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QUESTION:

In New Orleans, after the Hurricane (**Katrina**), hundreds of thousands of people were unable to evacuate the flooded city and they lacked food, water and shelter. Who would you say was most to blame for those conditions? (If Say government, ask:) Do you mean the federal government in Washington, or the state and local government in Louisiana?

RESULTS:

City government (New Orleans)	- 12%
Government (all levels)	- 12
Residents of New Orleans	- 12
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)/Michael Brown	- 11
Federal government	- 10
Mayor of New Orleans	- 8
The President/G. (George) W. Bush	- 8
State government (Louisiana)	- 7
Governor of Louisiana	- 5
Mother nature/the weather	- 2
Poor preparation	- 1
Nothing	- 1
Other	- 2
Don't know/No answer	- 9

ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING SURVEY: CBS News/New York Times

POPULATION: National adult with oversample of Blacks

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 1,167

INTERVIEW METHOD: Telephone

SURVEY NOTES: An oversample of African Americans was conducted for this poll for a total sample of 211 African Americans. Results are weighted to be representative of a national adult population.

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