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QUESTION:

Now thinking about the looters in New Orleans who entered stores and took things in the first few days after the hurricane (**Katrina**), which comes closer to your view--they were mostly criminals taking advantage of the situation, or they were mostly desperate people trying to find a way to survive?

RESULTS:

Mostly criminals - 46%

Mostly desperate people - 48

No opinion - 6

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POPULATION: National adult

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