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I'm going to say the majority of the people who were still there probably could have left long before the hurricane hit. If you're worried about your stuff being stolen (when it could just as well be ruined by a flood) just take the most important things.. just in case

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Hydra](#) on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 22:48:02 GMT

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SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Wed, 07 September 2005 16:59Especially if you slash funding the levees that protect the city.

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Everything you have ever written disgusts me. This thread is proof of just how pathetic you are.

You're not worth anyone's time to refute the BULLSHIT that you spew.
Pull your head out of the donkey's ass and THINK FOR YOURSELF FOR ONCE, AND QUIT BLAMING BUSH FOR EVERYTHING!!!!!!!!!!!!

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 23:30:31 GMT
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He and his parents are anti-Bush, anytime that they can blame Bush, they WILL. It's just a sad part of their lives.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 23:48:09 GMT
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Global warming is a theory, not a fact. There is no conclusive evidence that humans are causing the planetary environment to change even more than slightly. Furthermore our understanding of climate and weather is still rather undeveloped, so to blame this on global warming and somehow link it to the President, as if it is his fault that third world nations produce more pollution and garbage than we do, is completely off base and in line with your usual retarded writing.

The President's job is not to be a coordinator in national disasters. That is the job of the director of FEMA and the government officials in the states affected by said disasters. Read the Constitution sometime, maybe you'll get a clue then.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 03:20:01 GMT
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<http://www.thinkprogress.org/katrina-timeline>

This is a highly detailed timeline of the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina. Great information compilation!

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 11:37:25 GMT
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That link reeks of bias in so many forms. Do you have another timeline that isn't soaked with so much hate for one man?

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 17:41:02 GMT
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Personally, I'd like to know why FEMA is doing such a poor job of this. Not even the Tsunami in the east was handled this poorly. Also, I wonder what the excuse is for the commander of the Bataan to sit on the sidelines (to which I can only assume it still is) when "federal SOS's" are being sent out.

As for the people blaming a natural disaster on a generally oblivious president... lol. That's pretty pathetic. The man can barely speak without tripping, much less summon the otherworldly forces to conjure hurricanes. As for his response, I can only assume he thought that FEMA could handle the situation. He was obviously mistaken. As for his response to DATE, it doesn't seem to me that he has much more a grasp than they did.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 20:40:49 GMT
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Gosh, then I wonder why all the real scientists think it is...

And funny thing is, I quite honestly believe that the U.S. is the largest polluter/garbage disposer in the world. They are the largest energy consumer, I know that. And I think the other two follow pretty closely.

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director of FEMA and the government officials in the states affected by said disasters. Read the Constitution sometime, maybe you'll get a clue then.

The President's job is to make sure everything works. He can do more than sit on the sidelines when an organization like FEMA does a terrible job because it's headed by a horse-racing organizer.

ACKThat link reeks of bias in so many forms. Do you have another timeline that isn't soaked with so much hate for one man?

The thing is a timetable of what happened. THAT IS NOT BIASED. Just because you don't like that Bush took a birthday cake photo op doesn't mean it's bad reporting or time-table creating to say he did.

JavaxcxAs for the people blaming a natural disaster on a generally oblivious president... lol. That's pretty pathetic.

Surely you weren't insinuating that those are my views...

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 20:42:20 GMT
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Well, it sure as hell isn't a stretch for you to believe that, since you do have such a hatred for our President.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 20:43:22 GMT
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I'm "insinuating" exactly what I said.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 21:06:30 GMT
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Then if when you say "the people" you reference me, you would be sadly mistaken in your views.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 21:44:13 GMT
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If I didn't say your name, I probably wasn't talking to you. That should be your hint. The fact of the matter is, some people ACTUALLY blame Bush for the hurricane.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 21:46:36 GMT
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Well, now I know how one more person on this forum talks...

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 22:10:52 GMT
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j_ball430 wrote on Wed, 07 September 2005 17:29 You know what? I bet you were one of those liberals who completely agreed with the New York Times about how much Bush was WASTING on funding for the levees. You were, weren't you? Don't be afraid to admit it, we already know that you're low enough to do that.
You have yet to address this, Tool. Why? Does it ring too true for you to admit it? I bet it does.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 22:32:48 GMT
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Generally I don't bother reading your crackbrained bullshit. Since you bring it up twice though, no, I would not agree with the NY times if it said funding levees were a waste of money. Care to show me the article?

