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**QUESTION:**

Now thinking about the government in Washington's failures in responding to Hurricane **Katrina**...From what you know now, which of the following do you think was the most important reason the federal government didn't do a better job?...Bad management by top emergency officials, the selection of political cronies and others with little or no experience to be top emergency officials, or efforts to downsize or cut back on government agencies generally since George W. Bush took office

**RESULTS:**

Bad management by top emergency - 29% official%

The selection of political - 28 cronies and others with little or no experience to be top emergency officials

Efforts to downsize or cut back - 19 on government services generally since George W. Bush took office

None of these/Other reason - 18 (Vol.)

Don't know - 6

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