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 22:39:06 GMT
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SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Thu, 08 September 2005 17:32 Generally I don't bother reading your crackbrained bullshit. Since you bring it up twice though, no, I would not agree with the NY times if it said funding levees were a waste of money. Care to show me the article?
Funny you should say that because I'm much more liberal than the rest of everybody else debating you. Is this a gateway to show that even you think that what you believe in is crackbrained bullshit?

I didn't say you would agree NOW, but I guarantee you that you did or would have when it first came out. I'd also find the article, but I'm not willing to pay \$4 an article to find that it's not even the correct one, let alone pay \$4 for that bullshit article.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 22:52:47 GMT
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Quote:Gosh, then I wonder why all the real scientists think it is...

And funny thing is, I quite honestly believe that the U.S. is the largest polluter/garbage disposer in the world. They are the largest energy consumer, I know that. And I think the other two follow pretty closely.

I don't care about what you believe, what you believe is not a fact. Belief in global warming and belief in lies is not a plausible argument.

Lets dissect this timeline so you can get an idea of why it's biased:

Quote:AFTERNOON — BUSH, BROWN, CHERTOFF WARNED OF LEVEE FAILURE BY NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER DIRECTOR: Dr. Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center: "We were briefing them way before landfall. ... It's not like this was a surprise. We had in the advisories that the levee could be topped." [Times-Picayune; St. Petersburg Times]

Notice it never says anything about the governor or local\state officials being briefed about levee failure. There's the first count of bias, the Democrat governor of Louisiana gets away without scrutiny, on a site called "thinkprogress". Odd, don't you think?

Quote:MORNING — BUSH CALLS SECRETARY CHERTOFF TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION: "I spoke to Mike Chertoff today — he's the head of the Department of Homeland Security. I knew people would want me to discuss this issue [immigration], so we got us an airplane on — a telephone on Air Force One, so I called him. I said, are you working with the governor? He said, you bet we are." [White House]

MORNING – BUSH SHARES BIRTHDAY CAKE PHOTO-OP WITH SEN. JOHN MCCAIN
[White House]

10AM — BUSH VISITS ARIZONA RESORT TO PROMOTE MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT: "This new bill I signed says, if you're a senior and you like the way things are today, you're in good shape, don't change. But, by the way, there's a lot of different options for you. And we're here to talk about what that means to our seniors." [White House]

LATE MORNING – LEVEE BREACHED: "A large section of the vital 17th Street Canal levee, where it connects to the brand new 'hurricane proof' Old Hammond Highway bridge, gave way late Monday morning in Bucktown after Katrina's fiercest winds were well north." [Times-Picayune]

Where was the governor of Louisiana during all of this? The mayor? What was he doing? Why isn't it documented? Why are the only things they've said about the hurricane, as if the only thing they did was focus on it? Is this definitive proof of the governor and mayor doing their jobs, or is it to cover up the possibility that they did nothing? There's number two.

Quote:2PM — BUSH TRAVELS TO CALIFORNIA SENIOR CENTER TO DISCUSS MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT: “We’ve got some folks up here who are concerned about their Social Security or Medicare. Joan Geist is with us. ... I could tell — she was looking at me when I first walked in the room to meet her, she was wondering whether or not old George W. is going to take away her Social Security check.” [White House]

9PM — RUMSFELD ATTENDS SAN DIEGO PADRES BASEBALL GAME: Rumsfeld “joined Padres President John Moores in the owner’s box...at Petco Park.” [Editor & Publisher]

Again, where's the governor, where's the mayor, why aren't we told about what they're up to during this time? At this point, so much information being shown about the President and his officials shows that the site is already biased against him, and not against those who are supporting their points of view. There's the third check for my argument.

Quote:9AM – BUSH SPEAKS ON IRAQ AT NAVAL BASE CORONADO [White House]

MIDDAY – CHERTOFF FINALLY BECOMES AWARE THAT LEVEE HAS FAILED: “It was on Tuesday that the levee—may have been overnight Monday to Tuesday—that the levee started to break. And it was midday Tuesday that I became aware of the fact that there was no possibility of plugging the gap and that essentially the lake was going to start to drain into the city.” [Meet the Press, 9/4/05]

PENTAGON CLAIMS THERE ARE ENOUGH NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS IN REGION: “Pentagon spokesman Lawrence Di Rita said the states have adequate National Guard units to handle the hurricane needs.” [WWL-TV]

MASS LOOTING REPORTED, SECURITY SHORTAGE CITED: “The looting is out of control. The French Quarter has been attacked,” Councilwoman Jackie Clarkson said. “We’re using exhausted, scarce police to control looting when they should be used for search and rescue while we still have people on rooftops.” [AP]

U.S.S. BATAAN SITS OFF SHORE, VIRTUALLY UNUSED: “The USS Bataan, a 844-foot ship designed to dispatch Marines in amphibious assaults, has helicopters, doctors, hospital beds, food and water. It also can make its own water, up to 100,000 gallons a day. And it just happened to be in the Gulf of Mexico when Katrina came roaring ashore. The Bataan rode out the storm and then followed it toward shore, awaiting relief orders. Helicopter pilots flying from its deck were some of the first to begin plucking stranded New Orleans residents. But now the Bataan’s hospital facilities, including six operating rooms and beds for 600 patients, are empty.” [Chicago Tribune]

3PM – PRESIDENT BUSH PLAYS GUITAR WITH COUNTRY SINGER MARK WILLIS [AP]

Why are the "damning" pieces of evidence against the President, his officials, and the military shown sandwiched between 3 PM and 9 AM, without timestamps, and obviously not happening within that timeframe? Number four.

Quote:TENS OF THOUSANDS TRAPPED IN SUPERDOME; CONDITIONS DETERIORATE: “A 2-year-old girl slept in a pool of urine. Crack vials littered a restroom. Blood stained the

walls next to vending machines smashed by teenagers. 'We pee on the floor. We are like animals,' said Taffany Smith, 25, as she cradled her 3-week-old son, Terry. ... By Wednesday, it had degenerated into horror. ... At least two people, including a child, have been raped. At least three people have died, including one man who jumped 50 feet to his death, saying he had nothing left to live for. There is no sanitation. The stench is overwhelming.'" [Los Angeles Times, 9/1/05]

PRESIDENT BUSH FINALLY ORGANIZES TASK FORCE TO COORDINATE FEDERAL RESPONSE: Bush says on Tuesday he will "fly to Washington to begin work...with a task force that will coordinate the work of 14 federal agencies involved in the relief effort." [New York Times, 8/31/05]

Notice the two headlines. Put them together, then read them again. Bias? I think so. This wasn't the President's job.

Quote:JEFFERSON PARISH EMERGENCY DIRECTOR SAYS FOOD AND WATER SUPPLY GONE: "Director Walter Maestri: FEMA and national agencies not delivering the help nearly as fast as it is needed." [WWL-TV]

80,000 BELIEVED STRANDED IN NEW ORLEANS: Former Mayor Sidney Barthelemy "estimated 80,000 were trapped in the flooded city and urged President Bush to send more troops." [Reuters]

3,000 STRANDED AT CONVENTION CENTER WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER: "With 3,000 or more evacuees stranded at the convention center — and with no apparent contingency plan or authority to deal with them — collecting a body was no one's priority. ... Some had been at the convention center since Tuesday morning but had received no food, water or instructions." [Times-Picayune]

5PM — BUSH GIVES FIRST MAJOR ADDRESS ON KATRINA: "Nothing about the president's demeanor... — which seemed casual to the point of carelessness — suggested that he understood the depth of the current crisis." [New York Times]

Number five. Know why? Three timeline events without any sort of link between them, except the biased viewpoint of the people who work on that site. It doesn't matter if it's fair reporting - go ahead and demonize the President because we don't like him or what he believes. We think he did a bad job, so we'll make it look like that.

There is more evidence in there... If you wish I will post the rest. I think the above makes my case perfectly. Since idiots like you are so easily led into things, here's a perfect quote:

"The people only believe what the media tells them to believe, and I tell the media what to believe. It's really quite simple."

Kane

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 23:06:04 GMT

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Quote:"CHICAGO, IL - CTA Driver Strike Iminent

In a recent move for better benefits drivers accross the entire CTA line have threatened a strike unless they are met halfway by CTA officials. The implications of this run deep as the CTA system is the prefered method of a large portion of Chicagos estimated 1.1 million commuters each day. Both sides blame President Bush for not offering to settle the difference between the two sides out of pocket, and letting the CTA Drivers spend the summer on vacation in the whitehouse. Jesse Jackson was on the scene, supposedly representing the african american CTA drivers. He was heard to remark 'This is another example of the white Bush keeping the black man down. Mr President, We will not stand for your racism. After you commanded your hellish Hurricaine upon the black of New Orleans. Now you try to tear down the black workers in the CTA with your oppression.' No one at the scene knew what the fuck he was talking about for the most part but the general consensus was an agreement with the reverend that it was all the President's fault."

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/sections/politics/local/article?id=8675409>

This is just crap look at this article I pulled. Everyone is just trying to find stuff to blame on the President. Why can't anyone take any damn responsibility anymore. The Ancient Persians were Defeated by Alexander the Great because of BUSH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 23:09:36 GMT

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I Blame President Bush for not giving SuperFlyingEngi common sense.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Renx](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 23:13:34 GMT

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Must of cut funding to the special education programs. The bastard.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Aurora](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 23:16:28 GMT

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People, people, lets be reasonable

There is substantial evidence that ties the Bush administration closely with not only the fact that he diverted money away from building levees in NO to the war on terror, but also that I can never find two of the same sock when i'm pressed for time.

Oh wait.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2005 00:50:42 GMT
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Considering that it has been a well-known fact for some time (read that: for ~50-60 years or so) that the levees were woefully inadequate for their task, it hardly seems reasonable to only blame the current administration for their failure. It is a glaring problem that has been overlooked, ignored, and pushed aside for a very, very long time. Whose fault is that? Mainly the state and local government, but also EVERY administration from the moment they first knew the things needed upgrading until now.

Bush is like the last guy in the bar who got stuck with the check- it is only PARTIALLY his responsibility, but everyone else shirked theirs so it all ends up falling to him. The levees failed on his watch, so naturally it must be entirely his fault, right? Wrong. He's just the guy who has to take the publicity hit from it; in reality the past ten presidents or so and countless members of congress tossed aside the same problem. The simple fact is that the same thing could have happened to any of them had a Cat 4 smacked NO during that time.

But it didn't, did it? Surely, Mr. Bush got caught with his pants down. But that isn't to say that anyone else never let their guard down- perfect Mr. Clinton didn't do jack shit to fix the problem either, a detail which will be carefully omitted by those trying to use this disaster to further a political agenda. To those people: you make me sick. Go do something to help instead of pissing and moaning about how the President did the exact same thing every president for the past half a century has done. Yes, it was an oversight, but the point is that it could have happened at ANY time, and we would have had the exact same mess on our hands.

And the biggest goat-fuck-up of this whole affair STILL lies with the local government, which had on hand several hundred busses to use in an evacuation- yet failed to deploy ANY of them. If you really want to point fingers, point them at the people who could have prevented this from happening, but didn't.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Dishman](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2005 01:47:33 GMT
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Doitle wrote on Thu, 08 September 2005 19:06Quote:"CHICAGO, IL - CTA Driver Strike Iminent In a recent move for better benefits drivers across the entire CTA line have threatened a strike unless they are met halfway by CTA officials. The implications of this run deep as the CTA system is the preferred method of a large portion of Chicagos estimated 1.1 million commuters each day. Both sides blame President Bush for not offering to settle the difference between the two sides out of pocket, and letting the CTA Drivers spend the summer on vacation in the whitehouse. Jesse

Jackson was on the scene, supposedly representing the african american CTA drivers. He was heard to remark 'This is another example of the white Bush keeping the black man down. Mr President, We will not stand for your racism. After you commanded your hellish Hurrricane upon the black of New Orleans. Now you try to tear down the black workers in the CTA with your oppression.' No one at the scene knew what the fuck he was talking about for the most part but the general consensus was an agreement with the reverend that it was all the President's fault."

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/sections/politics/local/article?id=8675409>

This is just crap look at this article I pulled. Everyone is just trying to find stuff to blame on the President. Why can't anyone take any damn responsibility anymore. The Ancient Persians were Defeated by Alexander the Great because of BUSH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Of course nobody took responsibility, it's Chicago. Hired truck scandal ring a bell?

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2005 02:02:39 GMT
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Nobody truly believes that what Doitle posted is an actual article on the Chicago Tribune site, right?

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2005 03:10:50 GMT
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I can definitely agree that the timeline there is slanted towards Bush GREATLY. Unfortunately for me, I only screened the first couple of lines which showed the timeline leading up to the hurricane. Sorry about that.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Sun, 11 Sep 2005 18:00:38 GMT
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Crimson wrote on Thu, 08 September 2005 23:10I can definitely agree that the timeline there is slanted towards Bush GREATLY. Unfortunately for me, I only screened the first couple of lines which showed the timeline leading up to the hurricane. Sorry about that.

Here's a better timeline from the Washington Post.. It's quite a bit longer, but it explains every little detail they could find instead of just "Bush has cake with McCain"

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9286534/>

I know that as this turns in to the "Blame Game".. Democrats really want to make you believe that it was Bush's fault, he had the power to act and failed (intentionally).. However, Bush had been requesting that Blanco allow Federal takeover as early as Monday, and quite a few times in between; Every request, she denied --- stating that she had it under control. On Friday, even his own cabinet had a heated argument about the true legalities (and impression) of the President making a forceful takeover from a Democratic Governor via the Insurrection Act.

You have to take in to account exactly what a full, mandatory, forceful evacuation could have done. This area has been on the "watch" for this storm for 40 years. They had "warned" and evacuated many times in the past, but Hurricanes aren't predictable and the local/state governments simply weren't willing to take that route, just in case the storm bypassed them. In fact, they were worrying about the liabilities they would be taking on if they did just that. You can't deny the possibility of billions of dollars of law-suits on the heels of a false alarm forced evacuation. <- Maybe this is one of the things they should look in to in the aftermath discussions; maybe some sort of federal protection against this, alleviating administrators concerns over carrying one out.

New Orleans had in place a disaster plan which called for the city and state to evacuate the poor and elderly in the city via busses; the topic came up and Nagin actually made the decision himself NOT to follow their own evacuation plan. Amtrak offered assistance in transporting people out on their last few trains, Nagin turned them down too. Their own disaster plan called for public buss removal of all these people and it stated very clearly that it would take a minimum of 72 hours at best to carry out this plan. On Saturday, they were still discussing what they wanted to do with their city.

I just don't think people understand what it takes to have millions of tons of supplies ready and waiting on the outskirts of a disaster area, then to have 100% of all communications knocked out of the area you are trying to aid. I'm sort of left wondering why they didn't commandeer all the reporters satellite equipment for the emergency response; would anyone have cried about the First Amendment if they had? Or would you think it was a really good idea?

The bottom line is, the ONLY way to have avoided the human suffering in this scenario is to have 100% of the humans out of the affected area. Once that didn't happen, it was up to the Mayor and Governor to coordinate the disaster UNTIL they themselves became overwhelmed and ASKED the Federal Government to take over; they flat out refused this transaction.

I do agree that FEMA was slow in their response, it shouldn't take 48 hours to have personnel on site in a disaster like this, but I do also recognize the chaos which was going on and I can't fault them for being able to supply a city with millions of tons of supplies in a day; a city which was under water and out of communication.

To me, this was simply a failure on ALL levels: local, city, state and Federal in carrying out the disaster plans which we as tax payers have spent billions of dollars to create and which thousands of people have spent years practicing and preparing for. But then I have to also wonder, are they correct that they could be held liable for carrying them out and being wrong? Could those same localities, cities and States be sued by those very people they were attempting to protect, if they didn't end up needing the protection? THAT should definitely be resolved, if it is true.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 13 Sep 2005 23:16:53 GMT
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Well, the blame game has been solved; the person who is responsible came forward today.

Here

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Tue, 13 Sep 2005 23:52:42 GMT
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It takes a lot of character to admit when someone has made a mistake. I'm glad he said that.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [sterps](#) on Wed, 14 Sep 2005 00:43:27 GMT
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Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [PhantomScope](#) on Wed, 14 Sep 2005 00:45:24 GMT
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As much as I dilike Bush, I won't condem him for the measures that the populace could have taken, given about half had need to stick around for various reasons. There were buses in NO before the hurricane hit that were meant for evacuation. 2 of about 14 were filled.

Also the states self-government had been inform on the severity before it hit them, which would have been ideal time to prep Medical assistance and other emergency services, given it might have not been able to accomodate the bulk of the need it would have sustained the survivors and all for enough time for help to arrive.

As for the budget cuts you have to take in mind the debt that has been generated in America. The economy was beginning to recover from depression but it banked for the worse after this disaster.

So all in all the money we would want to pour into this is just not available unless taxes are increased on an already strained budget [for most]

I admit this is a fairly narrow view but it's my take on how bad the efficiency was in this unfortunate event.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Dr. Lithius](#) on Fri, 16 Sep 2005 03:40:42 GMT
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Attention: If you don't like what I have to say, screw you. Thanks in advance.

Now. . . This may sound rather harsh, but I personally believe that not all the refugees from the Katrina incident should have made it back in one piece, as they did. . . Particularly people like the duo that hassled my friend at the Astrodome when she, out of the goodness of her heart, was there, volunteering.

I've been informed that a good chunk of the residents of Louisiana. . .over half. . .were homeless before the hurricane hit. They had nothing to lose and everything to gain from this. Some didn't want to leave, admittedly, but those who did, went. And now. . .they're turning the rest of our states. . .the rest of our towns. . .yes, even my little remote town of freaking Buckeye. . .into festering cesspools of jobless, workless burdens to humanity! Refugees raping refugees. . .stealing shit from hard-working people. . .leeching off of your hard-earned income. . .(Yes, I'm still unemployed, but not for lack of trying.) My friends. These people. . . Most of these people. . .not all. . .are indeed the scum of the country. And they are now able to extend their plague further than just the swamp-filled, backwater chunk of the country known as Louisiana. . . In this, my friend has found a solution that will more than likely be entirely ignored.

Any of you know your history well? Remember Roosevelt's plan? Or even Hitler's plan.(Stop wincing and hear me out. Seriously. >_>) Their plans were flatly called "The Public Works Program". To quote her, "basically you take all the unemployed, the bums and such, and you put them to work building stuff. Back in the day it was highways and railroads and stuff." As I said, Roosevelt did this before World War II, and Hitler did it before things went bad in Europe. Why not reinstate this program? Well, the counter-argument would be this.

People are fucking lazy!!

It probably wouldn't work. . . They'd just find ways to dodge this program like people dodged the draft way back when. This would spectacularly fail if we tried to use this on the refugees; we have them return to Louisiana after it's a little more stable and have them rebuild their broken half-of-a-state. I guarantee, at least half the people would claim racism, another third wouldn't want to, and the rest would run and hide.

I'm done. This brand of. . ."survivors". . .sicken me. They're not all like this, of course. Just the ones that had nothing in the beginning, and have nothing in the end.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Renerage](#) on Sat, 17 Sep 2005 16:58:24 GMT

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Exactly, and now they are going to try and blame it on the bush administration

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Sat, 24 Sep 2005 21:33:57 GMT

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Just a little update:

I was watching FOX News and they were talking to some obvious looking bum about what had happened to him. He said he lost everything and all he had was his dog. He said "I want a brand new house to pay me back for the governments [shortfallings]." The interviewer then continued to ask if he had a house before the storm. He responded "No, I didn't, but the government owes it to me."

So think about this people. We are going to build houses for bums, drug dealers, and gang members, with our hard earned money. Why should we do this, because we are good people and we take care of others in our nation. But people will always remember when New Orleans had those brand new houses and nice neighborhoods and then everything went down the drain.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 25 Sep 2005 04:52:05 GMT

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Fuck those bums and low lives. They don't deserve anything. I'm not about to let my money go towards those fucktards.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [Dreadlord](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2005 15:02:48 GMT

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steps wrote on Tue, 13 September 2005 19:43 I dont think its a really good argument to blame something like Hurricane Katrina on Global warming. But you must remember that humans build in areas that are known to be hit by natural disasters. Sure its uncommon for New Orleans to be hit by a Hurricane, but that does not mean it won't happen there, its in a latitude where Hurricanes can hit. So sooner or later, it is bound to happen.

oh yeah. I've read a stupid article which blames the Japanese who summoned Catrina with a Soviet-made (1970) wave generators that cause weather changes. like a vengeance for Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Newspaper ducks and idiots... Is there anything that doesn't blame my country?

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2005 17:23:01 GMT
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Poor Dreadlord, Nice quote in the signature though. My favorite of Tiberian Sun.

Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath
Posted by [Dreadlord](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2005 19:52:29 GMT
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gbull wrote on Mon, 26 September 2005 12:23: Poor Dreadlord, Nice quote in the signature though. My favorite of Tiberian Sun.

i'm glad you liked it.

In my country, no one listens to such bullshit like that "reason of hurricane". but the others...

American games for children with world maps...

like this.

what idiot made it?

nice example of political wishes...

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